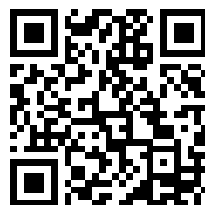


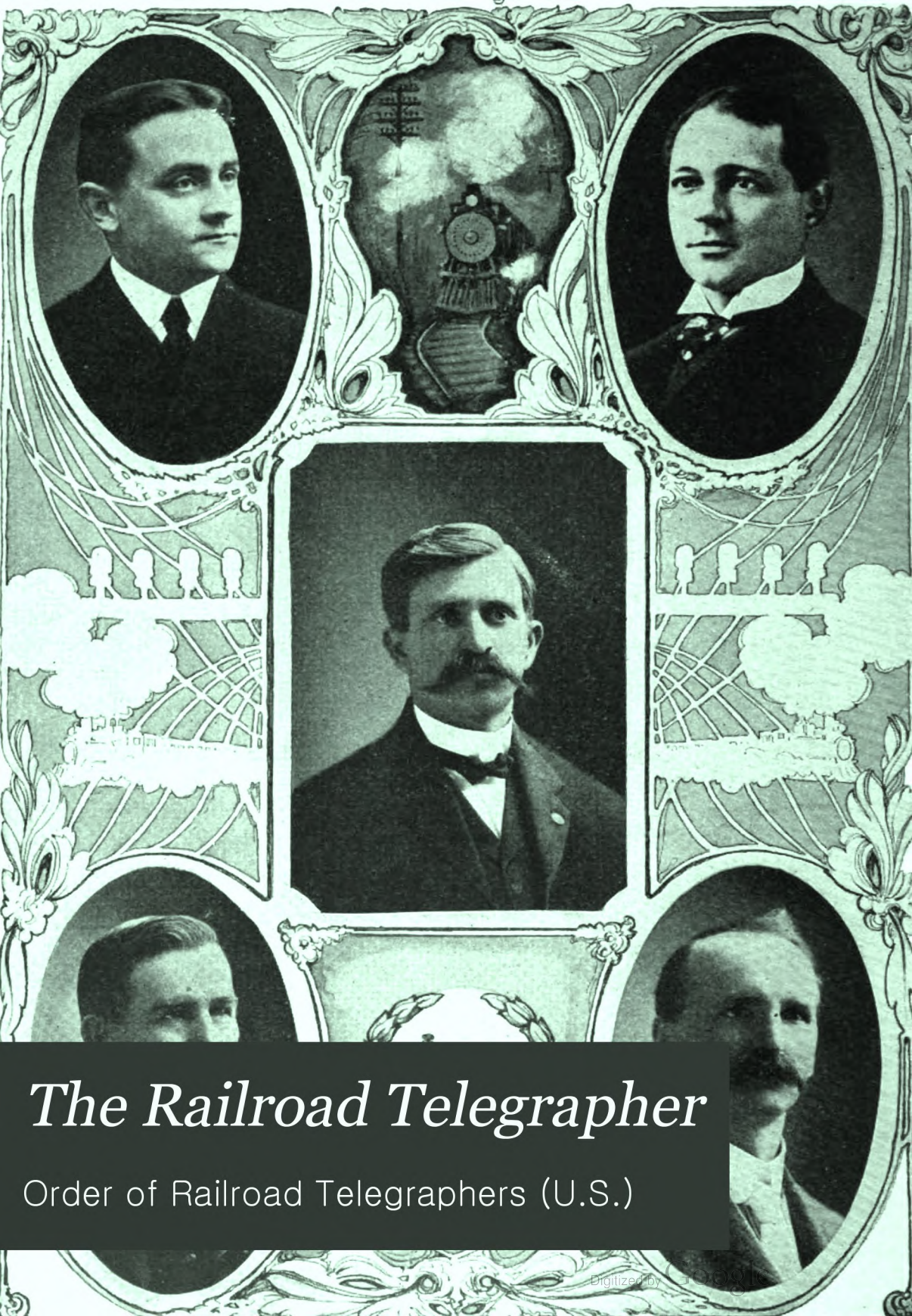
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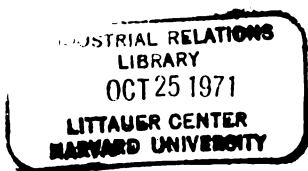


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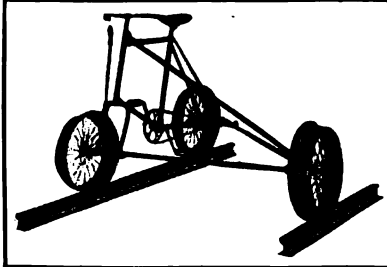
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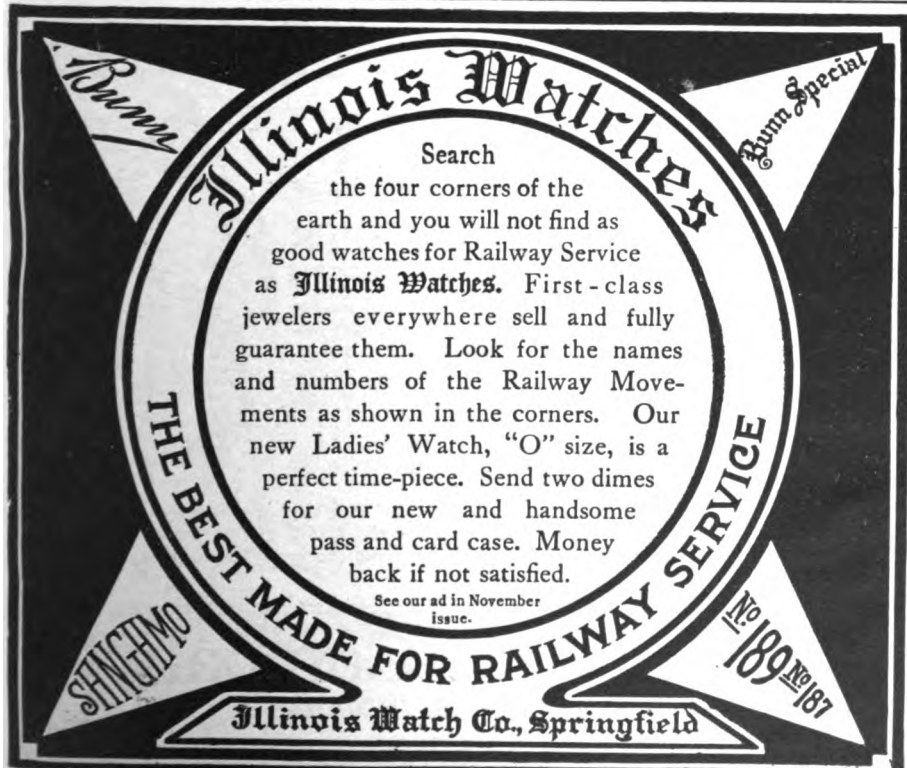
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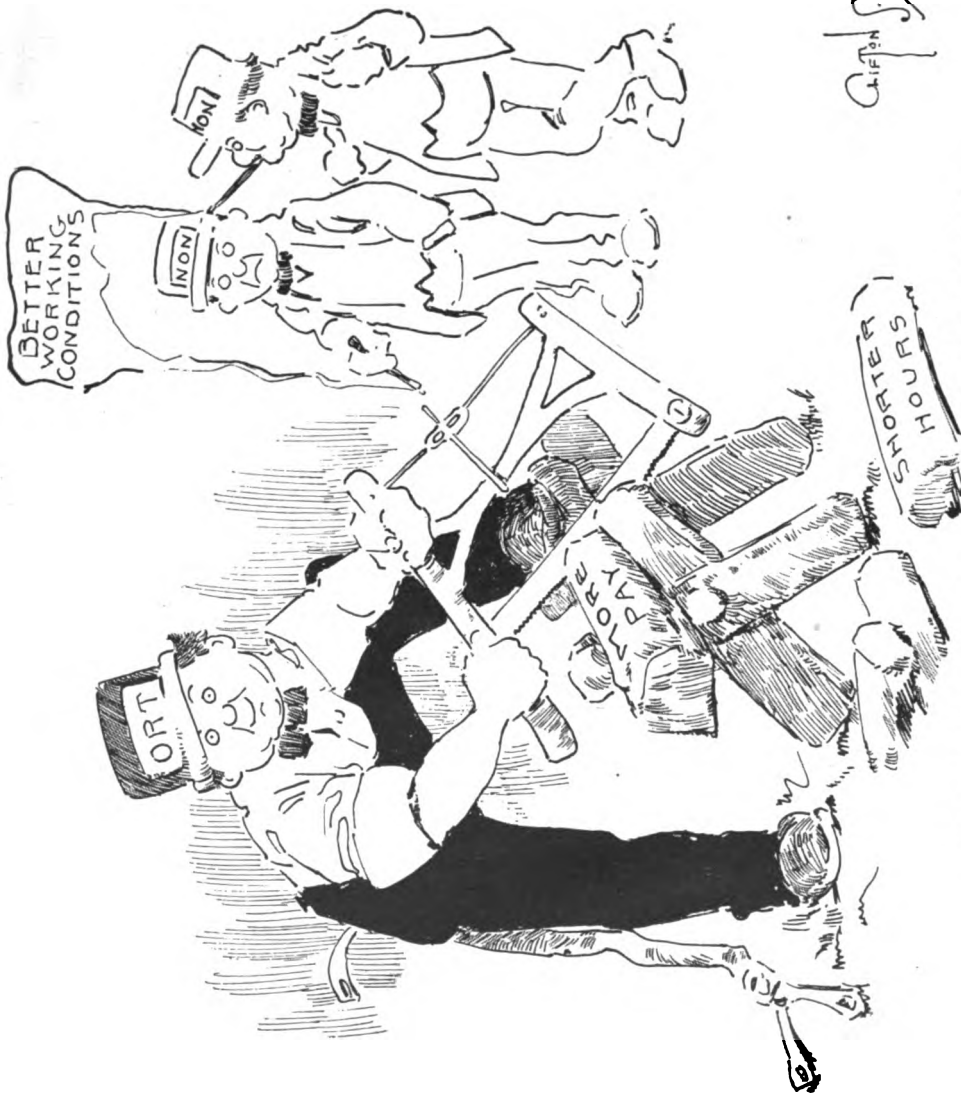
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## EDITORIAL



### THE YEAR 1908.

**T**HE year 1908 is a thing of the past, and its history has been written on the pages of Time. For organized labor in general, it was a year of many trials and tribulations. The beginning of the year found the United States in the throes of a manufactured panic, the effects of which are yet felt in many industries. Many of the largest factories of the country were shut down, and as a consequence, thousands and even hundreds of thousands of laboring men were thrown out of positions, and the country was overrun with idle men of various callings. Business was stagnant in all branches. Men of means became timid and curtailed or withdrew entirely their investments where it was possible to do so.

Probably no organization has been called upon to face more trying conditions than those that confronted the Order of Railroad Telegraphers at the beginning and in the other parts of the year 1908. More of its members were out of work at the beginning

of the year than at any other time in the last ten years. The financial depression was seized upon by many of the employers as an excuse for closing stations and reducing the force at others, and as a result a great many telegraphers and station agents were thrown out of work in some localities, but thanks to the fact that the railroad telegraphers of the country had had foresight enough to limit the supply to the demand during the last few years, those that were thrown out of work soon found positions elsewhere.

Shortly after the beginning of the year 1908, the National Telegraphers' Nine-Hour law went into effect, which materially shortened the hours of many thousands of railroad telegraphers.

The law did not, however, become effective until after the most strenuous efforts on the part of the representatives of the railroad companies before the Interstate Commerce Commission in the latter part of February to have it set aside, which efforts

were just as strenuously resisted by the Order.

It is a well-known fact that financial depressions are seized upon by the employer as an excuse for decreasing wages, and never before in the history of the telegraph was a reduction prevented, but, thanks to the efforts of the Order, no reductions took place on any organized roads, although strenuous efforts in that direction were made. A group of ten railway lines joined together and announced their intention of reducing wages ten per cent early in the year, and notices to this effect were served upon the general committees interested, but the organization promptly took the matter in hand and successfully resisted those efforts. It was generally understood that the effort on the part of the ten roads was only the forerunner to a general reduction throughout the country had that attempt succeeded.

After the nine-hour law went into effect, efforts were made on many lines to reduce wages on account of the material reduction that was made in the working hours of the railroad telegraphers as a result of the operation of that law, but those efforts were also successfully resisted by the Order, and as one of the results of the labors of the Order during the year 1908, the railroad telegraphers for the first time in their history passed through a financial panic, and in the face of it had their hours materially reduced without suffering any decrease in pay, in fact, increases in remuneration were secured in many localities through schedule revisions during that period.

During the year new and revised schedules were made on the following lines of railways:

Great Northern.  
Grand Trunk.  
Baltimore & Ohio South Western.  
Northern Pacific.  
Pittsburg & Lake Erie.  
Minneapolis & St. Louis.  
Iowa Central.  
Chesapeake & Ohio.  
Erie.  
New York, New Haven & Hartford.  
Norfolk & Western.

Southern.

St. Louis & Louisville Lines.

Mobile & Ohio.

Queen & Crescent (North).

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Georgia, Southern & Florida.

Atlantic Coast Line.

Georgia Railroad.

Central of Georgia.

Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton.

Zanesville & Western.

Kanawha & Michigan.

Toledo & Ohio Central.

Hocking Valley.

Intercolonial.

Southern Pacific.

Big Four.

New York, Chicago & St. Louis.

Bessemer & Lake Erie.

St. Louis & South Western.

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul.

Norfolk & Western (second time).

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific.

Missouri Pacific.

International & Great Northern.

San Antonio & Aransas Pass.

While the financial depression has to some extent effected the work of organizing, nevertheless the Order made a good showing in this direction, regardless of the things with which it had to contend. The number of new members initiated into the Order during the year by months was as follows:

January .....	597
February .....	743
March .....	925
April .....	735
May .....	567
June .....	418
July .....	480
August .....	497
September .....	499
October .....	604
November .....	723
December .....	734

Therefore, it will be seen that regardless of the fact that non-members are becoming very scarce in many localities, and regardless of the financial panic, the Order added 6,862 new members to its membership roll during the year.

This showing, when taken in conjunction with the fact that thirty-seven new and revised schedules were secured during the year, and that the strenuous efforts of the railroads of the country to have the nine-hour law practically nullified by setting aside the date on which it became effective, were successfully resisted, and the further fact that the Order was successful in preventing any reduction in pay during the financial flurry and through the shortening of the hours of labor, shows how truly beneficial the Order has been to the railroad telegraphers of the country during the last year.

During the year the Mutual Benefit Department paid out \$87,900.00 in death claims and has added more than \$30,000.00 to its surplus during that period. This department has not only demonstrated that it is one of the strongest of its kind in the country, but also that it is of untold benefit to the families of deceased members.

The financial condition of the Order is better than ever before in its history. In fact, by careful management and the practice of economy in handling its affairs during the last seven years it has kept free from debt and has built up a surplus of such proportions as to be worthy of the high standing of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers or any of the other powerful organizations in the world.

The Order now represents between 85 per cent and 90 per cent of the telegraphers, station agents, interlockers, levermen and others coming within its jurisdiction in the United States and Canada. In addition to carrying on its usual work during the year 1909, the Order and its members will devote their efforts towards bringing into the fold the few that remain outside who are worthy of membership.

It seems hard for a person of reason to understand why it should be necessary to devote any time to bringing in the small per cent of eligibles that now remain on the outside, as it would seem to a person of intelligence that its accomplishments have been such as to warrant and entitle it to the support of every railroad telegrapher in North America without solicitation.

Through the efforts of the Order, the nine-hour law was enacted; also through its

efforts the attempt of the railroads to prevent the law going into effect was prevented from being successful and still further through its efforts, the attempt to reduce wages when the law went into effect was successfully resisted.

Through the further efforts of the Order, a general reduction in wages throughout the country during the late financial depression was prevented, which, as before stated, is the first time in the history of the telegraph that a reduction of wages was prevented during a financial disturbance.

If the Order of Railroad Telegraphers had never done anything in its whole existence except to secure the enactment of the nine-hour law and successfully resist a reduction in wages when the law went into effect, it would merit the support of every railroad telegrapher and others who are eligible to membership in it in North America, but it has done more. It successfully resisted a reduction in pay during the late financial stringency, therefore every railroad telegrapher in the United States and probably in Canada, are drawing 10 per cent more pay and have done so for the last year than they would have drawn had it not been for the strenuous and successful resistance of the Order to the proposed reduction.

It has put millions of dollars annually into the pockets of the railroad telegraphers of the United States and Canada as a result of its various schedule negotiations. It has materially reduced their working hours both by negotiation and legislation. It has given the railroad telegraphers protection by furnishing the means of adjusting their grievances in case of unjust dismissal. It has, through its efforts, put a premium on faithful service by inserting a seniority clause in its various schedules, which, in brief, guarantees to the old and faithful employe the preferred positions. It has provided protection for the wives and children and others dependent upon deceased members by establishing the Mutual Benefit Department, which department has not only proven an eminent success, but has in every way fulfilled the mission for which it was organized. These accomplishments have not been the work of a few days or a few

months, but of many years of arduous labor and the expenditure of a great amount of money. The railroad telegrapher who has been benefited by the Order, and every railroad telegrapher in North America has been, who still persists in enjoying those benefits, and fails or refuses to lend his support to the organization that has proven such a benefactor to him, puts himself in a most unenviable position. He must either be so grasping and greedy as to be willing to reap many dollars a month benefits through the labors of others and be unwilling to contribute a few cents a month to the welfare of himself and his fellow-workers through the payment of dues to the Order, or he must be lacking in that power of discernment which enables a human being to know right from wrong. The time has come for them to show their colors. Hard luck stories are long since worn threadbare.

That the wonderful accomplishments of the Order during the last year, in the face of the most adverse circumstances, may be better appreciated, the following item from *The Cincinnati Times-Star* is reproduced:

Commenting upon the past year and speculation upon the next, as to railway affairs, Warren J. Lynch, passenger traffic manager of the New York Central lines, said to the *Times-Star*:

"The New York Central system, in common with the other railways of the country, enters the year 1909 much more hopefully than it entered the year 1908. Perhaps the new year looks bright to railway men as much because the past year affords such a dark background for it as because the future is really full of promise.

"The year 1908 was the worst in the history of the railways of the United States, since the panic of 1893. In round figures it is estimated that their gross earnings were \$2,300,000,000, against \$2,600,000,000 in the previous calendar year, showing a decline of \$300,000,000. The loss in net earnings is estimated at about \$100,000,000. The loss in net was held down to this amount only by rigid economies that will have to be dearly paid for when the good times return. The

small orders for equipment last year show how these economies were made. In 1905, 1906 and 1907 the railways ordered 811,000 freight cars, an average of over 270,000 a year. In 1908 they ordered only 62,000 freight cars, or 208,000 less than the average for the three years before. A freight car costs \$1,000. Therefore, if they had ordered as much equipment in 1908 as they did on the average during the three preceding years, they would have spent over \$208,000,000 more than they did for freight cars alone, and their net earnings would have been reduced over \$300,000,000, instead of only \$100,000,000. Other repairs and replacements have had to be proportionately foregone. What could not be done in hard times will have to be done in good times; and every business man knows it costs a good deal more to make repairs when a plant is considerably run down than when they are first needed.

"Because of the very small amount of buying by the railways last year, the manufacturers and dealers in equipment and supplies did only about 30 per cent of their normal business. They were as hard hit as the railways. If the effects of the curtailment of railway purchasing power could be traced in all their ramifications it would be found that everybody in the country has been more or less hurt by it, for everybody is directly or indirectly in the railway supply business.

"The rigid economy the railways practiced was necessary to keep many of them out of bankruptcy. Even then twenty-four lines, having a mileage of over 8,000 miles and a capitalization of \$600,000,000, went into the hands of receivers. One has to go back fifteen years, to 1893, to find a showing as bad as that. In 1907 the roads that went into receiverships had only 317 miles of line and an aggregate capitalization of only \$13,000,000. When railway men look back on the stormy year 1908, and see the coast strewn with the wreckage of \$600,000,000 worth of railroad property, they are glad to turn their eyes to the seemingly much brighter future.

"Both freight and passenger business suffered from the industrial depression.

The receipts from freight business dropped from \$1,820,000,000, in 1907, to approximately \$1,550,000,000, in 1908. The receipts from passenger business, it is estimated, were about \$550,000,000, as against \$564,000,000 in the year ended June 30, 1907. A considerable share of this loss was, of course, due to the two-cent fare legislation which was enacted in so many States. Although passenger receipts decreased 14,000,000 dollars, the number of passengers hauled increased about 9 per cent. The railways, in a year when many were struggling to keep out of bankruptcy, and when a number did become bankrupt, had to incur the extra expense and risk of hauling many more people, and got less money for it.

"The most gratifying feature of last year's transportation business was the large decrease in the number of railway casualties. The number of passengers killed was much less than half what it was the year before, although the traffic was larger, and it was only a little more than half of the average in the preceding three years (1905-1907). There was a decrease of 36.5 per cent in the number of employes killed in train accidents, while the fatalities to passengers and employes in all kinds of railway accidents was 25 per cent less than in the previous year, and less than in any year since 1902, although traffic has increased over 50 per cent.

"Railway receipts in November and December were less than they were in the same months in 1907, although those months in 1907, came just after the heavy blow struck by the panic had fallen. But while earnings are not yet satisfactory, there is no doubt that the corner has been turned, and that if commissions, legislatures and other public bodies will give the roads relief from certain hasty and overdrastic forms of regulation, and will refrain from putting new restrictions and burdens on them, they will enjoy their share of the returning prosperity that everyone anticipates, and will contribute their share toward making the country even more prosperous than it was before last year's panic."

#### NOTICE.

THE attention of correspondents is again called to the fact that all matter intended for publication in this journal should be in the hands of the Editor, on or before the 28th day of the month, in order to insure its insertion in the following issue.

The attention of correspondents is also called to the fact that line-ups will not be published. The practice of publishing them was discontinued several years ago, and notices to this effect have been published from time to time, but several articles of this nature have been sent the Editor, in the last two or three months, which were not used. It is proper to chronicle any changes that occur on a line, but line-ups should be avoided. They furnish outsiders with too much information concerning the business of the Order.

#### MEXICO.

ALOS miembros de la O. R. T.—En mi artículo publicado en el Journal de Diciembre ultimo, per una distracion se me obvido hacer mencion que de los miembros o' organizadores a que hago mencion no me referia al trabajo de nuestro buen organizador y herman A. L. Bruni. Pues el hermano Bruni ha sido por muchos anos y es ala fecha el non plu altra organizador que nuestra order en Mexico ha tenido, que par sus grandes esfuersos y honorable trabajo en pro de la orden ha llegado a capturarase las mas cordiales simpatias can los oficiales de nuestra respectable order.

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A great many members of the craft find it hard to believe that the changes put into effect recently have been in the minds of the employers for the past decade, but are prone to attribute their adoption to the activity of our Unions.

Improvement is the order of the age, and every improvement has been hailed as one which will revolutionize the industry which it affects. This has not always been the case, but we do know that the labor organization which keeps abreast of the times and is prepared to meet new conditions will be successful in advancing the cause of its members.

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## THE INJUNCTION.

GOMPERS, MITCHELL AND MORRISON SENTENCED TO JAIL.

**D**URING the late political campaign, the labor leaders of the country who were abreast of the times called attention of their respective constituents to the abuses and dangers of the injunction, and pointed out the way by which they could relieve themselves of this most infamous writ. Whether the laboring men were not interested in being ridded of the writ of injunction, or whether they allowed themselves to rest under a false feeling of security, or whether they believed they were in a better position to judge of events than their leaders, matters not so far as the present is concerned, as they failed to take advantage of the opportunity and as a result, will, no doubt, from time to time, be in a position to better appreciate the earnest efforts of the leaders of organized labor in endeavoring to point out to the rank and file the importance of standing together and ridding themselves of this most damnable of all court proceedings.

A decision was recently rendered which shows that the writ of injunction is to be used, probably to a greater extent than ever before.

On December 18th, 1907, the following decree of injunction was issued by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, on application of the Buck Stove and Range Company directed against the American Federation of Labor and its officers:

"This cause coming on to be heard upon the petition of the complainant for an injunction *pendente lite* as prayed in the bill, and the defendants' return to the rule to show cause issued upon the said petition, having been argued by the solicitors for the respective parties, and duly considered, it is thereupon by the court, this 18th day of December, A. D. 1907, ordered that the defendants, The American Federation of Labor, Samuel Gompers, Frank Morrison, John B. Lennon, James Duncan, John Mitchell, James O'Connell, Max Morris, Denis A. Hayes, Daniel J. Keefe, William D. Huber, Joseph F. Valentine, Rodney L. Thixton, Clinton O. Buckingham, Herman

C. Poppe, Arthur J. Williams, Samuel R. Cooper and Edward L. Hickman, they and each of their agents, servants, attorneys, confederates, and any and all persons acting in said aid of or in conjunction with them or any of them be, and they hereby are, restrained and enjoined until the final decree in said cause from conspiring, agreeing or combining in any manner to restrain, obstruct or destroy the business of the complainant, or to prevent the complainant from carrying on the same without interference from them or any of them, and from interfering in any manner with the sale of the product of the complainant's factory or business by defendants, or by any other person, firm or corporation, and from declaring or threatening any boycott against the complainant, or its business, or the product of its factory, or against any person, firm or corporation engaged in handling or selling the said product, and from abetting, aiding or assisting in any such boycott, and from printing, issuing, publishing, or distributing through the mails, or in any other manner any copy or copies of the *American Federationist*, or any other printed or written newspapers, magazine, circular, letter or other document or instrument whatsoever, which shall contain or in any manner refer to the name of the complainant, its business or its product in the 'We Don't Patronize' or the 'Unfair' list of the defendants, or any of them, their agents, servants, attorneys, confederates, or other person or persons acting in aid of or in conjunction with them or which contains any reference to the complainant, its business or product in connection with the term 'Unfair' or with the 'We Don't Patronize' list, or with any other phrase, word or words of similar import, and from publishing or otherwise circulating, whether in writing or orally, any statement, or notice, of any kind or character whatsoever, calling attention to the complainant's customers, or of dealers or tradesmen, or the public, to any boycott against the complainant, its business or its product, or that the same are, or were, or have been declared to be 'Unfair,' or that it should not be purchased or dealt in or handled by any dealer, trades-

man, or other person whomsoever, or by the public, or any representation or statement of like effect or import, for the purpose of, or tending to, any injury to or interference with the complainant's business, or with the free and unrestricted sale of its product, or of coercing or inducing any dealer, person, firm or corporation, or the public, not to purchase, use, buy, trade in, deal in, or have in possession stoves, ranges, heating apparatus, or other product of the complainant, and from threatening or intimidating any person or persons whomsoever from buying, selling, or otherwise dealing in the complainant's product, either directly or through orders, directions or suggestions to committees, associations, officers, agents or others, for the performance of any such acts or threats as hereinabove specified, and from in any manner whatsoever impeding, obstructing, interfering with or restraining the complainant's business, trade or commerce, whether in the State of Missouri, or in other States and Territories of the United States, or elsewhere wheresoever, and from soliciting, directing, aiding, assisting or abetting any person or persons, company or corporation to do or cause to be done any of the acts or things aforesaid.

"And it is further ordered by the court that this order shall be in full force, obligatory and binding upon the said defendants and each of them, and their said officers, members, agents, servants, attorneys, confederates, and all persons acting in aid of or in conjunction with them, upon the service of a copy thereof upon them or their solicitors or solicitor of record in this cause; *Provided*, The complainant shall first execute and file in this cause, with a surety or sureties, to be approved by the court or one of the justices thereof, an undertaking to make good to the defendants all damage by them suffered or sustained by reason of wrongfully and inequitably suing out this injunction, and stipulating that the damages may be ascertained in such manner as the justice of this court shall direct, and that, on dissolving the injunction, he may give judgment thereon against the principal and sureties for said damages in the decree itself dissolving the injunction."



Later, President Gompers, Vice-President John Mitchell and Secretary Frank Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor, were cited for contempt of court for alleged violation of that injunction, but the hearing of the contempt proceedings was dragged along until after the November election, although strenuous efforts were made to secure a decision before that time. On December 23d, Judge Wright announced his decision, holding President Gompers, Vice-President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison to be in contempt of court, and sentencing them to one year, nine months and six months respectively in jail. The severity of this sentence and the vituperation heaped upon organized labor in general has caused a stir in organized labor circles in general, as well as in various other quarters.

This, what is considered as an abridgment of the right of free speech, has been commented on editorially in nearly all the leading dailies of the country.

The *San Francisco Star* publishes an able article written by Judge James G. Maguire, wherein the legal phase of the question is fully covered. It is as follows:

"The decision of Judge Wright, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, in the Gompers' contempt case is the most far-reaching step yet taken to undermine and destroy the freedom of speech and of the press guaranteed by the Federal Constitution. Primarily it is intended to curb the growing power of organized labor, if not destroy the labor movement; but it can not be limited to that purpose. If finally upheld, it must ultimately lead to the general censorship of speech and of the press. If a court may, by injunction or otherwise, determine, in advance, what subjects may or may not be discussed, or what may or may not be said in a laboring paper, why may it not, in like manner, abridge the freedom of all other publications? The fact that judges, nearly all of whom are appointed through influences unfriendly to labor and are out of sympathy with the labor movement, may deem it inexpedient or undesirable to abridge the freedom of other publications, is no answer to the proposition that the assumption of power to

do so in any case places the entire press of the country at the mercy of an irresponsible power, as great and as arbitrary as the Russian censorship, to be exercised at will. If the courts can enjoin the publication of any statement in *The Federationist*, they can certainly enjoin the publication of the same statement in any other paper; and, if they can enjoin the publication of one statement, or the discussion of one subject, their power extends to all statements and to all subjects.

"The truth or falsity of the enjoined statement is wholly immaterial, and is not considered by the court, either in granting the injunction or in determining the guilt of the publisher when cited for contempt of court. The publication, contrary to the injunction, constitutes the crime, though the statement may be, as in the Gompers' case, absolutely true.

"The Constitution of the United States provides that 'Congress shall make no law . . . abridging the freedom of speech or of the press,' but Judge Wright says that this provision does not guarantee the right of anybody to print or publish anything; that it is a mere inhibition upon the direct action of Congress, but leaves Congress free to create courts with power to abridge such freedom, by writs having the force of statutory laws. This is arrant nonsense and neither deserves nor needs discussion.

"But, says Judge Wright, the defendants are charged with having conspired among themselves and with others to make the publication in question for the purpose of injuring the property (the business) of the Buck Stove Co., and that, as the publication was but an incidental overt act in execution of the conspiracy, the court had a right to enjoin it, although an individual, not conspiring with others, might not be subject to such injunction. This involves the absurdity of holding that an individual citizen may lawfully and rightfully publish an article in a newspaper which it would be unlawful for several persons, having the same object in view, to publish in the same newspaper.

"What property of the Buck Stove Co. were the defendants seeking to injure by the enjoined publication? Its business, of

course. And how were they attempting to injure its business? By inducing the members and friends of organized labor to withdraw their patronage from the company during its controversy with the unions. But the Buck Stove Co. has no property right in the patronage of its customers. If there is any property right in such patronage, it belongs to the customers and not to the company with which they may, at any time, choose to deal, and may be withdrawn by them at will, either with or without reason. What possible property, or property right, of the company can be injured by requesting a customer to transfer his patronage to another? None. Yet an injunction can be issued in such cases, only to prevent injury to property or property rights of the complainant?

"Another argument of Wright is that the enjoined publication was, and was intended to be, an interference with interstate commerce, and was therefore a criminal act in execution of the alleged conspiracy. How did, or could, the publication interfere with or obstruct interstate commerce, assuming, although we deny, that it might be properly enjoined upon that ground? If every person in every State of the Union should, as a direct result of the publication, refuse to purchase any stove or other article manufactured by the Buck Stove Co., that fact would not in the least interfere with interstate commerce. The company would still be perfectly free to ship their wares into every State in the Union. They might find no purchasers in any of the States, but that is a matter entirely beyond the scope of the interstate commerce laws, and beyond the jurisdiction of the federal government itself.

"Judge Wright, as a further basis for his decision, appeals to the higher law of necessity, 'the argument of tyrants.' He contends that, if such injunctions can not be issued and enforced, there is no adequate protection to the citizens against false and libelous publications injurious to his business. Of course, he does not find that anything published by the defendants was false or libelous. It was manifestly true, and its truth or falsity was legally immaterial in

the contempt proceeding. It was true that the Buck Stove Co. had been placed upon the 'unfair list' of the American Federation of Labor, and it was true that members of the Federation 'do not patronize' the company. These were the enjoined publications, for publishing which they were found guilty of contempt, of course.

"Injunction is not, and never can be, a remedy for libel or slander, but, if it were desirable to adopt such a remedy, the judicial department of the federal government has never been commissioned to legislate upon the subject."

The *Coopers' International Journal* covers the matter quite fully from an organized labor standpoint in an editorial in its last issue, as follows:

#### "THE CONVICTION OF GOMPERS, MITCHELL AND MORRISON.

"At the time of going to press, dispatches from Washington announce the verdict of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia in the Buck's Stove and Range Company contempt case against President Samuel Gompers, Vice-President John Mitchell and Secretary Frank Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor. The verdict of the court is that President Gompers shall serve a term of one year in jail, Vice-President Mitchell a term of nine months, and Secretary Morrison a term of six months. The defendants were all in court when the verdict was rendered and heard the sentences pronounced. Though feeling the humiliation keenly, it can not be said that the defendants were taken by surprise. They had been warned by their attorneys several weeks ago to prepare for an adverse decision, and in fact they had every reason to know that a verdict of guilty was to be the outcome.

"The facts in the case are substantially as follows: The American Federation of Labor had placed the Buck's Stove and Range Company of St. Louis, Mo., on its 'We Don't Patronize' list, which, prior to the issuance of the injunction, was published in the *American Federationist*, of which President Gompers is editor. The Buck's Stove and Range Company brought

suit in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia for an injunction restraining President Gompers from publishing the Buck's Stove and Range Company in the Federation's 'We Don't Patronize' list. The injunction was granted by Justice Gould. The injunction, as in the case of all labor injunctions, in addition to the main feature, prohibited a great many small things which are lawful and which every citizen in the land understands that he has a right to do, and, as in the case of all labor injunctions, it was made applicable to all officers and members of unions throughout the country. Among other things, President Gompers was forbidden to mention the name of the Buck's Stove and Range Company in any manner whatsoever. Such useless and ridiculous commands in labor injunctions make it almost impossible for a self-respecting man to obey them to the letter.

"When this celebrated case came on President Gompers recognized in it the climax of labor injunction abuses. He realized that he could not obey it to the letter without sacrificing both his inherent and constitutional rights, and that barrels of money were back of the National Association of Manufacturers to be used, if need be, in making this one the final injunction, which was to sweep away the very foundation of the labor unions. President Gompers realized from the very beginning that unless the constitutional guarantee of free speech and free press could be maintained in court the movement of which he has for years been the president would be swept out of existence in the suits to follow. President Gompers decided, therefore, that as far as he could reasonably do so, he would obey the court's order, but that the constitutional right of free speech and freedom of the press, he would not surrender even temporarily. He resolved to stake his all upon these fundamental and constitutional rights. This being the stand taken by President Gompers, he discontinued the publication of the 'We Don't Patronize' list, as per the court's order, and advised all other labor papers to do the same, but he proceeded to refer, as any other citizen would do, to the Buck's Stove and Range Company, both

editorially and in speeches whenever he chose to do so. For thus daring to believe that the constitution of the country was greater than the court's order, Mr. Gompers now finds himself confronted with a jail sentence.

"We will now consider briefly the principle involved in the suit. The question involved is the right of men collectively to withhold their patronage from a person or firm. The right of an individual, so far as we know, to withhold or bestow his patronage at will has never been abridged. The labor unions can not understand why a lawful act of an individual becomes unlawful when done in concert by a number of individuals. The right in question has been exercised by the labor unions since time immemorial. Until the National Association of Manufacturers raised the fund of a million and a half dollars some years ago for the purpose of fighting labor unions, no one thought of interfering or denying the labor unions that right. The practice of withholding and bestowing their patronage at will had been going on among the labor unions of the United States for more than half a century, and in the old world for a much longer period. Suddenly, however, it becomes a crime in the eyes of the court without legislation by any legislative body making it such and for which the labor leaders must be made suffer.

"Fully cognizant of the extent to which the rights of the labor unions were being swept away by court injunctions, President Gompers realized that something must be done or the movement over which he presided would be rendered powerless. Through a mighty effort on the part of President Gompers and his associates the injunction question was made the issue in the recent national election. The general officers of practically every trade union in the United States realized the importance of the issue, and strongly supported President Gompers in his endeavor to have it settled then and there on the political field, but lack of knowledge as to the real issues and partisan prejudices of long standing among the rank and file could not be overcome in a campaign of only a few months.

"There is little comment to be made on the verdict of the court except to say that we believe it to be the greatest miscarriage of justice and the most undeserving sentence ever pronounced by a court since the nation began. Labor's true and tried leaders may be sent to jail, but our confidence in them will not be shaken. On the contrary, it will be strengthened. The men of organized labor know these men, Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison, to be honorable men. We know them to be honest and perfectly sincere in their efforts in labor's behalf. A term in jail, therefore, if it must come, will not make criminals of them, for they have committed no crime. If the court carries out its order, President Gompers, "the grand old man of labor," who is well up in years and accustomed to activity, may not survive the ordeal, but he will not suffer for anything that loving human hands on the outside can provide. The order of the court, if carried out, will make martyrs of the three men to the great cause of human liberty. The lives of these three men have been honorably devoted to the great cause of humanity. They have fought the battles of the oppressed and fought them well, and their names will live in the history of labor's struggles long after this incident is forgotten.

"In rendering its decision the court went far beyond the simple issues involved in order to give expression to its animous, its contempt for labor unions.

"Another phase of the case which seems significant is that while the decision in this case has been withheld for months, it is now handed out three days before Christmas, at a time when executive clemency is the rule throughout the nation instead of judicial severity. While every one is striving to make everyone else happy by expressions and tokens of good cheer, the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia casts gloom over the hearts and minds of two millions of working men and women.

"The end sought by the bringing of this suit is the dissolution of the labor unions, because they obtain for working men and women conditions which they could not otherwise obtain, but it will fail of its pur-

pose. It will serve only to enlighten those who are still in the dark as to abuse of injunctions in labor disputes.

"The case will be carried up to the Supreme Court of the United States for a final decision."

The *Typographical Journal*, the official organ of the International Typographical Union, in which organization Secretary Frank Morrison holds membership, under the caption "A Judicial Outrage," has the following to say concerning the decision:

"The decision rendered by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, finding Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison, officials of the American Federation of Labor, guilty of contempt of court in violating an injunction order, was not much of a surprise to those who have observed the trend of events in this respect. But the severity of the sentence imposed—one year in jail for Gompers, nine months for Mitchell, and six months for Morrison—was unexpected. The court's delay in disposing of the case augured ill to the interests of organized labor. It will be remembered that the federation officials petitioned the court to render its decision prior to the national election, but without avail, though months had elapsed since the trial of the case.

"Nevertheless the decision is opportune. It comes at a moment when the injunction process is under review, and when earnest efforts are being put forth to remedy what is conceded by leading jurists and eminent statesmen to be a defect in our present judicial system. And it emphasizes the contention of organized labor and its friends, that in a government such as ours even the humblest citizen should not be convicted of crime and penalized, or deprived of liberty, or both, without a trial by a jury of his peers.

"If alleged violation of a court's restraining order is to be considered from a criminal standpoint in the eyes of the law, is it not reasonable to ask that the following constitutional provision relative to trial by jury shall be observed: 'The trial of all crimes, except in cases of impeachment, shall be by jury?'

"The decision also accentuates the tendency on the part of some of our judges to make laws by issuing a mandate forbidding certain acts, and then punishing those who may, in the court's opinion, disobey any part of those orders. The legality of such mandates does not appear to receive any consideration at the hands of the issuing power—the parties interested must do as the court says, regardless of the legal aspect of the case, or they must suffer the penalty.

"The Washington contempt case originated in an injunction suit filed by 'Buck's Stove' Van Cleave against the federation officials, to restrain the latter from publishing the name of the Buck's Stove and Range Company in the 'We Don't Patronize' list appearing in the *American Federationist*. A sweeping temporary injunction was issued, which was later made permanent. The court not only decreed that the federation officials must discontinue printing the 'We Don't Patronize' list, but in effect restrained them from mentioning 'Buck's Stove' Van Cleave or his company in the *Federationist*, or discussing the matter in any manner. In short, this injunction prohibited the defendants from mentioning the unfair 'Buck's stove' in a public address, or through the issuance of circulars to organized labor, and it was extremely doubtful whether it was safe for them to confer with others on the subject. The federation officials—though maintaining their right to keep their membership informed as to unfair products by means of the 'We don't Patronize' list—discontinued its publication in obedience to the court's order. In the firm belief, however, that certain portions of the court's mandate were in contravention of inherent and constitutional rights, and an abuse of the injunction power on the part of the court, the federation officials sought eminent legal advice on these points, and were governed by this advice in dealing with this phase of the subject. And it is for their action—or lack of action—in this respect that the Washington jurist finds them guilty of contempt of court, and hands them a Christmas gift in the form of a jail sentence.

"What does the court say in support of its decision? A copy of the finding is not at hand, and *The Journal* is perforce obliged to depend upon the press dispatches. According to these reports, the decision is a mass of abuse and innuendo, directed not only against the federation officials, but against organized labor as a whole. Personal bias toward organized labor is plainly apparent, and unwarranted assumption, misrepresentation, distortion of facts and palpable error permeate the decision. The judge assumes to be fully posted as to the aims and objects of organized labor, and asserts that coercion is used by labor officials to prevent members of organized labor from buying non-union goods; he declares that the workers are ignorant and blindly follow orders issued by their officials; that they (the labor unionists), 'have been betrayed, hoodwinked into the stand of an enemy of law and of social order;' that, though 'announcing freedom to purchase what and where one will, they (the labor unionists) deny that right to him himself; proclaiming the right of all men to labor, they restrict it to the holders of a union card; declaring the right to enjoy full earning capacity, they limit his daily earnings to a stated sum.'

The foregoing is only a sample of the assertions contained in the decision under review, but it is sufficient to demonstrate ignorance of labor conditions and prejudice against trade unions. The worst enemy of organized labor would fail if he attempted to go further than this tribunal has gone in attacking organized labor and its friends in a judicial decree. It savors of the fulminations of the sage of Battle Creek.

"A reading of the published reports will also show that the court did not confine itself to a consideration of the evidence before it in determining the question of guilt. References are made to speeches of Mr. Gompers during the recent political campaign—addresses delivered months after the expiration of the time for the submission of evidence—in order to support the court's contention that Samuel Gompers is now and always has been a lawbreaker and a criminal. And statements contained in 'Organized Labor,' a work compiled some

years ago by John Mitchell, are also referred to with the same object in view.

"One portion of the decision is especially significant. In discussing the question of error on the part of the court in determining a cause, the judge holds that the order must nevertheless be obeyed, using this language on that point. 'And I place the decision of the matter at bar distinctly on the proposition that were the order confessedly erroneous, yet it must have been obeyed.'

"In other words, according to this decision, a court has the right to issue a confessedly erroneous and illegal order, and deprive law-abiding citizens of their property or liberty, or both, if they fail to obey such a confessedly illegal order. This is refreshing news. A large majority of the citizens of the United States have had the impression that laws that have been upheld by the courts, and especially criminal laws, were as binding upon the court itself as upon the common citizen, but it seems that they have been laboring under a delusion in this respect. This ruling may be intended as a notice that 'The king (the court) can do no wrong,' even though it issues an admittedly illegal order and administers punishment for violation of that order. The theory, so far as kings are concerned, was exploded many moons ago, and if matters have come to such a point that judges are above the law, and can set aside the law at will, and found their decisions upon personal bias and prejudice, then there is need of a radical change in legal procedure.

"Speaking of free speech and the freedom of the press, the judge asserts that the constitution 'nowhere conferred the right to speak, to print or to publish. It guarantees only that in so far as the federal government is concerned its congress shall not abridge it.' In this connection comparisons are made that indicate a begging of the question and an attempt to befog the issue. Every one knows that libel and slander are punishable under the law, and that the law provides a specific method of procedure in such cases. But no slander or libel was charged in the case under review. It was a question of the violation of an injunction,

where the defendants emphatically disclaimed the performance of any illegal act, and challenged the legality of the mandate directed against them. It would appear from the record, however, that the court persistently evaded the issues presented, and rebuked defendants' counsel for having the audacity to raise such issues, and then proceeded to bolster up his decision by delivering a tirade against the defendants and the union labor movement.

"Pause and listen to what the court says in pronouncing sentence upon the federation officials: 'It would seem not inappropriate for such a penalty as will serve to deter others from following after such outlawed examples; will serve physically to impose obedience, even though late; will serve to vindicate the orderly power of judicial tribunals, and establish over this litigation the supremacy of law.'

"We are taught to have respect for and confidence in the courts. But courts, like individuals, are only entitled to respect and confidence when they prove worthy of such respect and confidence. We may obey a court's mandate, illegal though it be, and yet have the utmost contempt for the judge who issued it. A court which disregards the law, and gloats over it, as in this case, is certainly not entitled to the respect and confidence of any one, much less of those whom it goes out of the way to wilfully malign. We have been taught to expect dignity on the part of the court, but no dignity is manifested in the decision under review. If the judge in question has not a deeper and clearer knowledge of the laws of his country than he has of the aims and objects of organized labor, as demonstrated by his decision, then his fund of information of this character is limited. Decisions of this nature, couched in unwarranted and vituperative language and demonstrating absolute ignorance of organized labor's purposes, tend to create a feeling of contempt for the judiciary.

"Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison are not in jail, notwithstanding the desire of this judicial light to send them there. They are out on bail, and the case will be appealed to the United States Circuit

Court, and from there to the Supreme Court of the country, if found necessary.

"At the time of the decision, Walter Wellman, the well-known newspaper correspondent, wrote the following:

"Throughout the reading of this powerful philippic against labor leaders and methods the defendants sat silent, motionless. When Judge Wright had finished he asked the defendants if they had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced upon them. A painful pause followed. For fully a minute none spoke. Then Samuel Gompers rose, almost timidly, took a step forward, and in a low tone began to speak. It was apparent he was making a valiant, a steady effort to retain his self-control, to speak without excitement, with moderation. He realized the importance of the moment. On his left John Mitchell, his face colorless, looked up at the chief with eager gaze. Morrison, on his right, was manifestly much agitated. As Gompers began speaking the courtroom was strangely still. For a time the leader of the greatest labor organization in the world expressed himself in a calm way without gesture or raising his voice. Warming to his subject, he delivered that which must be regarded by friend and foe alike as a remarkable address under most extraordinary circumstances.

"President Gompers' address was as follows:

"I am not conscious at any time during my life of having violated any law of the country or of the State in which I live. I would not consciously violate a law now or at any time during my full life. It is not possible that, under the circumstances which I am before your honor this morning, and after listening to the opinion which you have rendered, to say that which I have in mind; but, sir, I may be permitted to say this: That freedom of speech and freedom of the press has not been granted to the people to say the things which please; but the right to say things that displease, even though they do a wrong. There is much that I would like to say, but I can not do it now."

"At this point Mr. Gompers said he had said all he cared to, but, after a short pause, said he would like to make a few more remarks. "I may say," he added, "that this is a struggle of the working people of our country, and it is a struggle of the working people for right.

"The labor movement does not undertake to presume to be a higher tribunal than either the courts or the other branches of the government of our country. It is a struggle of the ages—a struggle of the men of labor to throw off some of the burdens which have been heaped upon them; to abolish some of the wrongs and to secure some of the rights too long denied. If men must suffer because they dare speak for the masses of the men of our country; if men must suffer because they have been raised to meet the sordid greed—even to grind the children in the dust to gain dollars—they must bear the consequences.

"But," continued Mr. Gompers, "if I can not discuss grave problems—great issues in which the people all over our country are interested; if a speech made by me during a political campaign, after the close of this case; if the speeches in furtherance of a great principle or a great right are to be held as against me, I shall not only have to, but am willing to bear the consequences. I would not have you believe me a man of a defiant character in disposition or in conduct. But in the pursuit of honest conviction and in the furtherance of the common interests of my fellow man, I shall not only have to, but be willing to submit to whatever your honor may impose."

"Then John Mitchell stepped forward. All he had to say was that he heartily endorsed every word that Gompers had spoken. Morrison followed Mitchell's lead, saying Gompers had expressed his opinions entirely.

"Mr. Gompers, when asked after the adjournment of the court if the sentence was a surprise to him, replied:

"A surprise; indeed it was.

"But all I can think of to say at present has already been said. When I spoke to the judge I expressed all that I could, properly, at this time.

"I wish, though, that I had said something about the extracts from the political speeches which he quoted in his opinion. They were speeches made after the evidence in the trial was taken, and were not in any way brought into the evidence."

### THE ROLL OF HONOR.

**D**URING the month of December the following named members of the Order secured one or more new members by individual effort:

G. E. Aikman (2), Ira R. Attebery (5).  
J. E. Bobbitt, B. E. Bailey, Wayne S. Barner, W. E. Blow, J. P. Brown (5), J. E. Boyd (3), C. S. Byrd, F. A. Boswell.  
J. C. Cherry, H. M. Clay (7), E. G. Carter, C. Campin, H. G. Clemens, G. E. Chance, E. C. Compton, R. B. Cobb (5), W. J. Currie (4), J. J. Collins (8), J. A. Cross (5), Sherman Correll (10), E. B. Coons.

Thos. W. Denn (5), C. J. Deedrick (4), D. R. Dunning, E. R. Derrickson (4).

J. C. Ewing (2), G. D. Eddy (2), C. M. Evans (2).

F. O. Fairbanks (2), V. E. Fraven, C. H. Fitch (5).

Joseph Gleisinger (2), A. M. Garrick.

A. E. Haley, R. M. Hall, H. C. Hamm, J. J. Harding, J. R. Hefner (6), W. H. Husted (10), C. E. Hosler (10), D. A. Hubbardt, Z. R. Hook (7).

R. H. Jones (2).

E. G. King, J. F. Karl.

C. F. Loring (3).

G. W. Malone (2), J. P. Meehan (2), J. T. Maddox (3), J. J. McCabe (2), W. P. Mansell, R. R. McInroy (11), C. H. Meador, W. J. McDonald (2), Carl Martz.

C. F. Norton (4).

John P. Osgood (2), J. H. O'Brien (5).

H. R. Pigg (3).

W. W. Quinn (2), W. M. Queen.

H. G. Robinson, S. L. Rugman (6), R. C. Rudy, A. F. Ritter (2).

F. D. Sanderson, W. A. Schwartz, C. R. Shuler, Thos. Sasser (3), E. W. Smith (2).

J. G. Tarvin, L. R. Taylor (2), Thos.

Truitt (2), W. N. Thornton (5), A. O. Talbot.

W. R. VanDeusen (2).

F. O. Wille, C. D. Williamson (3), P. H. Willem (3), W. L. Wilmarth (3), C. M. Wurzbacher (6), E. B. Wilcox (7), Wm. Wood, Jr.

A. G. Youst (3), O. C. Yocum.

### PRIZES.

**T**HROUGH the individual efforts of the membership, the number of non-members in the country have gradually been reduced and the membership of the Order has been correspondingly increased. A further continuation of these efforts on the part of the membership should result in practical thorough organization by June 30th, if each member lends his assistance along these lines. In order that efforts may be rewarded, the member who secures the greatest number of new members between January 1st and June 30th will be given a diamond ring to cost \$150.00. The member securing the second largest number of new members will be given a diamond ring to cost \$100.00. The member securing the third largest number of new members during the period named will be given their choice between a diamond ring or a watch to cost \$50.00.

In this contest general chairmen on salary, secretaries and organizers will be barred, also all who receive salary or expenses or both for their services.

The member who secures five or more new members during the period named and who fails to win one of the prizes, will be given an emblem ring or a watch-charm, as they may prefer.

Members, in order to compete in this contest, should notify the Grand Secretary and Treasurer as fast as new members are secured, so that they can receive proper credit.

The publication of the Roll of Honor in which the name of each member who secures a new member is published will be continued.



## EDITORIAL NOTES

No card, no favors.

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Seven hundred and forty-five new members were initiated into the Order during the month of December.

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The Mortuary Fund of the Mutual Benefit Department continues to grow, and will soon pass the quarter of a million dollar-mark.

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Since the last announcement a revised schedule has been secured on the International & Great Northern Railway and a new schedule on the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway.

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The Editor recently received an O. R. T. emblem design for cushion from J. A. Lukanitsch, a member of Division 54, located at Ramsey, Idaho. The design is very pretty with the wreath and sounder thereon in colors.

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The member who has not secured a new member during the past year should turn over a "new leaf" with the new year and secure at least one during the present semi-annual term. A little exertion will accomplish the desired result.

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The mail train on the Chicago and Alton Railway was damaged by fire on the evening of December 22. The Grand Secretary and Treasurer has received letters, a great part of which were destroyed in that fire, and no doubt others were entirely destroyed. Members who made remittances from that section about the date named who have failed to receive receipts, should take the matter up promptly with the general offices, so that duplicates of money orders can be secured in cases where the original remittance was destroyed.

The Interstate Commerce Commission recently rendered the following ruling regarding the giving of transportation to ex-employees: "Under the recent amendment to the Anti-Pass Provision of Section 1, held, that a pass may be issued to *bona fide* ex-employee of any carrier subject to the act, who is traveling for the purpose of entering the service of any such common carrier, whether such service has or has not previously been arranged for."

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The annual election of officers in local divisions, which includes the election of delegates and alternates to the coming session of the Grand Division, will occur at the first regular meeting of the division in February. The biennial election of system divisions is also held in the month of February, at which time local chairmen for the various districts and delegates and alternates to the Grand Division are elected. Voting on system divisions is done by mail ballots.

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The statement issued by the Bureau of Immigration for the month of November, 1908, shows that there were 37,076 aliens landed at the various ports of entry in the United States during that month; that there were 625 debarred from entrance, classified as follows: Idiots, 2; imbeciles, 4; feeble-minded, 9; epileptics, 3; insane, 13; loathsome or dangerous contagious diseases, 170; professional beggars, 5; likely to become public charges, 258; mentally or physically defective, 23; contract laborers, 51; accompanying aliens, 12; under sixteen years of age and unaccompanied by parent, 5; assisted aliens, 1; criminals, 6; polygamists, 4; prostitutes and procurers, 27; under provisions of Chinese Exclusion Act, 30; other causes, 2. The number of aliens landed at the various ports of entry during the month of November, 1907, was 117,476.

# PERSONAL MENTION

The following births have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. J. B. Burrowes, of Chetopa, Kan., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. A. Sullivan, at Warners, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. R. Hefner, of Monticello, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. T. G. Marlin, of Woodstock, Tenn., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. C. Dunn, of Lenoir, Tex., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. M. Denslow, of Churches Ferry, N. D., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Harry W. Mason, of Fairmont, W. Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. J. Hutchison, of Pittsburg, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. J. Spinbarney, of Barnum, Iowa, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. S. A. Mead, of Keene, Neb., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Fred Meili, of Cochran, Wis., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. A. Beale, of Emlenton, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. E. Carberry, of Brookville, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. W. McKnight, of Melvin, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. E. Snethen, of Dakota City, Neb., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. G. Marsh, of Jackson, Neb., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Ed. Smith, of Davisville, R. I., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. D. Stewart, of Lafayette, Ga., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Eddie Dalton, of Brooklyn, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. C. Calhoun, of Belspring, Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. B. Williams, of Ada, W. Va., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. P. L. Hovey, of Glenora, N. Y., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Roy Jacobs, of Continental, O., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. M. Queen, of Wheeling, W. Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. J. Alleman, of Libertyville, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. P. Wilcoxon, of McDonald, Mont., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. K. Kendig, of Middleburg, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. S. Jenkins, of Gloster, Miss., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. P. Fahnestock, of Nokomis, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. Chambers, of Worden, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. O. Brinkman, of Sunman, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. B. A. Truitt, of Saver-ton, Mo., a girl.

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The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

At Berton, Va., Bro. A. H. Williams, of Div. 14, to Miss Leta Durham.

Bro. J. P. Linton, of Div. 46, to Miss Dora Alyce Mills.

Bro. A. C. Eikers, of Div. 130, to Miss Jessie Cash.

At Harriman, Tenn., Bro. E. W. Shadoan, of Div. 62, to Miss Bertha C. Tate.

At Ohio City, Ohio, Bro. C. C. McClelland, of Div. 2, to Miss Clara Rhodes.

At Bowes, Ill., Sister Daisy O. Sikes, of Div. 97, to Mr. F. J. Seigler.

At Graveland, Ga., Bro. W. B. McGowan, of Div. 97, to Miss Warnell.

At Hennessy, Okla., Bro. J. Koppenburg, of Div. 126, to Miss Minnie M. Thompson.

At Mifflin, Pa., Bro. J. T. Hock, of Div. 3, to Miss Laura Depew.

At Leesville, La., Bro. L. Alford, of Div. 5, to Miss Ollie Holton.

At Doylestown, Wis., Bro. M. L. Tracy, of Div. 23, to Miss Josephine Johnson.

At Kosciusko, Miss., Bro. W. M. Hale, of Div. 93, to Miss Margaret Gwin.

At Durant, Miss., Bro. M. P. Marshall, of Div. 93, to Miss Bitae Mays.

Bro. D. F. Lee, of Div. 59, to Miss Bell Beamguard.

Bro. G. W. Chitty, of Div. 59, to Miss Annie McIlroy.

Bro. R. C. Woodruff, of the Grand Division, to Miss Unabelle E. Herod.

At Georgetown, Ind., Bro. T. M. Fouts, of Div. 59, to Miss Katie Curby.

At Lakeland, Fla., Bro. J. H. Lord, of Div. 132, to Miss Tolar.

At Laclede, Mo., Bro. V. E. Hogsett, of Div. 76, to Miss Sally M. Piggott.

At Richmond, Va., Bro. W. L. Alston, of Div. 132, to Miss Edith G. Robinson.

At Durham, N. C., Bro. W. H. Clark, of Div. 14, to Miss Flora G. Cutts.

At Winnipeg, Man., Bro. Arthur E. Lucier, of Div. 104, to Miss Francis K. Gibbons.

At Hammondville, Ky., Bro. Thos. M. Lively, of Div. 49, to Miss Edith N. Gad-die.

At Lewisburg, Pa., Bro. W. H. Heim-back, of the Grand Division, to Miss Norma Clifton.

At Bordentown, N. J., Bro. M. Walter Maitland, of Div. 84, to Miss Ellie E. Kelly.

THE TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations to the happy couples.

The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

At Vancouver, B. C., Bro. Allan Fraser, of Div. 7.

At Vaughans, Miss., Bro. C. A. Ross, of Div. 93.

At Duckhill, Miss., Joe, son of Bro. T. E. Winburn, of Div. 93.

At Negro-Arm, Va., Bro. C. C. Worsham, Jr., of Div. 97.

At Ninnekah, Okla., Bro. B. F. Maxfield, of Div. 126.

At Reno Junction, Okla., son of Bro. T. F. McPherron, of Div. 126.

At Payne, O., Bro. C. W. Hudon, Local Chairman, Div. 18.

At Lake Providence, La., Esma, daughter of Bro. J. E. Lewis, of Div. 31.

At Stony Point, Pa., Bro. C. E. White, of Div. 33.

At Weston, W. Va., mother of Bro. Chas. W. Coburn, of Div. 54.

At Paintlick, Ky., mother of Bro. W. M. Hunt, of Div. 137.

At Barton, O., Bro. J. H. Sutton, of Div. 33.

At Milan, Ga., infant of Bro. W. H. Mulkey, of Div. 97.

At Kalona, Ia., father of Bro. A. A. Varner, of Div. 126.

Bro. R. L. Harris, of Div. 59.

At Chicago, Ill., wife of Bro. O. T. Anderson, of Div. 91.

At Ft. Madison, Ia., Bro. D. E. Webb, of the Grand Division.

At Cold Springs, N. Y., Martin Gallagher, father of Bros. F. J. and E. R. Gallagher, of Div. 8.

At Batavia, N. Y., father and brother of Bros. Frank G. and Harry Perry, of Div. 8.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all.

#### WANTED.

Present address of Ernest N. Lundell, formerly of Cambridge, Minn.

C. W. PARMETER, Albion, Minn.

Present address of Geo. F. Barry. "Geo." if you see this write me at once. Must hear from you if possible.

BERTHA BARRY MATTISON,  
New Auburn, Wis.

Present address of Tom Brophy.

JAMES BROPHY, Junction City, Kan.

Present address of C. M. Reeves. Last heard of in San Francisco, September, 1905.

G. W. MALONE,

580 E. Berrien St., Galesburg, Ill.

Present address of S. J. Dunn, last location Oskaloosa, Iowa.

W. E. HADLEY,

1129 West Myrtle St., Independence, Kan.

Present address of C. D. Carnes. Last heard of in Jacksonville, Fla., in September, 1907. Write me.

GEO. S. GRIFFIN, Bremen, Ga.

Present address of F. E. Trap. At one time worked for Rock Island, at Waurika, Okla. Last heard of at Sacramento, Calif.

W. E. JACKSON, Bison, Okla.

Present address of E. J. Worley. Last heard of at Andersonville, Ind. "Dutch," if you see this write. Mrs. W. F. Worley, Marietta, Pa., his mother, is anxious to hear from him. "Sy."

Present address of John Q. Adams. Last heard from was at Gainsville, Tex. Your father lives in California. "John," if you see this, write me.

E. M. ADAMS, DeLong, Ind.

Present address of F. N. Monahan. Last seen leaving Pasco for Spokane, Wash. If you see this "M," let me know your whereabouts.

C. S. DAVIS, Pasco, Wash.

Present address of Wm. F. Wolff. Last heard of working in auditor's office, Erie Ry. "F," write your old friend Bruce, care W. V. Ry., Binnewater, N. Y.

BRUCE MISNER.

Present address of Chas. H. Prescott, last heard of was working for Long Island Railroad, at Lynnbrook, L. I. "Charlie," if you see this, write me.

H. W. PLETCHER,

50 Pennington St., Newark, N. J.

Present address of John J. Brown, formerly of Dinsmore, Pa. "John," if you see this, write to mother or to me at 952 Tenth St., Denver, Colo.

ELIZABETH T. BROWN.

Present address of B. V. Elzbeck; left home last April, and has not been heard of since. Anyone knowing his whereabouts will confer a favor by addressing his father.

ROBT. A. ELZBECK,

5639 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Present address of Robt. Badsky and Wm. Burel. Last heard of at Westville, and Sallisaw, Okla., on the K. C. S. "RB" and "DV," if you see this, write me, care Chief Dispatcher's Office, O. S. L., Salt Lake City, Utah.

I. M. RATHBURN.

Present address of E. K. Dunaway. Last heard of with Western Union, at Memphis, Tenn. "E. K.," if you see this, write your old Pal. Have some news for you. "J."

Information concerning G. W., Geo. W., G. Winston, or Winston Patteson, an old-time telegrapher.

Worked during the early nineties at Olympia and Tacoma, as telegrapher. Later as laborer in West McLennon Co., Texas, for M. K. & T. R. R., and in Houston, for International & Great Northern, about yards and depots. Last heard from in hospital department of I. & G. N. R. R., Palestine, Texas. Telegrapher's paralysis of right hand; medium height, blond, fair; about middle age; native Virginia; went West from Ohio about 1886.



L. W. QUICK,

Grand Secretary and Treasurer, St. Louis, Mo.

The following members desire to exchange souvenir postal cards with other members:

W. Ray Walker, Clinchport, Va.

John Wojciechowski, 260 Grafton Ave., Woodhaven, N. Y.

R. G. Minnegerode, 1129 West Myrtle St., Independence, Kan.

W. E. Hadley, 1129 West Myrtle St., Independence, Kan.

## LOST OR STOLEN.

Card No. 28,168, Cert. 1,568, Div. 7, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card No. 32,887, Cert. 2,612, Div. 76, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card No. 30,701, Cert. 2,215, Div. 7, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card No. 3,343, Cert. 427, Div. 126, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card No. 31,000, Cert. 419, Div. 96, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card No. 2,740, Cert. 2,018, Div. 2, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card No. 516, Cert. 2,162, Div. 31, for term ending June 30, 1909.



# GLEANINGS

Pay your dues.

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Has your relief a card?

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Get all desirable nons.

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Solid organization is what brings better schedules.

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The history of unionism is the history of freedom.

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Talk as a union man, act as a union man, *live* as a union man.

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Have you a grievance? Tell it to your chairman, not to the public.

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A shorter work-day, better conditions, higher salaries, happier families are fruits of organization.

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That which is not for the interest of the whole swarm, is not for the interest of a single bee.—MARCUS AURELIUS.

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The more society is improved and education perfected, the more equality will prevail and liberty be extended.—ARISTOTLE.

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Don't forget that the sanitary conditions enforced by the bakers make the bread bearing their label more palatable and better in every way.

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The Order of Railroad Telegraphers has increased your salaries, shortened your hours of service, and raised you in the estimation of the public, your employer and yourself.

Labor has a large measure of patience. It knows itself to be in the right, and to be right is to have all eternity and all the forces of omnipotence with you.

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The Montana State Federation of Labor is initiating a petition for submission at the next general election for the employers' liability act, and an act exempting labor unions from injunctions.

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There is a bill in Congress that confers upon employes of the Government the right to sue the Government for damages in case of permanent disability due to injuries received while in the discharge of duty.

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The best guarantee for the maintenance of good will and friendly relations between employer and employe, is to be found in the establishment of a reputation for fair dealing, and in the proper consideration of the rights of others.

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Every member should be proud of the high position occupied by our Order in the organized labor movement. Our organization is today one of the acknowledged leaders among labor organizations, and has a record of which it may well be proud.

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The universal interest taken in trade union affairs is not strange, the union is endeavoring to deal with the greatest subject of the ages, the magnitude of the undertaking of organized labor is unparalleled, and it has made more headway toward the accomplishment of its object, has added more to the happiness, independence and well-being of mankind, than have all the other institutions of the world put together.

Fifty-one cases of violation of the New York factory laws were tried last month.

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The recent Scottish Trades Union Congress passed resolutions in favor of old-age pensions, and in favor of compulsory intervention in labor disputes.

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"Who is the best union man?"

Answer: The man who hires union labor himself.

But how can a man working for a daily wage himself hire union labor?

By always purchasing goods that bear the union label.—*Cincinnati Chronicle*.

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The courts enjoin the unions prohibiting the advertisement of the product of firms unfair to organized labor. The members of the unions should purchase only union-made goods, manufactured by fair firms. The unfair firms will then cease to interest them.

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The Indianapolis labor organizations have recently leased a farm of thirty acres west of the city, which they intend to improve and use for picnics and outings. A park committee has been formed, with a view of raising funds for the purchase of the beautiful natural park.

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Boycotting is prohibited by law in Colorado, Illinois and Indiana. Blacklisting is prohibited by law in Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

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When the real purposes and high aspirations of our movement and the legislation it seeks at the hands of the law-making power of our country shall be better understood by all our people, and the great uplifting work which we have already achieved shall find a better appreciation among those who now so unjustly attack and antagonize us, our opponents will be remembered for their ignoble work and course.

Labor protests against the issuance of injunctions in disputes between workmen and employers, when no such injunctions would be issued when no such dispute existed. Such injunctions have no warrant in law and are the result of judicial usurpation and judicial legislation rather than of Congressional legislation.

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The Ft. Worth (Tex.) *Union Banner* gives the information that sixteen members of the Farmers' Union and fourteen trades unionists will answer the roll call in the lower house of the Legislature at the next session. At least two union men will be found in the Senate.

The Texas unionists are following the right path, and if unionists will support the present political policy of the American Federation of Labor, there is an excellent opportunity to break the ice toward a national workingman's political movement in this country. The start must be made some time and this seems to be the proper time.

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"Attacked and denounced as scarcely any other institution ever has been, the unions have thriven and grown in the face of opposition. This healthy vitality has been due to the fact that they were a genuine product of social needs—indispensable as a protest and a struggle against the abuses of industrial government, and inevitable as a consequence of that consciousness of strength inspired by the concentration of numbers under the new conditions of industry. They have been, as is now admitted by almost all candid minds, instruments of progress. Not to speak of the material advantages they have gained for working men, they have developed powerful sympathies among them, and taught them the lesson of self-sacrifice in the interest of their brethren, and, still more, of their successors. They have infused a new spirit of independence and self-respect. They have brought some of the best men to the front, and given them the ascendancy due to their personal qualities and desirable in the interests of society."—*John K. Ingram, LL. D.*"

King Edward VII is a firm believer in union labor. When he was yet the Prince of Wales he sympathized with the cause of unionism. Since he became King he has allowed no work to be performed for his household that is not done by union labor, and he has informed the Lord Chamberlain if any case was brought to his notice of any firm serving the royal household declining to recognize trades unions and pay the union scale he should take steps at once to have them do so or transfer the royal household business to firms that were fair to union labor.

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The Signal Service wireless stations in Alaska have removed all doubt as to the feasibility of sending wireless messages overland. Fort Gibbon, several hundred miles inland, is receiving messages from Nome and St. Michael, five hundred miles distant, with many ranges of hills between the two stations. A message sent by the steamer Northwestern, eleven hundred miles west of Cape Flattery, to United Wireless station at Cordova, was copied. The message traveled about twelve hundred miles in an air line, over two ranges of mountains, capped with snow.

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The majority of the labor organizations, like all other fraternal organizations, rest on the hearty endeavors of a few of the members who realize the need for constantly keeping at it and who hold their organization to its field of operations. If there is danger, then there is a rallying around the flag and a hard effort to get up to the fighting standard in a hurry. How much better it would be always to be ready! The defenses of the organization can not be substantially repaired in a day, nor can an offensive action be followed if the organization has allowed its interest to wane and new employees not brought into the organization. Always be ready to fight, and you will not have to fight. To be ready enough merely to make a fuss and either back down or get licked is not the way to carry on the work of an organization successfully. The price of peace is preparedness for emergency.

One division of the U. S. Supreme Court has just decided that we have a right to indulge in peaceful picketing. This is a right that no one questioned until the "injunction judge" got in his little work. The decision just rendered grew out of the case of the iron molders' strike against the Allis-Chalmers Co. The judge issued the usual injunction restraining the molders from doing anything except to return to work, and especially against peaceful picketing. The case was appealed with the result stated in the foregoing. Small favors thankfully received. It's sometimes refreshing to be told by the courts that we have certain rights even if we and everybody else already knew it.

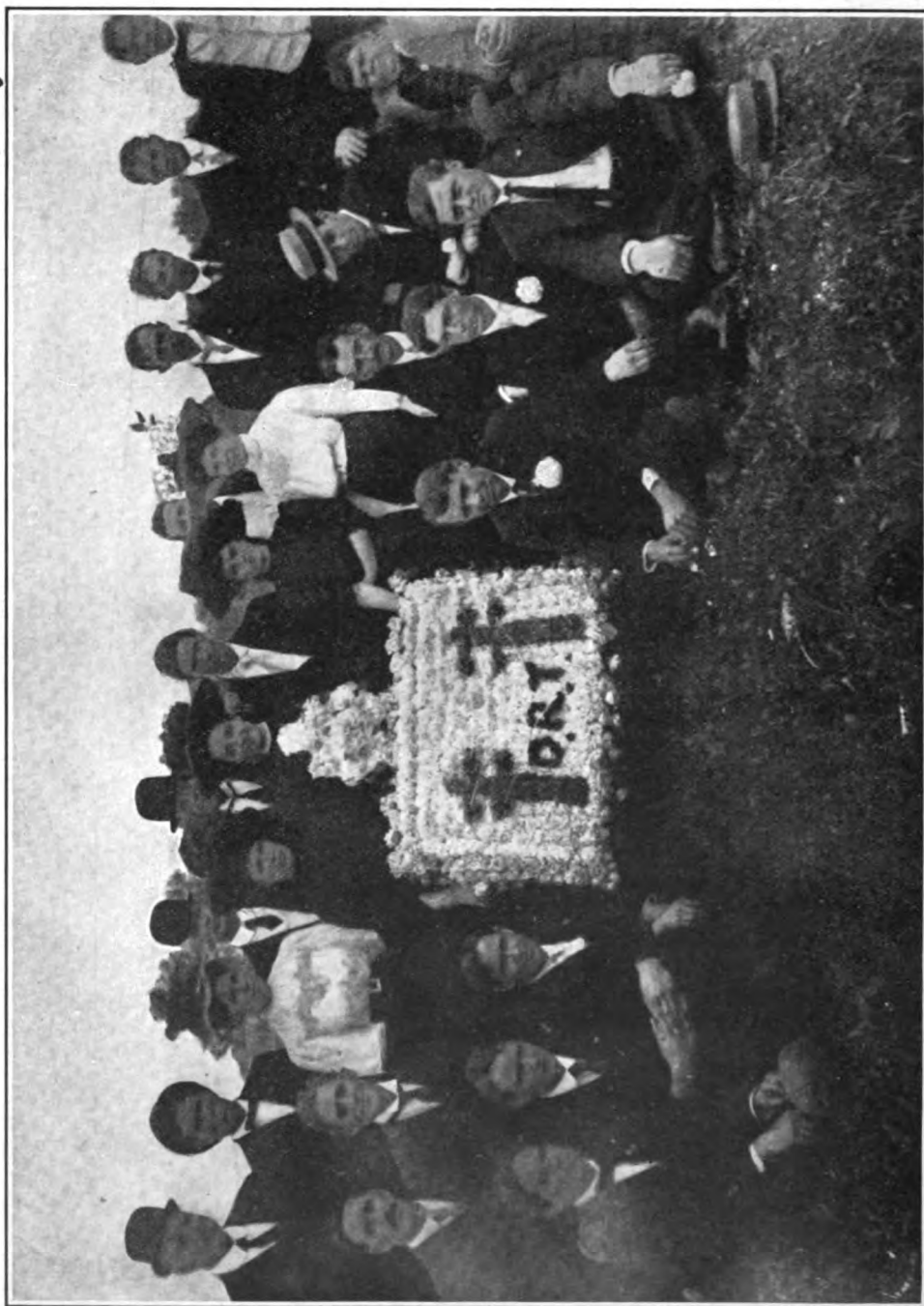
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It is sometimes said that during good times trade unions run themselves. This may be partly true, but by no means so in all respects. There, however, is no question but what during dull times the unions require more thought and attention to keep them right side up and intact. Men's loyalty, courage and devotion to our great cause is often put to the severest tests during periods of commercial and industrial depression. And it becomes the duty of the steadfast and strong to encourage and lead the faltering. Those who have passed through similar trying times know by experience that a brighter day is not far ahead and should encourage the less experienced members to remain steadfast.

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Labor expects nothing from non-unionists but low wages and servile conditions. Non-unionism is without purpose and is possible only from a too often to-be-disappointed hopefulness that the necessity forcing work upon the individual may be transitory. So, nothing is to be expected in the way of improving and protecting labor's condition from the non-unionist. He is helpless from the very nature of his non-unionism, no matter of how good intentions. I make this point to illustrate that the political conditions that so seriously menace the interests of labor, like other distressing influences that afflict labor's prosperity, are severely up to organized labor to seek a remedy and enforce it.





FLORAL OFFERING AND MEMBERS PRESENT AT FUNERAL OF BRO. E. M. CALDWELL,  
Former General Secretary and Treasurer Queen and Crescent Route (North) System, Division No. 62.

Every effort should be put forth to organize the yet unorganized and bring them within the beneficent fold of organized, united labor.

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Why the idea of designating the organizations of the men and women who work every day as trusts? Trusts are formed for the purpose of squeezing out the largest number possible and conferring benefits upon the smallest number. Why, you can not break into a trust with an axe, using a common expression. The labor organizations, the organizations of men and women who work, their very success and permanency depend upon their extension to the largest possible number.

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The best people on earth are the union men. The fruits of their labors are enjoyed by all working people, in and out of unions. All advantages are gained by the union men through their own efforts. The non-union man reaps where he sows not, being in reality a recipient of the charity of the union workers. You can see evidences of this all around you, and new evidences crop out every day. Best people on earth—that's all.—*Trade Union News.*

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The labor movement is not only born of material hunger, but it helps to satisfy the physical appetite and thus gives room for better things. Hungry for bread in the beginning; hungry for better food; hungry for shelter our workers become hungry for better homes; for light; for love; for books, for poetry, for music, for the arts; hungry for the affection of our fellow men; hungry for humanity. May the day never come to blunt or stultify the spiritual hunger for better things instilled by the organizations of labor in the hearts and the minds of the working people of our country.

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A bill has been passed in Oklahoma which provides for a penitentiary term for any employer who refuses work to an employe on account of the latter belonging to a labor union. The bill also prohibits Pinkerton detectives from working in the State. The legislators of the new State are evi-

dently alive to the interests of the people who work. The removal of the blacklist and the Pinkertons is about all that is necessary to make the lot of labor secure in this country.

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A large majority of the organized miners in England have voted to pool issues with the other trade unions in politics. This policy, when adopted at the October conference, will carry 380,000 miners into the United Labor party, and affect the relations of the sixteen Radical or miner members of Parliament, who are now independent of the leadership of Arthur Henderson. It is an indication that the trade unionist forces will be massed under their own standards for political action.

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Organizations of labor outlawed? Driven out of existence? Is it possible that our wiseacres, men misnamed statesmen, who are merely politicians, men who are judges, and yet without knowledge of the true principles of justice; men who regard themselves, and, in many instances, are regarded as the best lawyers, because they have their heads turned back to the past more than any class who might have been born as far back as the time of Methuselah, and who could not then know anything about modern conditions? Is it possible that such as these think they can outlaw labor organization?

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We seem to have reached the crisis predicted or feared by Thomas Jefferson, when he said that the Federal judiciary, with its life tenure in office, was one of the gravest dangers that this government would have to face. Of course, Thomas Jefferson don't cut much ice when we have so many able-bodied corporation lawyers ready to put their paws into everything that promises to yield coin. But let them rest assured that there is an avenging Nemesis at hand. The descendants of the men who made this country are not going to sit supinely down and turn the country over to a lot of moral perverts. There will be a day of reckoning, and it will be according to law, too, and perfectly peaceful.

No movement can maintain its place in social and industrial life unless it is based upon a moral principle. In this day and generation might does not make right, either on the side of the boss or the workman. It may seem like good policy to force an issue because one has the whiphand, but no question is ever settled until it is settled right. More and more men are insisting that social questions must be dealt with in absolute fairness. There can be no other way. In view of this it is an easy matter to prophesy who is going to win out in the end.

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Brakeman A. W. Brown, formerly employed on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad, was discharged for permitting a tramp to ride over a section of the road. It appears that the tramp tipped Brown with forty cents for his kindness. The tramp proved to be a spotter. Brown was blacklisted, and in consequence sued the company for \$5,000 damages, and received judgment by jury for \$300. The case has been appealed to the Kansas Supreme Court. The charge of conspiracy and blacklist has been fully established against the railroads in this case, but it is doubtful

whether Brown gets his \$300 damages by the time the case has gone through the various courts. It is likely that some court along the line will be found by the defendant company who will declare that it has a right to blacklist Brown and any law to the contrary is unconstitutional. The case will be watched with some interest. It is evident that the only institution by which labor can deal with such questions is organization, where retaliation for the blacklist can be met by the boycott.

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Never think yourself too wise to listen to advice or suggestions. Don't get puffed up and think that your ways and ideas are the only ones that can bring success in the labor movement. And above all things don't imitate the schoolboy and say you won't play because your opinions are not given preference over all others. Such conduct might leave the impression that you are not sincere or that you care more about yourself, the recognition of your opinions and the adoption of your ideas than you do about the success of your organization or the labor movement.—*Shoe Workers' Journal*.



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# MISCELLANY

(Written for THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.)

## RETRIBUTION.

By EDWARD I. PHILLIPS.

THE door of Doctor Pembroke's office opened slowly to admit a soft-footed servant, who, after depositing a telegram on the physician's desk, withdrew as softly as she came. As the door closed behind her Pembroke turned from his sterilizing work, tore open the yellow envelope and slowly read the contents:

"NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 1, 18—.

"DR. JAMES PEMBROKE, Pinehurst:

"Am coming to Pinehurst tomorrow. May I dine with you? Will stop at the Surry.  
JUSTIN HEMINWAY."

As Pembroke finished reading he mused aloud:

"Heminway, eh! Then he isn't dead. Let me see, where did he die, or rather where was he supposed to have died? Kimberly was it, or some other outlandish place. Well, at any rate he is coming back, so I suppose I must ask him here, much as I dislike to. Wonder what he wants; can't be money. He always appeared to be a good fellow, but somehow or other I can't seem to shake off the idea that he would talk if he got the chance. But it can't be! 'Jus' is a good chap. I suppose I wrong him." He stopped abruptly, as though dismissing the matter from his mind, and resumed his labors.

The friendship of Heminway and Pembroke dated back to college days. Pembroke, the only child of an over-fond father (his mother dying when he was yet an infant), went to college to take up the study of medicine, as it was his father's wish that he take up the practice where the elder Pembroke should leave off.

At college Jim made the acquaintance of Justin Heminway, who was being educated by a wealthy uncle, his father and mother being both dead. The friendship which sprang up between Pembroke and Heminway resulted in Jim becoming the latter's room-mate, and later drew him into the company of a fast set of young men with whom Heminway chummed. Soon gambling and drinking were indulged in, first on a small scale and for pastime, but later for stakes that soon began to assume large proportions.

Pembroke drew on his allowance to the limit, and on several occasions had to resort to his "uncle" to tide him over until his next allowance should fall due. Things went on in this manner until some of Pembroke's companions held his notes for large amounts and he began to look around for some means of relief. To apply to his father he knew would be useless. He had been told quite plainly to stay within his allowance or go without. It now reached a point where his creditors were becoming insistent in their demands for a settlement, and in order to keep the matter from the faculty something must be done.

Heminway, apparently innocent enough, pointed out the way. He was engaged in telling a story to a group of young men, one of whom was Pembroke, of how a young man of his acquaintance overcame his financial difficulties by signing his father's name to a check.

At first the idea appalled Jim, but the more he thought of it the more feasible the plan seemed. "Why not?" he reasoned. The worst his father would do would be to reprimand him! "Why not?" With Jim to think was to act. In a short space of time the check was forged and cashed. Not until he turned from the bank did the

full force of the deed strike him. "Forger! God, what have I done?" he exclaimed. He turned to retrace his steps to the bank but stopped. "It will never do to ask for the check now; suspicion would be aroused and I'll probably be arrested. No, I must face the music now. Oh, why did Heminway tell that story? It seemed so reasonable and so easy to accomplish. God! what will father say? I'll write to him and confess all and hold the money until I hear from him." With this resolve he returned to his room, wrote the letter, mailed it and composed himself to await the summons he knew would come, and come it did the next day. Jim went home to face his father.

It will be well to pass over the scene with his father, as it has no direct bearing on this story. Only to say in passing that though at first the father was obdurate Jim finally won him over by his pleading and returned to college with a promise to never again step out of the straight and honest path.

Two years later Pembroke, Sr., died, and after the will was read Jim was found to be the sole heir. After his father's funeral Jim returned to college and discovered in some way Heminway had become possessed of his secret. At first this information filled Jim with a vague alarm, but he was reassured by Heminway, who swore he would never breathe a word; but in spite of this assurance he was never fully trusted by Pembroke, and although the friendship was apparently as strong as ever there was a decided coolness when the two met.

During the first year of his practice Jim married the girl of his choice. The announcement caused considerable comment at the time, as it was generally understood that Justin Heminway was the favored one with Mary Huntley.

Shortly after the marriage Heminway left the vicinity for parts unknown, and several years afterwards Pembroke received an unconfirmed report of his death.

The coming of the day following the receipt of Heminway's telegram marked the advent of the man himself. He was cordially greeted by Pembroke in spite of his misgivings, and after renewing acquaintances

with Mrs. Pembroke the party adjourned to the dining-room.

Old times were gone over, and after the men were left to their cigars college days came up for discussion, but no word was said of the subject most dreaded by Pembroke. As a result he took heart, and when Heminway took his departure he chided himself for his fears.

Heminway became a frequent visitor at the Pembroke home, and so heavy had the practice of Dr. Pembroke become that he found very little time to give to the many social functions which he and his wife were called upon to attend, and in Heminway he found a willing substitute as an escort for his wife.

So marked had the attentions of Heminway become toward Mrs. Pembroke that society began to talk, but absorbed in his work and now thoroughly trusting Heminway no thought of suspicion entered Pembroke's mind, and to further remove his attention from the subject his boy had become seriously ill.

On the 23d of December Pembroke was called upon to perform a serious operation in Templeton, and much as he disliked to leave his son at this time the case was urgent and go he must. Leaving directions with the nurse for the care of little Jim, together with his address in case anything serious should occur during his absence, he departed to return the next day.

It was late the next night when he returned, and although the snow was falling quite heavily and the night was bitterly cold he could see the shoppers hurrying hither and yon, their arms loaded with happiness for some one. The cab stopping at the curb, Pembroke alighted. The house seemed strangely dark and quiet for the night before Christmas, and with a cold chill at his heart for his son, Pembroke rang the bell and was stamping the snow from his feet as the nurse opened the door.

"Well, nurse, how is little Jim?" he inquired, as he removed his overcoat.

"He isn't so well, Doctor; he appears to be worse, if anything," replied the nurse.

"Mrs. Pembroke is with him?"

"No, sir; Mrs. Pembroke went out this morning with Mr. Heminway and has not yet returned."

For the first time since their marriage Pembroke was angry with his wife.

"How could she go out knowing little Jim to be so bad?" he thought, as he ascended the stairs to the child's bedside.

The little chap lay on the snow-white bed, the little cheeks red, the eyes bright from the fever. A short examination and Pembroke's worst fears were verified. The child would die.

"Where is mamma?" sobbed the little chap.

"Mamma will be here presently, little man, she has gone out. There, keep quiet now and drink this," replied Pembroke, as he administered a sleeping draught.

"Mamma don't come to sing Jimmie to sleep any more. Will she sing me to sleep tonight, papa?" asked the child.

"Yes, dear; go to sleep now."

Pembroke paced the room. "Where could she be? Could anything have happened? But maybe she had returned unknown to the nurse and being tired had fallen asleep?"

So thinking, Pembroke started for his wife's chamber. The room was empty and the bed showed no signs of having been occupied. As he turned to leave the room his attention was attracted to an envelope pinned to the pillow of the bed bearing his name in his wife's handwriting. Hastily tearing open the missive, he read:

"JIM:—

"Justin has told me all. When you receive this I will have gone with the man I should have married at first. It will be needless to follow me. I would rather die than return to a forger. MARY."

"Forger!!! The word struck Pembroke like a bolt from a clear sky, his face turned ashen, the room seemed to whirl about him, he sank to the bed, the paper still clasped in his hand.

How long he remained in this position Pembroke never knew. He was aroused by some one calling his name. He awakened; the nurse was standing over him bathing his head. "What was she saying? Wrong? Why, there was nothing wrong;

what happened? Where am I?" For a moment he forgot, then his eyes rested on the paper still clasped in his hand, then he understood.

"Doctor, the child is growing worse," the nurse was saying. "I'm afraid he is going to die. He cries continually for his mother. I think you had better send for her, sir."

Pembroke with a supreme effort pulled himself together and started to the bedroom of his boy. The child was breathing feebly, and as Pembroke looked down on him his brain cleared, his medical instinct took possession of him. Calling to the nurse he started the battle for the life of his child.

All night he labored, but to no avail. With the rising of the Christmas sun the little heart ceased its beating and little Jim's soul sped home.

The news of Mrs. Pembroke's flight and the death of her son was soon public property. Sympathy was expressed for the husband who sat by the little casket, broken in spirit and with ambition gone.

Through it all no thought against his wife entered his heart, only a deep hatred against the man who ruined his life and the seed of revenge was sown deep.

Society has many things to claim its attention, and after the burial of little Jim, the usual nine days' wonder held sway, then the "Pembroke Affair" was forgotten.

Pembroke had left with "nowhere" as his destination.

Christmas Eve a large touring car was seen to draw up before the home of Sylvester Morton, Governor-elect, who was seen to alight and enter the palatial residence.

Handing his great coat to a servant, he dismissed him with a nod, entered the well-appointed library, seated himself before the glowing fire-place and gave himself up to thought.

"Well, it's Christmas Eve," he mused aloud. "Fifteen years ago who would have picked me as a likely man to fill the position of Governor of this State? Well, stranger things have happened, I dare say. This should be a happy Christmas for me, but somehow or other I can not shake off that depressing spirit that seems to have en-

veloped me for the past day or so. I feel as though something was going to happen; but pshaw! what can happen? Oh, the thing is impossible; the only man who would care to look me up is dead. But is he dead? Is Jim Pembroke really dead? Sometimes people come back from the dead. I did once," with a grim smile.

"Even if I met Pembroke on the street I doubt if he would recognize Justin Heminway in the person of Sylvester Morton, Governor-elect of this State. No, I've been far too careful for that.

"Lord, I'm full of doubts and misgivings tonight, but—" He stopped abruptly, a slight movement at his elbow causing him to turn only to look into the muzzle of an automatic revolver held by a hand that never wavered.

"Sit down!" the intruder commanded.

"W—who are you, sir, that comes here like a thief?" demanded Morton.

"Sit down!" again commanded the stranger.

"What do you want, I say? I shall call the police." Morton's hand reached for the bell on his desk, but stopped as the revolver moved an inch closer.

"Will you sit down?"

Morton dropped into his chair. "What do you want, I ask?"

"All in good time, sir," replied the stranger, as he dropped into a seat opposite that of Morton.

"Who am I? What do I want? you ask. Why, you should remember me and my errand above all things. If you should cast back your memory, say fifteen years ago tonight"—

"God! it's Pembr— No! it can't be; h-he-he's d—," stuttered Morton.

"Dead, eh? No, not yet; it's me, Pembroke, all right, or rather what's left of me. The climate of India plays havoc with one's health at times.

"It's getting to be quite the thing, this coming back from the dead, I mean; first you, then myself, only our positions are reversed now; it is I who comes to renew old acquaintances. Ah! you don't seem to relish the idea?"

Heminway's eyes were starting from his head. As the unwelcome visitor ceased

speaking he attempted to rise, but fell back as Pembroke again brought the revolver into view.

"Don't move again or attempt to cry out, or I may be tempted to be less lenient than I first intended," threatened Pembroke.

"I suppose," he resumed, "that it has occurred to you 'ere this the nature of my errand, so I may as well set your mind at rest on that point now. I do come for the revenge I imagine justly mine, and to deal out justice in a manner that eminently fits your case.

"I will not kill you like the cur you are. I will allow you to choose whether you die or live."

While Pembroke was speaking he drew from his waistcoat pocket two small vials of some colorless liquid. Holding them towards Heminway, he said:

"Here is life or death for one of us. One of those vials contains common water, the other a deadly poison which in twenty minutes paralyzes the nerves of the heart and leaves only the trace of ordinary heart disease.

"Fifteen years ago tonight you wrecked my home, ruined my career and left me the physical wreck you see before you. Many years I've waited for this opportunity, waited until you should reach the height of your ambition, so that the fall would be the greater, and at last the time has come; either one of us will never leave this room alive."

He approached the now cowering Heminway and held out to him the two vials.

The man in the chair seemed turned to stone, only a few unintelligible words escaped the ashen lips.

"Choose!" commanded Pembroke.

"Mercy!" gasped his victim.

"Choose before I count ten or I'll blow out your cowardly heart!"

With a despairing look at the determined man above him Heminway put out a shaking hand, chose one of the bottles and swallowed its contents; the vial fell to the floor from his nerveless fingers.

Pembroke quickly uncorked the remaining bottle and as quickly tossed off the colorless liquid and resumed his seat.

Five, ten minutes passed; neither man spoke. Pembroke took his watch from his pocket and broke the silence.

"I see you have selected the fatal draught. In eight, or, at the most, ten minutes, you will have expiated your crime. You are now suffering as I have suffered for fifteen years, only yours will soon be over while mine was a living death.

"Ah! I see it begins to pull at your heart-strings; another pull or so like that and it will be over.

"Ah! it comes, eh?"

The man in the chair half rose, the face turned livid, the eyes starting from their sockets as though at some unseen horror, the hands grasping at the throat, the veins in the neck standing out. With one final gasp for breath the inert body dropped back in the chair.

Pembroke rose, replaced the two vials in his pocket and stood looking down on the body of the man who ruined him and ruined himself. Suddenly he straightened, raised his eyes heavenward and muttered, "I'm coming, little Jim, and my hands are clean of blood," and he silently went the way he had come.

The glow from the fire grew duller and threw ghastly shadows around the silent figure in the chair. Outside somewhere a cock crowed and a distant clock boomed out midnight, Christmas morn.

The papers the following day were full of accounts of the death of the Governor-elect; the doctors agreed that it was due to heart disease.

In a corner of the paper appeared the following:

#### "MAN FOUND DROWNED IN THE RIVER.

"The body of an unknown man was found floating in the river near the wharf of the Ocean S. S. Co. this morning. The man was about 55 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches in height, weighed about 160 pounds, and was clothed in a suit of some dark material. The only articles found that may lead to identification were a small locket containing the picture of a beautiful woman and child, and a physician's medicine case containing six glass vials, two of which were empty.

The body was removed to the morgue, and the medicine case turned over to the city physician for analysis of the contents of the bottles."

Retribution had indeed overtaken Justin Heminway, but the man was a victim of his own imagination.

The two vials contained nothing but *common water*.

(Written for THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.)

#### THE TOURIST EXPERIENCE.

By R. W. CROSS.

"GENTLEMEN, I see you all wear the button. How about the card?"

The speaker, a stockily-built, red-bearded, carelessly-dressed, middle-aged man, of worldly mien, had been standing in the background of the hotel lobby for some time, watching a group of his fellow men of much more youthful appearance, who had been indulging in a spirited, and evidently a very pleasant, conversation. As he spoke he drew from his pocket and held up for their inspection a card-case containing an up-to-date railroad telegraphers' card. This was closely inspected by each of the four constituting the group, after which each in turn presented a similar card, followed by a hearty handshake. This little ceremony admitted the stranger to the group and acknowledged the brotherhood of craftsmanship at the same time.

"We have been run in by the wintry elements tonight," said the leading spirit of the original group, by way of admitting the stranger to the conversation, "and have sought to while away a portion of our all too few leisure hours by reciting some of our experiences as telegraphers. The brother here," pointing to the man at his right, "has just about exhausted our store by telling us of an experience he had with what he claims to have been a ghost down in the coal-fields of Virginia, along the Norfolk & Western. Although the brother is a most estimable and honorable gentleman, and vouches most strongly for the credulity of his story, I very much fear it has fallen upon stony ground tonight. It is supposed to have occurred at that ex-



treme youthful age at which we all, too often, begin our career as telegraphers. We fear he was, at the time, under the influence of an over-wrought imagination, possibly superinduced by the reading of a bad detective story or the over-indulgence in raisin-pie baked a week previous by some economizing boarding-house mistress. Let that be as it may he has proved himself a splendid entertainer, and the conclusion of his story leaves us thirsting for more, ghost or no ghost, credible or incredible. Possibly you have something to contribute."

The stranger, in token of assent to the suggestion, took a look behind him for a vacant chair, and, finding one near, drew it into the circle. Cigars were passed around and lighted, and everybody settled themselves for the occasion.

"Speaking of ghosts," said the stranger, "I, too, was for a long time an unbeliever in such a thing as a ghost; but should it ever become your good or ill-fortune, I know not which, to come in contact with them on a first acquaintance as suddenly and vividly as I did, you will doubt no longer. You see by my gray hairs I am a boy no longer, having passed my thirty-eighth milestone just a few days ago. For twenty-one years I have followed the calling of a railroad telegrapher; during this long period I have traveled the United States from east to west, and from north to south many times. I have worked for every railway system in the country and for many minor roads. I have also worked in Canada and in Mexico. I tell you this that you may be better able to judge as to the credibility of my story; whether or not, think you after so long and varied an experience, I would be likely to burden my memory with it and to vouch for its truthfulness unless I had substantial facts to give it substance? Never but once during this long career did I meet with a circumstance to justify my belief in ghosts; but that experience was sufficient.

"It was late in the fall of '98 that I left the B. & A., having worked all the previous summer in the New England States, and started to join the summer birds, who had already sought a warmer climate in the

southland for the approaching winter. I intended to travel a little more leisurely than they, in order to take in several sections of the country I had not as yet visited, and to earn my transportation and livelihood as I went as well. Telegraphers were rather plentiful at that time, and it was not until I reached Cumberland, Maryland, that I was able to secure work. Here I went with the Baltimore & Ohio. The first night I was sent to a little four by eight box office, known as McMillan, located at the foot of Cranberry Grade on the Third Division, seventy-five miles west of Cumberland. The Third Division of the B. & O. covers the most mountainous section of its system, and the point where I was located was right in the mountains and one of the most lonesome I have ever struck. Indeed, my three nights' stay there failed to reveal a single inhabitant; not a single human being did I see save the trainmen passing back and forth on their runs. The nearest town of any size is Rowelsburg, about five hundred inhabitants, more than a mile distant. From Rowelsburg all trains are shoved or double-headed up the grade, fifteen miles or more in length, to Terra Alta, the summit of the mountain. The first night of my stay at McMillan was spent with the regular operator posting up on the work, he having been granted a fifteen-day vacation, and I was to have filled this post until his return. The second night I assumed charge myself and everything went off smooth enough. Duties were light here, as it was nothing more than an O. S. (report and block) station. Indeed, my greatest task was fighting sleep.

"The third night everything moved along with the same old monotony until about 3:30 in the morning. At this hour I was lying back in a big rocking-chair, the only office I have ever struck similarly equipped, my feet cocked up on the table, and had fallen into a half dose, when I was suddenly aroused by the operator at Rowelsburg calling me vigorously on the block wire. On being answered he reported that the fireman, on helping engine 1878 west, thought he saw a man lying between the tracks with his head cut off about three hundred feet east of my office; would I

please go up and see? This was sufficiently startling to arouse me thoroughly, and I immediately procured permission from the train dispatcher to be out fifteen or twenty minutes. I took my lantern and started up between the tracks.

"Now, let me here interrupt my story to ask you not to think for a moment I was afraid; no such thing as fear ever entered my head. I left the office, expecting to find a dead man, and had mentally planned to carry or drag the body back to the office, where I could guard it from vermin until it could be picked up by something and taken to a morgue. Hence there was no need of fear. Had I felt any don't you think I would have remained at my office rather than venture out on an errand that was purely optional on my part?

"Very well, to continue: Save for the existence of a dense fog, indeed a half mist, the night was perfect. So dense was this fog, however, that the full-orbed moon, shining in all its splendor, seemed unable to penetrate it beyond a certain depth. From this point its rays seemed to glance off directly into my eyes, half blinding me, making my progress exceedingly difficult. I knew there was a trestle about twenty-five or thirty feet in length somewhere in advance of me, and was fearful lest I fall through it. I struggled on up between the tracks, located the trestle, crawled rather than walked across it, and reached a point about fifty yards beyond. Thinking I had gone about as far as necessary I halted here to take a last look around and to indulge a feeling of thankfulness and gratification that my mission had proved a fruitless one.

"I was just on the point of turning to return to my office when I caught sound of a distant, dragging footstep. I stood for a time listening and peering into the dense fog. The sound of the tramping approached nearer and nearer with each step. Putting my hand over my eyes to shade them from the glaring moonbeams, I noticed just emerging into view some upright figure with a peculiar, jaggling stride coming directly toward me. A few strides more and it strode into the small circle of light my vision was able to describe in the fog. It was the headless body

of a monster dog walking upright. It was dressed in the uniform of a freight brakeman, a striped suit of overalls and blouse much bedaubed with grease and coal dirt, and a pair of heavy, coarse shoes. The latter fit badly and the dragging, shuffling sound of the footsteps was soon accounted for. It carried its monster head under its right—well, I shall call it arm, in the forepaw of which it held a badly battered railroad lantern, from which issued a sickly blue flame. My first impulse, after fully determining the nature of the traveler, was to turn and run; but before I could act I seemed to have been influenced by an opposite impulse. The general air and attitude of the dog as it strode up to me and stopped at my side was that of unmistakable friendship; the big, kindly eyes of the severed head were squinting and snapping their friendship, too, while the big tongue, licking and lapping from side to side, was making this silent speech eloquent by every means a dog knows so well how to employ. While approaching it began holding out its left paw; this it continued to do as it stopped at my side, with the unmistakable meaning that I take it. I hesitated a moment or two, then offered my right hand, thinking he wanted to shake. He took my proffered hand, seized it firmly, and immediately started to lead me down the track toward the office. The most singular thing about this adventure is that the moment he gripped my hand I seemed to lose all power of resistance, all desire to know or to question where and by what I was being led. On down between the two tracks we went, I with considerable difficulty keeping step with the long, awkward, but rhythmic, strides with which he set the pace. I do not recall recrossing the trestle that had caused me so much trouble on going up. Just a short distance beyond the office a rough mountain path or road leads off to a lumber camp located somewhere back in the mountains. On coming to it my companion led me from the railroad to this path, which we began to follow without a break in step or stride. I was not a stranger to this path, having explored it for a half mile or more on the

previous morning. It was full of stumps, rocks and wagon ruts.

"It was not until after we took to this path that my companion exhibited any qualities of a bad disposition. Whilst his outward manner was still that of enticing friendship, he was absolutely selfish in choosing where to walk. He invariably chose the smoothest place in the road for himself, walking around the stumps and rocks; but when one came in my path he kept me close at his side, and I was compelled to walk around, when I could get around, if not, to scramble up and over it as best I could. We continued thus for at least a mile, when he suddenly left this road and struck out through the bushes and briars heading directly for a high, bleak cliff in the mountain. Here my difficulties of travel increased tenfold. I not only had stumps and rocks to contend with, but briars and brambles as well, all to the tune of that merciless stride.

"We at last came up to the cliff, which, at the point of approach, was an almost perpendicular wall of solid rock at least a hundred feet in height. As we came to a halt here a peculiar, half-brute, half-human whine or shriek issued apparently from the headless body, its echo and re-echoes bounding and re-bounding from mountain to mountain. As they grew fainter and fainter with each succeeding rebound, I began to feel my companion relaxing, and finally he dropped my hand. The moment he did this a large panel or section of the wall of rock began to move slowly back, apparently of its own accord, making an arch-like opening, about a wagon track in width, possibly thirty or forty feet in height and reaching entirely through the mountain. The top and sides of this apparently natural tunnel were beautiful beyond description. Innumerable massive columns of a stalactic formation of many colors hung from them. A brilliant and powerful light shining over and through them made a picture, the dazzling radiance and beauty of which you can better imagine than I describe.

"As soon as this passage opened, indeed, while it was yet opening, I felt half-conscious that my companion was endeavoring

to attract my attention. I know now he wanted to say a mute good-bye. But so taken up was I with this marvelous scene here so magically unfolded that I was half-conscious of anything else in the world, even my own existence. It was not until he began to move away from me, and with his old familiar stride to tread the floor of the tunnel, that he again drew my attention. Once my eye fell on him I was then apparently unconscious of everything else except him. With a feeling almost of regret I saw his stooped form grow smaller and smaller as the distance between us grew greater and greater, the reflected light from the vari-colored top and walls changing the color of his apparel at each step. He finally disappeared around the edge of the tunnel and was lost to view.

"My attention was now attracted to a scene beyond this. My gaze fell on a section of beautiful landscape that reached as far as the eye could see, and on which a sultry sun beat with scorching power. This was peopled by every description and kind of dog apparently I had ever seen and many I had not seen; there were small dogs, medium dogs and large dogs; some dressed in frocks and petticoats and others in male attire. Just inside the mouth of the tunnel an intelligent-looking canine in male attire and wearing nose glasses, which he took off and put on repeatedly in a nervous manner, was standing chatting to a smartly-dressed, thickly-veiled and heavily-hatted companion in frock attire, evidently representing a class similar to the lawyers, doctors and professional men in our world. All around and beyond them gamboled and played all other sizes and manner of dogs one could imagine.

"In the near distance I observed a railroad; a passing train laboring heavily up a stiff grade; engineer, fireman and brakeman dogs in suitable attire engaged in their necessary labors; a group of section men leaning on their picks and shovels beside the track awaiting the train to pass. All this I observed in much less time than it takes to tell it, for the sliding panel of rock had begun slowly to close the mouth of the tunnel; directly my headless friend disappeared from view. Before I was aware

that my view was being cut off I stood gazing up at the solid wall of rock as it was when I first approached it.

"It was now for the first time that I thought of neglected duties and responsibilities. Before, or apparently while these thoughts were taking form, I was seemingly transported through space, and, with a roaring, rushing sound, landed on my feet in the ballast between the tracks not thirty feet from my office. My lantern was at my feet. I picked it up and hurried to my office, much surprised to find that only thirty minutes had been consumed to accomplish a journey it appeared to have taken hours to perform. I reported "nothing found" to Rowelsburg. The scenes of this experience passing in review before my eyes, got the better of my nerves, and before I left the office that morning was compelled to wire Cumberland for relief.

"A few days later I reported at Cumberland for my time and resumed my flight southward. I did not care for any more of McMillan in my share, although I have only one reason to regret my three-night stay there, and that one reason is the assuring fear that my visit to the portal of the next world of dogs is only an omen that I am at some future time destined for the same place as the dead brakeman.

"Once, when I was a little codger, possibly seven or eight years old, I inflicted a thoughtless, merciless cruelty and torture on a little dog that was my especial property. My mother inflicted on me the most severe punishment she could have chosen by reminding me that maybe in the next world I would be a dog, and suggested that I should reflect how I would feel when some bad boy inflicted similar treatment on me. This little dog lived to survive my cruelty and for years after I had grown to be a thoughtful boy in long breeches. Its many acts of sincere loyalty, devotion and companionship inspired in me a love I have known for few other living creatures, while its little crippled and deformed body, the result of my thoughtless cruelty, remained a constant reminder of the deserved punishment my mother predicted might be in store for me. Could I have chosen the place to spend my next existence I should

not have chosen the next world of dogs, but if such is the decree of fate I submit cheerfully and acknowledge its justice.

"Gentlemen, you have my story, and my word of honor for its truthfulness. If you do not now believe in ghosts, either I lack the power to tell a convincing story, or it will require an actual experience to convert you. I am southward bound again tonight and notice I have only ten minutes to make my train. I must, therefore, bid you each a hurried good-bye."

The stranger shook the hand of each of his listeners heartily and was gone.

If there were any remaining skeptics on the subject of ghosts, either the lateness of the hour or the earnest, sincere manner of the stranger had produced such a profound respect as to forbid so soon taking advantage of his absence. At any rate, after a general good night, each wended his way homeward.

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#### A MIDNIGHT HOLP-UP.

By L. E. S.

"HELLO there, Clark!"

As I spoke I stuck my head in the ticket window of the dingy little railroad office, which had a double door leading to the waiting-room, also a door leading to the freight room.

"Hello yourself," came the reply in a cheery voice. "Where bound, old chap?"

"Nowhere," said I, in a tone of disgust. "Been trying to work off the blues in this little dead-and-alive mining hole. How on earth do you stand it?"

"Oh, I've got used to it," returned my friend with a laugh. "A man can get used to anything, you know. Come in and rest a bit, won't you?"

"Don't care if I do."

I swung myself over the lower half of the door, which had a counter on it to receive and deliver express to patrons into the office, and dropped into the chair which Clark pushed towards me.

He did not speak to me for a few minutes, being occupied with the clicking of his instruments and hastily transcribing the orders it brought upon the blanks.

The date was a hot July night and the spot a small station called Adelia on the Toledo or the A. B. C. Ry., in the mining district of Eastern Ohio. The place is now a thriving town of 2,000 inhabitants; but then it was the most lonesome and dullest place in which business ever held me captive for a whole fortnight.

I watched my friend curiously for a few minutes, as with a brisk, business-like dispatch he moved about the little office absorbed in his work. When he came back to his chair and wiped the perspiration from his brow, he remarked:

"Suspiciously warm, isn't it? I hear thunder, too. We'll get a storm before morning."

"Lew," said I, without answering his prophecy, "are you ever troubled with tramps or hold-up men in this lonely place?"

"Well," said Lew, filling his pipe for a quiet, comfortable smoke, "I had one experience here which I shall remember as long as I live.

"I was sent here to relieve the former night man, who was discovered asleep on duty by the railroad detective who was going over this division watching the night operators, and consequently he was found asleep and discharged from the service. I was here only a short time when the experience I am about to relate occurred about one o'clock in the morning in the month of December along in 1890 or 1891. As I knew I would have no trains for a couple of hours I arranged to take a little nap. I pulled the blinds on all the windows, including that ticket window you see there, locked the office door and turned the office light very low; I also placed the stove poker over that crack, between the upper half and lower half of the office door, so that if the spotters happened to be around this night in question they would be unable to see into the office to tell whether or not I was snoozing. I had removed my shoes, also opened that door leading into the freight room, which I always opened when the office got too warm for comfort.

"Well, I had been snoozing for about an hour or so, when I was suddenly awakened by some one whispering out in the waiting-room. I listened again and heard them

quietly try the office door, which was locked. I then came to the conclusion that they were robbers and intended to hold me up. I quietly took the money sack in which I kept all of the company's money at night, so that when I desired to leave the office for a few minutes I could hide it or put it in my pocket, and noiselessly put it in the freight room behind some freight. I then came back into the office.

"In the meantime they were trying to work the lock on the office door, supposing that I was asleep. I crept over to the telegraph table and told the dispatcher that robbers were trying to get into the office and rob me. I had only told the dispatcher partly when bang against the door they came; as the lock on the door was a very poor concern, they broke the lock the first attempt.

"As the door flew open I was confronted by two very large-looking revolvers held by two masked men, who demanded that I throw up my hands and not to again touch the telegraph instruments. They demanded that I tell them where all the valuables were kept by the agent. I told them that there were no valuables in the office at all; that the agent took everything home with him at night.

"After ransacking the office and searching me they found nothing of any value except a watch presented to me by my father when I completed the profession, which I carried. They being convinced that nothing of value remained in the office, bound me hand and foot in this chair, so that I could not arouse the town or tell the dispatcher, which they thought I had not done. It was not necessary for them to gag me, as I could holler all night and would be unable to get any one in town to hear me, as you see it is quite a step over to the nearest house.

"In the meantime, while all of this was going on, I could hear the dispatcher calling 'J,' 'Johnstown,' the next station on the wire. After getting him he told him that I was being held up and asked him if he had a 'phone to Adelia. The operator replied that he had a 'phone and would try and arouse the citizens and have them come to my rescue.

"In a few minutes I again heard the operator at Johnstown tell the dispatcher that the telephone was out of order. It was thought by several citizens that the robbers had cut the telephone wire, as it was found broken near here. I then heard the dispatcher tell the operator at Johnstown to arouse some of the citizens and marshal at that point and have them come to the depot. He then sent a message to a freight train which would be at Johnstown in about half an hour, instructing them to cut off their engine at Johnstown, pick up the men that the operator had collected and come to my assistance soon as possible, but when they arrived, an hour later, the robbers had got a good start. I tell you I was glad when that engine arrived and released me, as my hands and feet were getting very sore from being bound so tight to the chair. It was then 2:50 a. m., and the men that were sent to rescue me aroused the town. A posse was hastily started in every direction, but they were unable to locate the robbers, as they had a good start, and on account of the dense thickets and hills they could not locate them. The police at Wheeling were notified to look out for them, but as I could not give a very good description of them they were never captured. From that time on I have carried a revolver, and if I hear any suspicious noise around or about the depot during the night, I get Mr. Revolver ready for action."

After Clark narrated the above experience I bade him good night. I sauntered back to the hotel, thanking my lucky stars that I was not an operator and cooped up in such a lonely place, night in and night out.

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#### SUBSTANCE AND SHADOW.

By WM. T. BYRNES.

MRS. LOUISE DALTON sat with lowering eyes in a train on the N. Y., N. H. & H. Railroad, which rushed along through town and village, past farm and hedge grove, and wondered to herself why she had chosen this fast express, when a slow train would have done just as well.

Her head ached and she looked forward with a feeling of intense dislike to her going home. Behind her lay all the things that made life worth living; before her were only stagnation and dullness unspeakable. Of course, there was Dan.

Here she sighed. But then, John was dull, too; all of her home life might be classed under that heading.

There would be the cart to meet her, instead of the handsome brougham which she had been used to while in New York City.

There would be the sluggish Thomas to drive her, and the keen wind blowing from over the fields, cutting through her veil and wrap, brought tears to her eyes. Then there was the farm in its sheltering hollow, with the wind tearing around it and trees swaying and sighing on three sides; and the smell of the cows and the stable as they drove in; shabby old room and Dan in an arm-chair with his feet on the fender, an unspeakable old coat on his back.

Oh, she had seen it so often, she was dead sick of everything!

She shut her eyes and cast herself back into the past four weeks that she had spent in New York City, living over again every delightful moment, crowded with excitement and pleasure. She heard the pleasant throbbing of the violins and the thunders of applause.

She saw the women in their beautiful gowns and jewels; the men, so different from the dull creatures she saw at home, and slow tears forced their way down her face. She had buried herself alive in a little old country town in western New York. That's what the women told her; and the men—well, she was young and pretty, had a ready wit, so what could you expect?

There in the depths of the country, where turnips were more plentiful than people, she might as well be old, ugly and stupid; there was no one to appreciate her except Dan, and he hardly counted, for, like a poor relation, he was always with her; and it is a true saying, "Familiarity, in some cases, does breed contempt." Some of those gay, happy folks said they were sorry for her; once she heard a sneer, and she had

hardened her heart against her quiet, peaceful home, and thought only of what she had missed, all the things making life worth living—which were not found on the farm among the mountains.

The train slowed down; she looked out of the window. They were just coming into the junction, where she must change for the crawling little branch line that ran within five miles of her home. The other train was waiting. There she sat for a while wondering why it did not go on, yet she dreaded the end of her journey, the settling down at home after her four weeks of enjoyment and gaiety.

Half an hour later she was driving along in the teeth of an October wind behind the dun-colored mare, who stepped it gallantly, but a trifle clumsily. Her discontented eyes rested for a moment on the worn-out harness, tied together with strings, and in disgust her delicate nose sniffed the odor of stable which Thomas carried about with him.

Everything was, as she had thoroughly realized a week ago, hopelessly common and dull; and as she came in sight of the farm, nestling among the trees, smoke rising from the chimney, her heart sank lower and lower.

Dan had not even thought it worth while to come out and meet her; he was not at the door. The iron gates swung back on their rusty hinges with a scream of welcome as they passed through and pulled up at the porch, where her pet flowers were drooping and withering. No one had cared for them, she supposed, during her absence.

The hall was dark and silent when she entered, but her imperious ringing of a bell which stood on the table brought a fresh-looking Irishwoman running from the kitchen. She gave a startled cry at the sight of her mistress.

"Thank God ye are here, ma'am!" she said. "We thought you mightn't come in time."

Her mistress stared at her.

"In time," she said, coldly; "and for what, pray? Where is your master?"

"Didn't you get the doctor's telegram this morning, ma'am?"

"No; what is wrong? Speak, woman!"

"The master met with an accident yesterday evening—thrown from the back of his horse. He was riding that black devil, Maud. They said, ma'am—it's a sad blow for you!"

"Well, what does the doctor say?"

"He said he wouldn't last the night, but he did. He's alive now. Will you go up, ma'am? The doctor is with him."

She turned and went up the shallow stairs in silence. On the landing she paused, looking sorrowfully at a closed door which faced her. Behind that Dan lay dying. The words beat themselves into her numb brain, and a spasm of fear convulsed her cold, haughty face. Her hand groped for the door-knob, but before she could turn it some one from the inside opened the door and stepped out. It was the doctor.

He read the unspoken question in her eyes and shook his head slightly.

"There is just a hope. I can't say more," he said, in a low voice. "Yes, you can go in. Nothing can hurt him now, poor fellow! You got my wire?"

"No; I heard nothing until five minutes ago,"

"Poor soul!" muttered the doctor, and then stood aside for her to go in the room, where Dan lay in the dim light, his face turned to the window, his unseeing eyes wide open, his lips babbling hoarsely of her.

She never knew how long she stood there, dumb, tearless, blind and deaf to everything but that still figure, that hoarse, broken voice.

The doctor stood on the other side of the bed; waited and watched.

Once his quick eye caught the flicker of light in the wide-open eyes. He swiftly passed around and whispered in the woman's ear:

"If he can be dragged out of that stupor he may do," he said. "There is just that chance. But at present he is drifting away fast. Perhaps—God knows!—you might drag him back, even yet, if you would. He didn't want to live when they brought him in, but—"

She nodded and sank on her knees, catching in her cold hands the hand twitching at the sheet.

Her vain and foolish thoughts had vanished; her cravings for excitement and her distaste for her home were things, surely, long since forgotten. She only remembered, with bitter remorse, the cold letters which had been all that she gave Dan to make up for her long absence; for, from the delirious murmurs that fell from his lips, she was able to understand, if only but dimly, what pain they had given him. And she strove, surely as no other woman had ever striven before, to bring him back from that mysterious borderland through which he was swiftly drifting.

"Dan!" she cried. "Can't you hear me, dear? Come back! I am sorry! Only come back to me, Dan! I could not bear to lose you, Dan, my dearest!"

The doctor stood there, waiting and watching, 'till presently that hoarse, delirious voice stopped. The man turned his head slowly on the pillow, and, for the first time, faint recognition shown in his eyes. He tried to move, but a pain caught him; only his hand moved in hers.

"Why, Louise," he whispered; "you've come back!"

Then, turning to her, he closed his eyes—and fell asleep.

The doctor stepped forward and looked at him.

"He'll do now," he said. "He's asleep. The danger is over."

During the next few days Dan improved nicely, and Louise remembered that day as a tender, salutary, unforgettable part of her life. She realized that, in striving vainly after a shadow she had almost lost the substance, without which her life would have been barren and dreary.

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### FORESHADOWED, OR A STRANGE COINCIDENCE.

By LEO DAVID WILLIAMS.

SUNDAY night along the tracks, or Sunday night anywhere, is generally pretty quiet, and half-past ten, as I finished some of the evening's copy work, was no exception.

At the time of this story I was working in the dispatcher's office with Bob Mac-

Donald as night chief; and, by the way, without egotism, I considered myself an experienced chap; yet never in all my recollections do I remember of meeting such a cool-headed, cold-blooded man as my immediate boss. He was master, and so recognized by a host of admirers. He had both the will and the way of doing things that surpassed everything I had ever seen; therefore, I was rather surprised when later on he told me of a previous mishap that had befallen him.

"No. 4 just left Baxter's," I casually remarked, preparing to follow Bob's example of indulging in a quiet smoke. "It will meet the express at Fairview. I have given Perkins at 'FA' a hold order for that train, therefore, they ought to be there in about an hour."

"Could you raise that new fellow at the junction?" asked MacDonald.

"No," I replied. "He'll probably give the old-time excuse of being out to lunch, but I'd bet any money what troubles him is tired eyes, drooping lids, drowsy head, etc. In a man's first night at the owl stunt he does not need a prescription for insomnia. At any rate, if that should be the case, he shares the same fate as young Halliday. They bounced him for it, you know, and I guess he says good-bye to the junction for a while, anyhow, for he's going East on the express tonight."

"Being in a mix-up one time myself, I know just what it is to fight sleep," said Bob; "and since then anybody in like circumstances has my heart's sympathy."

"Do tell me about your lover's quarrel with Mother Nature's gentle nurse," I cried, for really it was difficult to think of him losing his head.

Slowly and contemptuously Bob turned to look at me; then, with the resigned submission of a martyr, murmured, "For your benefit, sir," and I prepared to give undivided attention to his startling narration.

"A little over fifteen years ago I started on my first job as night operator at the little town called Cobden on the Montana Central. Of course, I felt shaky at the beginning, for I was a very, very poor telegrapher then; indeed, I often glance backward and wonder how it was that the



dispatcher I worked with did not land in the booby-house. Positively, I did my best to send him there, also to land a couple of train crews in Kingdom Come; but defeat was the reward of all my attempts, the only benefit derived being a life-long lesson to keep awake while on duty. But, to come to the point, I had been there going on six months when one Sunday morning, if I remember correctly the 13th of September" (rather nervously I glanced at the calendar, noticing that it was also the present date), "I was invited to a country picnic some twenty miles away," continued Bob, "and went, most foolishly staying all day, returning in time only to go to work.

"Everything went O. K. up to midnight, when I was so sleepy I could not hold my head up. Oh, I thought, this is the dull hour; forty winks will refresh me and nothing can possibly go by in that short time. Instead, however, of forty I took several hundred, and it was only at the end of two hours that in a dazed manner I stretched forth my cramped arm to answer the dispatcher, who was literally burning a hole in the wire calling me. 'I, I, DN,' I answered. 'Well, about time you woke up,' came back; 'I've been holding a fast stock train at Pembroke for the last twenty minutes.'

"Mr. Dean was raging. Presently he ripped out, 'Say, did you see anything of a freight train there yet?' I rushed to the door, looked up and down the tracks. There was nothing in sight, but how on earth did I know whether it had passed me or not?

"Back to the key like a streak of chain lightning I ran, while Mr. Dean had kept up a continued pound. 'No,' I answered. 'Are you sure about it?' 'Positive,' I replied. The dispatcher then gave me an order, which the operator at Pembroke copied also, for No. 456 west to meet extra 1978 east at Huguenot, a small office, which was closed nights.

"I had just finished repeating the order when one of the pumpers from a nearby creek poked his head in at the door. 'Hello, Jim,' I said; 'see anything that looks like a train of freight cars on your way up?' Jim drawled, 'Wall, now, I guess I did,

knowin' as I had to jump in the ditch up to my neck in prickly bushes to let it go by.' 'How long ago?' gasped I. 'Hum, wall, now, I reckon it's just 'bout a half hour ago, and now—' I had waited to hear no more but jumping to the wire wildly called the dispatcher.

"According to the order extra 1978 should be pulling out of Pembroke now. My God! Will I be able to stop her, or will half a dozen lives be sacrificed on account of my negligence? You may believe me I was very much awake now; I even wondered how I ever could have been sleepy with such responsibility resting on my shoulders.

"Clutching the key I ticked: 'Freight No. 456 passed here half an hour ago. Hold the stock at Pembroke until she arrives there.' Dean immediately rattled the news to Pembroke, who answered that he would try and hold the train at the semaphores.

"In those times they did not have the convenient block system of today, and to successfully manage one of those semaphores required no small amount of ingenuity.

"There was not a sound along the wire whilst we awaited a response from Pembroke. Every one had heard the news and every one listened with rapt attention for results. Would the operator be able to stop the stock, or would she go along at break-neck speed, expecting to meet the freight at Huguenot, while the engineer on the freight, being wholly unaware of the existence of the stock and also hitting the iron for all he was worth, collide with it in a headlong crash?

"Visions of prison bars and the gallows danced before me, while cold perspiration burst forth from every pore in my body. At length, after it seemed to me as though ages had passed, in reality probably only a minute or so, Pembroke came in on the wire with 'It's O. K.; I've backed her up on a siding.'"

Bob stopped short; he was breathless. Beads of cold water stood out all over his forehead at the mere recollection of the almost dreadful calamity.

I had been deeply interested during the recital; nevertheless, I also had been on

the *qui vive* for a report of the arrival of the express at Fairview.

Clickity-click, br-r-r-r, ticked the sounder; "Express by at eleven forty p. m. "FA."

I looked at MacDonald. How could that express have gone by when I had given orders to Perkins, the operator, to hold it there until No. 4 had passed him?

Bob gave a wild yell and made a dash for the key. "FA, FA," he called. "FA, FA!" Why don't that idiot answer?"

"I, I, FA," came flying back. "Where is the express?" snapped Bob. The wire jerked spasmodically as it sounded: "Great heavens, the express has gone by; I forgot about that order to hold her!"

No. 4 was almost due at Fairview now, and we fully realized that nothing short of a miracle could avert a head-on collision. Moreover, to make it almost a dead certainty, there was a sharp curve in a great deep cut where the section gang had lately been blasting, and I figured that it was in all probabilities there they would meet.

The minutes dragged slowly and heavily. Every nerve fibre in our bodies was tensioned to its highest pitch as we sat there counting every tick of the old-fashioned time-piece.

"No use in reprimanding that poor wretch at Fairview," said Bob. "I guess he's got enough trouble as it is. But it is about time now that we heard either one way or the other from him."

I called "FA." No answer. Again I tapped "FA, FA." I tried it very slowly, "F-A, F-A, F-A." "Well, what the dickens

ails that fellow now?" roared Bob. "Why the mischief don't the —."

"Wait a minute," I cried; "there's someone on here now." In a second I was adjusted.

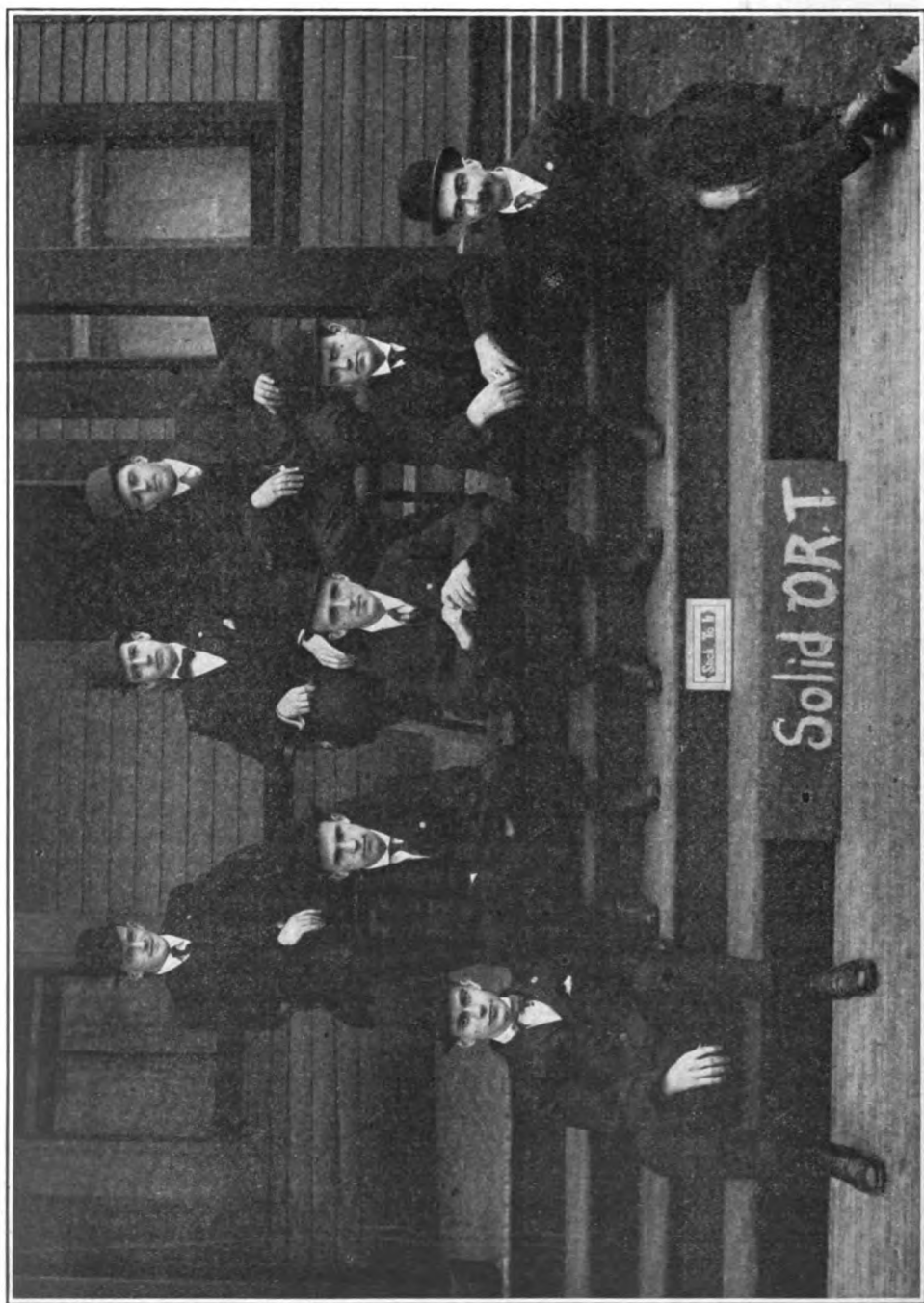
"Is this the dispatcher?" came in a firm, steady hand. I replied in the affirmative. "Well, this is Halliday; I am up a pole near the curve and have cut in on the wire with a pocket relay. Everything is all right. I happened to be in the cab of the express with the engineer; we were running slowly on account of the recent blasting, when I saw what looked like the reflection of an arc light around the other side of the bend. The engineer saw it also and immediately applied the emergency brakes, while I, with all my might, tugged at the whistle. No. 4 heard our scarecrow noises; fortunately she had been running slowly, too, so that we stopped just within sight of each other. We will now back the express up to Fairview and No. 4 will follow us."

I can not describe the relief we felt as I thankfully ticked back "O. K." Then I added, "You may call at the office just as soon as convenient and resume work."

Twenty minutes later "FA" called: "Just arrived. This is Halliday; Perkins is dead. We found him on his knees in front of a chair. I thought at first he was praying, but when I touched him on the shoulder I found the poor fellow had 'cashed in his checks.'"

I glanced at Bob as I answered, "Send his body in on No. 4 and work out the night there."





S. C. Ide. C. W. Trick. W. J. Webster. C. H. Felton. E. W. Fuller.  
W. F. Nease. E. C. Horton. M. F. Costello.



### A Toast.

Here's to the man whose hand  
Is firm when he clasps your own—  
Like a grip of steel  
That makes you feel  
You're not in the world alone.

Here's to the man whose laugh  
Puts the sombre clouds to rout—  
The man who's fair  
And kind and square  
To the one that's down and out.

—*The Milwaukee Sentinel.*

### Back to the Country.

I want to get back to the country,  
Where forests forever are green,  
Where meadows are frequent and fragrant,  
And shimmering shadows are seen;  
Where mosses are moist in the woodland,  
Where the mullen stalks grow by the way,  
Where the leaves of the sumach are crimson,  
And sweet is the scent of the hay;  
I want to get back to the barnyard,  
To the bridles and saddles and stock.  
Where it always is "dinner" at noontime.  
And "supper" at six o'clock.

I'm tired of racing and chasing  
All over the streets of the town,  
Pursuing the dollar athletic,  
As nimble and quick as a clown.  
I'm weary of gaudy theaters,  
Of summer resorts and the like,  
And, I tell you, I secretly hanker  
Afar from the city to hike,  
And journey 'way back to the farmhouse,  
Where there's never an openwork sock.  
Where it always is "dinner" at noontime  
And "supper" at six o'clock.

I'm weary of "lunch" and of "luncheon,"  
Whether costly or low-priced or free,  
And the thought of a "six o'clock dinner,"  
I own, is repellent to me.  
I want to sop bread in the gravy,  
I want to eat pie with a knife,  
And make the same use of a saucer  
That I learned very early in life.  
By George, I am sick of the city,  
And I want to get back with the stock,  
Where it always is "dinner" at noontime  
And "supper" at six o'clock.

—*By a Young Woman in St. Louis.*

### A Creed.

It does no good to worry over what is past and  
gone—  
The stream that turns the water wheel must hurry  
ever on;  
And neither time nor tide regards the pleasure  
of a man,  
So look for joy in everything and do the best  
you can.

It does no good to weep and wail, no matter  
what the cause,  
And for the flood of human tears the world cares  
not two straws;  
So lift your daily burdens and in spite of sorrow's  
dart,  
Keep purpose burning in your soul and courage  
in your heart.

The wisest men who ever lived were helpless  
when it rained,  
And never yet has fortune smiled when plod-  
ders-on complained.  
The one best bet for each of us—take the tip  
from me—  
Is not to be surprised at all at anything you  
see.

And still to say when trouble comes, "It comes  
to all of us—  
No need for any chap to kick or try to make  
a fuss.  
One thing is very certain, which nobody will  
deny,  
Hard luck can't last forever—'twill be finished  
by and by!"  
—*Paul Cook, in Birmingham Age-Herald.*

### Just a Change.

It is good to be at leisure, when the days are  
long and hot,  
In a camp beside the river, in a cool sequestered  
spot;  
Or away up in the mountains by a plunging  
waterfall,  
Where the nights are cold, and mornings you  
don't have to rise at all  
'Till you're ready, and the music of the plung-  
ing, laughing stream  
Coming in to where you're sleeping weaves itself  
into your dream;  
And the city is so distant from your city-weary  
eyes,  
That the smoke of all its chimneys doesn't even  
smudge the skies.

It is good to lie at leisure underneath the summer sky,  
 Where the perfume of the birches and the spruce goes drifting by,  
 And forget—a week or fortnight—that there is a world off there  
 Where the little children labor, and where people drink and swear.  
 And where women greet your passing with a brazen, leering look—  
 Oh, the rivers and the mountains! it is good to wade the brook,  
 And to hear the birds of mornings sing their thrilling litanies,  
 Far away from smoke and rumble, and the city's stunted trees!

But the river and the mountain, and the woodland solitude  
 Pall and weary one, and where the wild kingfisher rears her brood,  
 Has its limits, and the birches and the spruce trees and the fir  
 Finally grow unresponsive till the heart longs for the stir  
 Of the town where men are struggling from each rise to set of sun,  
 And each minute of the workday sees some battle lost or won,  
 And where, each day's working ended, there are cozy chairs that wait,  
 And glad groups of babies always wait for daddy at the gate.

—Judd Mortimer Lewis, in *Houston Post*.

### Just Keep On Keepin' On.

If the day looks kinder gloomy  
 And your chances kinder slim,  
 If the situation's puzzlin',  
 And the prospect awful grim,  
 And perplexities keep pressin',  
 Till all hope is nearly gone,  
 Just bristle up and grit your teeth  
 And keep on keepin' on.

Fumin' never wins a fight,  
 And frettin' never pays,  
 There ain't no good broodin' in  
 These pessimistic ways.  
 Smile just kinder cheerfully,  
 When hope is nearly gone,  
 And bristle up and grit your teeth  
 And keep on keepin' on.

There ain't no use in growlin'  
 And grumblin' all the time,  
 When music's ringing everywhere,  
 And everything's a rhyme.  
 Just keep on smiling cheerfully  
 If hope is nearly gone,  
 And bristle up and grit your teeth  
 And keep on keepin' on.

—Copied from *Gospel Herald*.

### The Way to Win.

Strike while the iron is heated;  
 Pause, and the iron gets cold.  
 If you strike too late on a hardened plate,  
 The weld will never hold.

Seek, and success will follow;  
 Wait, and it passes by.  
 Be quick to grasp, then hold it fast,  
 And trust for a better try.

Work, and the world works with you;  
 Loaf, and you loaf alone,  
 This strenuous world's a continuous whirl,  
 It offers no room for the drone.

Life is an undertaking,  
 Death is a silent thought;  
 So let life's light illumine the night  
 With the deeds which you have wrought.

—By P. Gordon Mills.

### The Long Ago.

There are no days like the good old days,  
 The days when we were youthful!  
 When humankind were pure of mind,  
 And speech and deeds were truthful;  
 Before a love for sordid gold  
 Became man's ruling passion,  
 Before each dame and maid became  
 Slave to the tyrant fashion!

There are no girls like the good old girls—  
 Against the world I'd stake 'em!  
 As buxom smart, and clean of heart  
 As the Lord knew how to make 'em†  
 They were rich in spirit and common sense,  
 And piety all supportin';  
 They could bake and brew, and had taught school  
 too,  
 And they made such likely courtin'.

There are no boys like the good old boys—  
 When we were boys together!  
 When the grass was sweet to the brown, bare feet  
 That dimpled the laughing heather;  
 When the pewee sang to the summer dawn,  
 Or the bee, in the billowy clover,  
 Or down by the mill the whip-poor-will  
 Echoed his night song over.

There is no love like the good old love—  
 The love that mother gave us!  
 We are old, old men, yet we pine again  
 For that precious grace—God save us!  
 So we dream and dream of the good old times,  
 And our hearts grow tenderer, fonder,  
 As those dear old dreams bring soothing gleams  
 Of heaven away off yonder.

—Eugene Field.

# FACETIOUS

## Taking Her Pick.

The following was told at a smoker recently, and it is not so bad, either: The narrator told of another little feed he once attended, where eight men were sent home in one hack; and the driver simply rang the door-bell, and when a feminine voice called from an upper window, "Who is there?" the Jehu replied: "Missus, will you be so kind as to come down and pick out your baby?"—*Lippincott's*.

## How He Proposed.

Mr. McDooley—"Faith, an' it do be a question Oi have fer yez, me darlin'."

Miss Clancy—"Pfwat is it, Pat?"

"Whin it comes toime fer me funeral, how would yez loike t' be th' Widder McDooley?"—*Chicago News*.

## Why the Actor Was Sore.

An actor without funds managed in some way to get a second-class ticket on a line of steamers running between Seattle and San Francisco.

The voyage between these two points consumed the better part of three days, and in view of the fact that his finances were at a low ebb he solved the question in this way: The first day out he slept all day to keep from eating and remained up all night to keep from sleeping. The second day he took physical culture exercises. On the third day he could not stand the strain any longer and went down in the dining-room and ordered the best meal on board the boat. While eating this meal he could see in his mind's eye a picture of a cell in the bastille in San Francisco.

After finishing his meal he said to the waiter, "How much do I owe you?"

"Nothing," replied the waiter; "your meals are included in your ticket."—*Birmingham-Age Herald*.

## His Investment.

Old Lady (who had given the tramp a nickel)—"Now, what will you do with it?"

Hungry Hobo—"Waal, ye see, mum, ef I buy an auto, there ain't enough left to hire a shofur. So I guess I'll git a schooner. I kin handle that meself."

## No Place For Her.

It was a small town in the sunny South. A lyceum entertainment was billed for the evening, and as a magician and sleight-of-hand performer was advertised as one of the principal features, an old colored lady presented herself at the door of the local opera house early, insisted on a seat in the front row of the part reserved for colored folk, and got it.

When the magician appeared he first placed a piece of red flannel over a newspaper and read the news through the flannel. The old colored mammy began to squirm about. Then the magician doubled the flannel and read the paper through the double thickness. The old mammy was heard to say to her neighbor: "Lor', chile, I got to git out o' dis." Her neighbor assured her, telling her the magician wouldn't hurt her.

"I knose dat," she said, "but dis hain't no place fo' a 'spectable cullud lady wif only a calico dress on."

## Telegraphic Brevity.

Some recent notes from Europe remark that the word "Eisenbahnbetriebstelegrapheninspektionassistenten" would suggest German humor were it not recognized in the census of all the professions, trades and occupations which were covered in the German Empire in June last. The calling in question is that of assistant inspector in the railway telegraph service.

**Consistent.**

In a certain town are two brothers, who are engaged in the retail coal business. A noted evangelist visited the town and converted the elder brother of the firm.

For weeks after his conversion the brother who had lately "got religion" endeavored to persuade the other to join the church. One day, when the elder was making another effort, he asked: "Why can't you, Richard, join the church as I did?"

"It's all right for you to be a member of the church," replied Richard, "but if I join who's going to weigh the coal?"—*Argonaut.*

"I am going to see your father about you," said a teacher to a boy who had exhausted her patience.

"If you do you'll never come back."

"Why?" demanded the teacher.

"'Cause pa's dead."

**The Joke Was On Her.**

A woman member of the bar in New York gives to our correspondent the following correspondence with the reservation that no names shall be quoted:

"I am one of the few women," she says, "who can see a joke even if aimed at myself. I do not feel that in this case I came off first best."

The first letter was from a man lawyer and was as follows:

"Dear Miss Blank: We agree to the compromise as proposed in your favor of this date. Not because your client has a just right to such settlement, but from the fact that we do not care to open a contest with a woman lawyer."

To which this reply was sent:

"Gentlemen: I note your agreeing to a settlement, although I can not congratulate you on your gallantry in begging the question. Like the original Adam, you seem inclined to hide behind a woman's petticoat."

And the following letter closed the correspondence:

"Dear Miss Blank: If you will turn to the early pages of Genesis you will discover that Eve did not wear a petticoat."—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

**Just as Good as Ever, Too.**

An old physician of the last generation was noted for his brusque manner and old-fashioned methods. One time a lady called him in to treat her baby, who was slightly ailing. The doctor prescribed castor oil.

"But, doctor," protested the young mother, "castor oil is such an old-fashioned remedy."

"Madam," replied the doctor, "babies are old-fashioned things."—*Exchange.*

**Not Enough Slack.**

A switchman and a brakeman were once beating their way across the country. Both were without funds, but the switchman had nerve and managed to feed both of them. However, he finally became dissatisfied and told the brakeman he must make an effort himself. So the next house they decided to hit the brakeman advanced, knocked on the door and asked the lady of the house:

"Could you give a poor man a bite?"

"Certainly," said the lady, and kicks a bulldog out.

The brakeman started round the house with the dog behind. Meanwhile the switchman stood outside the gate. Round came pursued and pursuer.

"Open the gate!" yells the brakeman. Around they went again.

"Open the gate!" cried the brake agent, but still the switchman stood.

"Why in h— don't you open that gate?" panted the discouraged man.

"Can't do it, pal," he said. "You'll have to give me more slack if you want to make a drop of that bulldog."—*Ex.*

**Information at Hand.**

A lady who had gained quite a reputation in her own community because of her strict regard for the quietude of the Sabbath, had occasion on a pleasant Sunday afternoon to walk by a vacant lot on the outskirts of the town. There she perceived a crowd of boys and men playing "scrub" with great vim. She accosted the nearest boy, who was playing centerfield, and asked him, "Little man, what would your father say if he saw you playing ball on the Sabbath?"

"I dunno; there he is over there playin' first base; go ask him."—*A. W. T.*

# Our Correspondents



## GLORIFYING MEN APART FROM GOD.

**T**HE writer happens to live in the wealthiest country town in the nation except one. We refer to wealth on a per capita of population. Early in December the wealthy city of Brooklyn, part and parcel of Greater New York, sent us one of its principal D. D.'s, at the head of one of the largest, most important and aristocratic churches there. That D. D. gave a two hours' address to a few hundred well-perfumed ladies and gentlemen of our town in one of our most elegant church buildings. The address was principally a rehash of the sad events in England about 250 years ago. Our readers must remember that the period in question gave humanity one of the most deplorable displays of class and sectarian movements in human history.

Our clergyman orator did not manage to give us a single hint about the lessons we today should derive from any of the many class and sectarian struggles with which humanity has crucified itself without learning any of the important processes through which alone we can develop a healthy civilization. Our friend sang the glories of men as they have marched from one set of social blunders into another in that crazy progress of ours, forever leaning on wealth, never leaning on righteousness. He could not give to his audience any sound ideas for a sound progress. He considered the present conditions of modern nations about perfect, or marching towards perfection in fine shape. He could not see any especial social sin, or crime, or deformity that needed to be rapidly suppressed. He gave us the idea that this land and other lands were already so beautifully provided with saints and heroes as not to need being in a hurry about any social improvements for the present. Our perfumed ladies and gentlemen left the church building in high glee,

with their conscience admirably soothed and narcotized.

We can hardly blame the D. D. to whom we have referred. With a salary of \$8,000 one can no doubt afford to be a first-class optimist. Why to trouble ourselves about the millions upon millions of families in this nation alone, whom we force to live through greater or less relative poverty, through harsh forms of labor almost always? Yes, why to bother ourselves about it? And still we all know that all wealth, in small or large heaps, has to come from the millions of bottom, positive workers, only able to retain a small fragment of the wealth they produce. Is that absurdity the product of God's laws in the universe around? Of course not. It is the product of the miserable legislation that we, fine people, call "*a glorious progress.*"

Now, we don't wish to be misunderstood in our longings for a healthy social reconstruction. Let us then establish some clear ideas through the classification of natural, ethical wealth-earners, or people entitled to have their due share of the grand total wealth produced.

In this nation today we have about 60 per cent of the workers engaged in actual and positive direct wealth production, raw and finished products. We have, then, about 20 per cent engaged in services needed by the wealth producers, in transportation and distribution, as well as in useful professional activities and as honest, useful wealth managers. As such all those workers are entitled to as much income as the actual wealth producers, each in relation to the importance for good universal of one's personal exertions through brain or muscle. The other 20 per cent balance of our workers, they would be useless or outside of the law, and hence actual criminals, under a progress respecting the morality and equity



of the "All High." They could not exist, such criminal or useless workers, under sensible laws, any more than peaches without peach trees.

The classification of workers we have made applies, with variations, to all the previous ages in historical development. If anything, the useless and criminal workers have increased under our modern progress.

Return now to the D. D. we have mentioned. What magnificent lessons he could have imparted to his audience, from the excesses and crimes in England during the central and later decades of the seventeenth century! All those crimes proceeded from one of the most idiotic and aimless class movement possible. There we had a double division between the middle classes and the upper ones, each section of the middle being in favor of one of the upper class and against another section of the middle class. Such a miserable and inconsistent class struggle could bring no possible improvement to the bottom classes or to any other class in the nation.

Bad as they are, the class antagonisms of our modern nations, they possess at least a certain logic. They at least offer us the priceless choice of standing by the natural rights of the working masses. The divine from a Brooklyn church of the aristocratic type did not even dare to indicate the choice in question. He placidly, even if silently, remains standing by the pharisaical rights of wealth. The prince of darkness himself could not do anything worse if he happened to be alive anywhere. The audience in the indicated country town did not object to feel themselves glorified because of taking no interest in the inalienable rights of men as children of the heavenly Father.

To glorify men apart from God! Is not that what we all do when we think ourselves better than other fellows, our generation better than the others in the grave? God alone can measure the merits or demerits, the goodness or badness of different generations or groups of men.

All good is more or less negative and injurious to all which only benefits some, and only transiently so. That is what is bound to happen under a progress which

discards the brotherhood of men in all the essentials of human development.

Doing good by the pound in some incidentals, allowing evil by the ton in all fundamentals, that intensifies and eternalizes the kingdom of wrong over all men. That is the situation all over the earth as much as ever, through the same laws of monopoly and injustice in each national compact. Yet we have today far more knowledge than ever in all that pertains to the possibility of rapidly placing humanity in peace with divine law.

The organized labor movement of modern nations is the only sign, rudimentary as yet, for a possible advance of a positive character on the face of the earth. Outside of that movement all is rapidly marching away from God faster than ever.

JOSE GROS.

### "VOX POPULI, VOX DEI."

By the REV. CHARLES STELZLE.

It has long been acknowledged that "the voice of the people is the voice of God." The undiscerning may hear in the people's voice only a great roar of discontent, or the mutterings of the misguided mass. But he who has understanding will hear the "still, small voice," which speaks the will of God.

The statesmen in every age who have accomplished the things which have produced the greatest good for all the people, got their inspiration because they kept close to the masses. Rarely does the vision come to the man who spends all of his time in the seclusion of the study. His touch on life is so slight, and his understanding of the needs of men so inadequate, that his outlook extends only to the limits of his own life and his own narrow experience. It is only as a man comes into contact with others that his own life becomes larger and fuller, and it is out of this fullness that he is enabled to speak concerning the greater problems of life.

No class of men have a broader experience than the "common people"—no class knows quite so well what it means to toil and to suffer and to sacrifice. None have higher aspirations and none exhibit deeper

consecration. It is because of this that God speaks through them.

Sometimes their expression of God's will is crude. Sometimes it comes as a shock to men who have become accustomed to things as they are, who, quite satisfied with present conditions, are unwilling to be made uncomfortable by a change which may mean a readjustment in their method of living and in their way of doing business. But to stand in the way of progress is futile. It may be that it is necessary to oppose certain features—man-made and man-inspired—which have crept into the plans which the people present, but back of them all and beneath them all will be found the hand of God.

This has been proven in history. In every great fight for the right and for progress, the leisured classes, the so-called upper classes, have been on the wrong side of the battlefield. The common people—the men of uncommon sense—to these the world owes a debt of gratitude.

If you would hear the voice of God, keep close to the people.

#### AN ENIGMA.

Q. When is an operator like a jackass?

A. When he requires frequent prodding-up to maintain the dignity of his obligations, lives in a stupor, loses the forced ambition in the solitude of his little job, and kicks at those laboring for his welfare, without provocation or consideration.

Well, I suppose you are right. That must sound a little hard, and several other things to those in one of those stupors. But is it?

After taking control of our brains and compelling them to act for us, in genuine thought, it does not seem so harsh.

Operators, as a body, are jolly good fellows socially; so much, so good. but there are among us those who permit themselves to slouch along without any end in view.

They become happy-go-luckies, and let-ber-slide-it-will-all-come-out-in-the-wash enthusiasts.

You do not have to admit it, and you are privileged to twist your face in any degree you wish, and make any remarks your mind may spontaneously fall upon, but we who are not only organized, but living true to

our principles, know what the matter is. Your nice actions, nor your old-timer remarks will not shield you, for *we see you all the time just as you are.*

If you are not a member of the union of your class, don't think because you act nice and the real union man treats you decently, that he is wholly contented with you, for he certainly is not. He, possibly, yet holds out hopes for you, and is only waiting, withholding his final decision of you in the hope some day soon you may join him in his efforts for better things.

Be thoughtful and earnest, kind hearted and true. Look ever to Jesus, He will carry you through.

How familiar those words ring in my ears, as I look back upon those faded years of childhood, by mother's knee. It is the first line that I would direct your attention to, the pleadings are most sublime. First, be thoughtful, think for yourself, control your mind, not drift in dreams. Second, be earnest, shove ahead and up; don't wait for the others to do for you. Third, Be kind hearted, entertain love for your fellow beings; that is what we are doing in working for the good of all. Last, be true to your fellows, yourself, and your families. Which you are not who persistently refuse to associate yourselves with a movement intended to and which has accomplished wonders for their whole benefit, as well as yours.

Our advancement, if any, or the retaining of what we now have most assuredly, rests with us. These things must be cared for in the manner that we reached our present circumstances, *organization*.

The Order of Railroad Telegraphers carries at present a membership of 43,000. These 43,000 are united in a struggle to obtain and maintain better wages for all. Why? To install in the home more necessities and means of pleasure; more clothes for them and theirs, and better food on the table, thereby living a life of higher and better proportions. To secure more reasonable hours of toil. Why? That they may be at more liberty to enjoy the pleasures at home, and add to the happiness of their families by their presence.

These things have been accomplished to a remarkable extent by our organization;

all that has been accomplished has been through its influence.

What, as a non, have you done? What are you doing to maintain what has been gotten you, and what will you do to assist in advancing our welfare, *and when?*

Yes; when will you display to the world that mark of distinct manhood in associating yourself with your benefactor.

There is scarcely an operator in the land today, who is in the business, but fully realizes the common good that organization has accomplished; if there possibly is one his ambitions are very low and dull, if he is satisfied; if he is not, it is his business to investigate. We must blame him just as much as those who understand but will not admit. All nons, insistently remaining as such, look to us just as they are (alike).

For he is a *drone*; either too much of a sluggard to consider, or he don't care. He reaps the benefits of the seeds others have sown.

Some of you fellows seem to have a natural knack for working long hours and for working for small pay. You never do anything to raise yourself. Still, you rake off all the advantages us fellows get that you can. *How do you figure it, anyway?*

If you do not give your thought to this, carefully considering your attitude, it is because you are like the jackass, in a stupor. If you do understand and do not heed, it is because you are greedy.

Next issue I shall deal with the operator of every type. That gets you all, the lazy member, the always non, the natural backslider, who is worse than any, and the boys who once so bravely fought on the firing lines and are now out, and the comparison of the relay men with those on the "OS" jobs.

We know your every excuse, and I shall take each one of them and make a direct reply, showing them to be utterly without foundation or reason of any kind in the least.

Not because you don't know, but to demonstrate to you that we know, and that you can not deceive us, for I shall explain the very cause of your particular attitude when approached upon the question. "E.Z."

### MORE ABOUT A HOME.

I would like to say a few words in regard to Bro. Nelms' suggestion in October journal about "A Home For Aged and Disabled Operators."

I think it a good suggestion and am in favor of the plan. But it will have an advantage and also a disadvantage:

First. The advantage would be that we will receive many new members that would not have otherwise joined, thinking it a good plan to have a home to go to when too old to work.

Second. The disadvantage being that many old and disabled operators and agents would join when they find they can not work much longer, and would receive the same benefit as members of long standing.

So I would suggest that if such a home be founded, that every operator going there must at least have been a member for five or ten years, which I hope is not saying too much.

Now, boys, let us follow Bro. Nelms' suggestion and provide a home of peace and comfort for our old and incapacitated members.

F. J. A., CERT. 752,

G. T. R., Div. No. 1.

### FROM THE SOUTH.

That organization is a business proposition, no thinking, fair-minded man can deny. A great railroad corporation is an organization of capitalists for the purpose of operating their property in a manner to make the greatest gain therefrom, and to keep the scale of wage-workers as low as possible, even unto starvation. It matters not for the laboring man who accumulates the capitalists' immense fortunes, whether he (the working man) has anything at the end of the month or not; its chief point in view is to keep him as tightly bound to his position as possible, by holding his nose to the grind-stone. There is no charitable consideration connected with such an organization. Make money, make money, is their slogan. The component parts of such an organization are too numerous to conduct its affairs individually, therefore it has officials, through which to conduct its affairs. Those officers, when placed in charge

of this property, are expected and required to make money for the stockholders. Raising of wages, voluntarily, is not a part of their duties; in fact, raising wages under any circumstances is out of their line of business, except it be absolutely necessary. Such a thing as an individual telegrapher, or any other one employe, attempting to cope with this organization of capitalists is entirely out of the question. It takes force to counteract force. It takes an organization equally as strong as the railroad corporation to cope with it. That the telegraphers of this country realize this fact furnishes the keynote to the great success of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

It is the purpose of the Order to organize to make better wages and obtain better working conditions, this fact having been well demonstrated within the past two years here in the Southern States. The Order of Railroad Telegraphers has not been alive here very many years, and I think that it has made a wonderful showing for itself since kindling its fires again, considering the fact that it had to start from the ground, the work of thorough organizing is being pushed with greater force now than ever before in the history of the fraternity.

There are still a few telegraphers who are outside of the fold, who must be placed in one or two categories, either of which are selfish. They are either willing and desirous of continuing to reap the benefits obtained through the organization, without contributing anything to aid and foster the principles of the Order, or they are "dupes" of some official who has succeeded in making them believe that to stay without the Order they will stand a better show for some official position.

The fact that officials have positions which they must protect must not be lost sight of. Probably there is not an official in the employment of any railroad who would not be willing to admit, if it were safe for him to express his opinion, that the telegraphers are underpaid, and that thorough organization will be their only hope of bettering their conditions, yet officials can not do so, for the reason, were they to do so they themselves would be deemed antagonistic toward the railroad corpora-

tion, and be fired out of their high positions, which they had worked these many years to secure.

It should be the chief aim of every telegrapher to belong to the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. If you are going to be a man at all, be a union man, it matters not what trade you may afterwards choose to engage in. In these days of unionism it is the duty of every man, as well as every woman, who is engaged in a man's occupation, to belong to one of the two opposing armies. Either the capitalist or the laborer. Which side do you prefer, as applied to your case?

Just here I wish to say a word in regard to the weak-kneed telegrapher, who we find drifting to the surface during a dispute or strike between the two factors, capital and labor. We find him, in time of peace, a very stout-boasting union man, with his credentials always at hand, a great advocate of the rights of labor, and an ever agitator against the oppressions wrought by the capitalists, admonishing his fellow-workers to stand for your rights, boys, we will one day secure what is really and justly ours. In this light we find him solid in every particular. We only see him as he appears in the outer man, but with the inner man there's something wrong. Beware of this weak-kneed craftsman, because here we find him again in time of trouble, when there may be a strike on, when the opposing side is flourishing their silvery dollars in the face of these dwarfy, pretending union men, and he "tumbles," and where is he? Beneath the slimy surface of the "slough of scabbery" forever more; "for once a scab, always a scab."

My fellow workers, do not let yourselves be decoyed by the cunningness of the opposing tribe; be ye always on your guard, lest you are caught unaware, and are thrust into that state where even your own brother would feel ashamed to recognize you before his fellowman. Having become branded with the ever famous word "scab" by his own acts, he becomes a detested and avoided being, more despised than the dreaded diseases. For my part I would a thousand times rather have a dreadful disease than be branded as a scab among workingmen.

We find many of the old-timers who made themselves so remarkably famous in the 1900 strike, still trodding the road of loyalty," accepting the many improvements achieved by the fraternity. I have heard, more than once, those petty objects of "loyalty," a few of which I have the misfortune to number among my acquaintances, having met them in my travels, express themselves as having a clear conscience in everything that he or they have been called upon or did in their lives. It is a strange brain, seemingly, to me that can go ahead, blindly ignoring his fellow man, and scab, and take the bread even from the mouths of babes, and then have a clear conscience that he has won honors by his conduct. I dare say if I were ever to stoop so low as to sneak into the lines of the opposing foe and take from them the bribe price of my service, I never could have another moment's peace of mind. My conscience would never cease nagging me for my desertion and proving myself a "traitor" to my fellow-workers.

We find many traitors now traversing this universe, having made themselves known during the late commercial strike in 1907, by their greed for the silvery coin, so lavishly offered by the commercial companies. Though their money looked very good, and, no doubt, would have caused a great many of us a degree of cheer, could we have honorably secured a few of the bright dollars to jingle in our jeans. But we are made glad by the fact that we have yet many that have borne the trials of the past year and are still at the wheel to turn aside the traitors who wearily seek favors at our doors, and are passed on to wend their way to their loyal reward, among the dregs of scabbery. We do favor them with a "run ahead" order to the boys up the line, that there is a scab coming their way.

As the old year, 1908, passes out and we are ushered into the new year of 1909, let us all take for our slogan, "Organization,"

and everybody push forward with their every energy to make the new year, 1909, far better to all concerned, more especially to the fraternity to which we belong. May we hope that this coming year may be a year of peace and prosperity. With the end of the old year drawing nigh, let's bury the troubles of the passing year and take up our task of making the coming year one to be remembered, in working hard to increase the comforts of ourselves and families; by organization only can we expect to do this.

Now, as prosperity seems to have again ventured from its long since hiding place, we should all, who have not yet did anything toward the bond question, begin with the new year to arrange to take stock in the bond company, and lift from our shoulders the worst wrong we suffer to exist. The bond companies have, in many cases, hounded good men almost to desperation for some little, trifling matter. Do you think that this is wrong?

This is one of the worst wrongs ever perpetrated on the employees of a railroad, and a wrong our organization should take up and have righted as soon as we possibly can, and from the outlook I have on the fields covered by the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, we should soon be able to do so. Its progress has been somewhat handicapped for the past year on account of the "panic," but we are coming again and are here to stay, and, in my opinion, will in a few years rival any organization under this beautiful canopy of ours, if the members will, one and all, take an interest in the work as they should, and as all other organized working people do, we will, in the course of a few years, be paid reasonable, living wages, and have reasonable privileges that other pilgrims have who have gone this way and made personal exertion toward the betterment of their own conditions.

Fraternally,

COTTON-TOP.





# FRATERNAL

## St. Louis Div., No. 2.

At the last regular meeting of St. Louis Division No. 2, speeches were made in different languages. Bro. Finnan spoke, at some length, in Irish; Bro. Reynolds in French, and Bro. Lindenmuth in German; Bro. Perham used plain English.

First Vice-President Bro. J. A. Newman has been shaking hands around headquarters. He may have lost his mustache, but his avoirdupois and geniality are undiminished.

Bro. E. T. Ellet, of the Relay office of the Frisco, at Springfield, Mo., stopped at headquarters long enough to say hello, lighten his pocket and get a "pass" for the first half of the year 1909.

Division No. 2 has added four hundred and twenty members to her roll for 1908, and the secretary says there is still something doing on the Wabash, Cotton Belt, C. & A. and M. & O.

Bro. Wm. Murphy, general chairman of the Wabash, has been doing some good work west of the river, such as getting new members, collecting dues and adjusting grievances. Bro. Murphy claims the distinction of bringing in one member of forty years' experience.

From time to time, we hear of cases where officials are going over the lines telling the operators how much better off they will be without the Order. Various methods are used: Salve, intimidation and the pat on the back.

"The Lord helps those who help themselves." Remember that the interest of these petty officials and your interests are diametrically opposed, regardless of all they tell you to the contrary. It is to the interest of the official to get the work done in the most efficient manner, at the lowest cost, while it is to our interest to get the best salary we can. Officials are not handing us anything on silver platters. They will pay us the much talked of \$75.00 minimum when they have to, and not before. It is up to us to see that they "have to."  
Div. Cor.

The following resolutions were presented and unanimously adopted by St. Louis Division No. 2, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, at its meeting on December 7th, 1908:

### RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, We learn with much satisfaction of the election of the Father of the Telegraphers' Nine-hour Law, Brother A. P. Murphy; and

WHEREAS, We recognize the valuable service rendered the telegraphers of North America, by our esteemed friend and brother, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That St. Louis Division No. 2, in meeting assembled, tender its sincere congratulations to Brother Murphy, on his election to Congress; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Brother Murphy, a copy spread upon our minutes, and a copy published in THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.

L. W. QUICK,  
Chief Telegrapher.

J. W. LAFEVER,  
Secretary and Treasurer.

## Harrisburg Div., No. 3.

### Mid. Division—

The meeting of Division No. 3, at Harrisburg, December 3d, was a surprise to those who are regular attendants at these meetings, as the brothers seemed to have an awakening, the division room was filled to its capacity. A number of very important subjects were discussed, everyone taking part, but owing to the limited time between trains, the consideration of some of the business was cut short, however, everyone displayed the old-time enthusiasm, and it was noticeable that everyone is up and doing, and if the suggestions are carried out that were decided on at this meeting the "nons," on this division, will be very scarce by the first of January, 1909. There never was a large number of "nons" in No. 3 territory, but among the new men that have been employed, are a few. We are glad to find that the old members have been loyal to the cause, and while great pressure was brought to bear, false statements made to them, and every discouragement possible offered them, they remained with the old ship, until the real facts would be brought out, and now that they know the real facts, they must surely have a feeling of great satisfaction; we will always remember their loyalty and good judgment, and we are glad to find that our division does not have one operator who is under any banner except the old tried and true.

"QX" block station, one of the offices which was closed on account of the recent business depression, was opened up for service on December 12th, and it is reported that another one of the three that were closed, will be opened in the near future.

Operator H. B. Kelley, of Mifflin, has returned to duty, after returning home from a trip to New

York and other eastern cities, accompanied by his wife and son.

We are glad to note that the men are very well pleased with the new roster of the employees in the telegraph department; there was some delay in getting this roster out, but we have been told the delay was not the fault of our officials, and was unavoidable.

We find there are a few of the brothers who have not, as yet, paid their dues for the past term; now there are but three or four in this class and while it is a small number, yet we do not wish to lose you, and you know that we can keep the good work going without you, but some day you may need our assistance and then you will see your mistake, you know what has been done for you, and it is a duty you owe, not only to yourself, but those of your craft, that you belong to the union of your class.

A few days ago a traveling man came into the office where I was working, to send a Postal, and as I was very busy at the time he had to wait a few minutes before I could attend to his case; finally after having his wants attended to, he said to me, "My dear fellow, this work would shatter my nerves in a very short time, I simply would not accept a position of this kind for \$100.00 a day, I suppose you receive a salary of at least \$100.00 a month." And after telling him my salary he was surprised, and said, "Well can it be possible, why the porter in our office receives \$18.00 per week, and to think that you men handling the number of lives you do, and the responsibility that is yours, only receiving \$15.00 per week." Yes, I said, that is the case.

Now men, does that not make you feel cheap? It did me and you are in the same boat, and who is to blame, no one but ourselves; the company is in business to make money, and they are not going to pay us \$100.00 per month when we will work for a great deal less; that is business pure and simple, now then, why do we not apply business principles in our own case, and have our salary increased to where it should be; it all lays with you Mr. Operator, is it going to take a life-time to wake the operators up, and show them wherein there strength lies?

Changes in the Harrisburg yard recently have effected Bros. Leyder, Spink, Melchoir, Stine, Eppler, Wright, Robinson and others.

Attend the next meeting and hear some good news as to who you may expect for assistant general chairman of your general committee. From what we hear, there seems to be an extra amount of enthusiasm exhibited, and nons will be finding their way into the fold.

Great stress was laid on the attendance at the Harrisburg meeting, in January, at which meeting nominations will be made, and the following February meeting, election. A good corps of officers is expected for the ensuing year.

Representative to the next convention in the south will be chosen.

We expect to be quite busy for the next few months to come.

Bro. Skipper was a visitor in Harrisburg.

Jones and Robinson are doing extra duty in the superintendent's office.

Read the Journal for up-to-date items, and keep posted. Your circular letter only gives you slight information, urging you to attend meetings. Come around, doors opened at 9 o'clock.

Bro. Wertz, first trick at "VO," is about to take his vacation; he is going to visit eastern and southern cities, Harrisburg, York, Baltimore, Md., and Washington, D. C.

The boys on the P. & N. W. and Tyrone branch are sending in for blank applications. Something doing.

Bros. Smith, Weaver and Hunter, at "RN," are in their new station, and they are proud of it, as it is a nice one to what the old one was.

Bro. Frampton, at "Q," was off on his vacation; did not hear where he was. Relieved by Bro. Bratton.

With odds and ends against us, we close the year's work with success.

Bro. Davis, at "K," was off on his vacation. Relieved by Bro. Bratton.

Local Organizer Bro. Hall, agent at "MC," is off on his vacation. Bro. Bratton is doing the relief work.

Now boys there are some students that were sent to us and if we do not give them any encouragement, they will soon see they are not wanted and quit. I notice this is not done in some cases, but you are helping them. Now brothers do not do this, as you are only hurting yourselves by so doing.

Requests from branch lines are being made frequently for applications.

Would like to say a few words to the boys about sending in items for the Journal, no matter how small, send them in, and when you get your vacation let us know where you have been. I have heard some of the boys say they never see anything from the P. & N. W., and who is to blame for it? If every brother sends in a few items, no matter how small, we can have lots of news from P. & N. W. "CON AMORE."

### Sunbury, Pa., Div., No. 12.

Our regular meeting, December 21st, was called to order at 10 a. m., by our worthy chief Bro. McCracken; much business was put through, which we must withhold from these columns. Brothers come to the meetings, and find out the important business that is being transacted. The meeting was well attended, about twenty-five being present, and two visitors, brothers from Division No. 24, and there would have been many more, if they had been able to get passes. Some were told they had received twelve passes this year, and could not be given any more, while others received as high as sixteen and eighteen. Everybody ask for a pass in time for the next meeting, it is going to be a very interesting one.

There are a few on the delinquent list; these men who have not paid up would yell their heads off if the company reduced their wages, and the

O. R. T. would get the blame for not "doing something."

Let me say to these, if you expect conditions to remain as they now are, or to be improved, you had better help keep the organization in first-class condition as to membership. If our membership is allowed to fall off, we can expect nothing but poor working conditions, your wages would soon be reduced more than it takes to pay the O. R. T. dues for six months. A word to the wise is sufficient. There is no operator working on this division who is so stupid as not to see the importance of this matter. This includes non-members as well as members; it is beyond my understanding how any operator can afford to be a non, you all know what the O. R. T. has done in the past, how it has raised the wages, given us a nine-hour day and greatly improved our working conditions in many other ways. Now just think, if we succeeded in doing all this when only partly organized, it is very plain that we could do much more if we had the support of all the operators.

This is the beginning of a new year, a time when you resolve to do many good things that you did not do last year; here is a very good thing, resolve now to join the Order that has worked so faithfully for you, and always remain true to the good cause. Do this at once, if you do not have an application blank, ask some brother for one.

Brothers, we have just received copies of our By-laws from the printers. I would like to call your attention to the importance of reading these thoroughly, giving special attention to sections 19 to 22, inclusive. I hope every member has received his copy; they are mailed together with receipt for your dues.

Business is very brisk, but I am sorry to say I am not receiving assistance from the different divisions, that I should in order to get a good write-up together. I am sure you all like to see a good write-up in the journal. Why not send me a few notes of the changes that you know about? Hope you have not forgotten my address, A. R. Johnson, Catawissa, Pa., send them so they reach me about the twentieth of the month.

Bro. G. E. Minemier has bid in and is working third trick at "HO" tower.

Bro. C. E. Kline has bid in first trick at Buttonwood, made vacant by Bro. C. E. Hummel resigning.

Relief schedule No. 2 is now vacant and up for bids; we are all sorry to lose Bro. Kline, and would like to see another good brother bid in.

Bro. J. J. Murray has been lucky enough to get his relief day this month, the first he has had for three months.

Mr. Ed. S. Breisch, first trick at "AG" tower, off one day attending poultry show at Scranton, Pa.; relieved by Bro. A. R. Johnson, second trick at Biuf, who was relieved by Mr. John Schuster, a new man on the road.

Bro. B. F. Williams, who worked second trick at Wolverton, off on vacation visiting Niagara Falls; relieved by Bro. J. W. Engle. When Bro. Williams returns he will do some extra work in "SB" office.

Bro. G. O. Stahl working extra in "SB" office.

Bro. C. W. Kase, our chairman, of Lewistown Junction, is in Philadelphia, looking after our interests there.

Bro. J. W. Sigler, second trick at McClure, is off duty on account of typhoid fever. At this writing he is improving; relieved by Mr. C. E. Schell.

Bro. O. C. Bowersox, of Beaver Springs, bid in Selingsgrove, second trick.

Bro. J. C. Thoman, of "MY," third trick, bid in Beaver Springs.

"MY" tower, third trick, up for bid.

The relief schedule was broken when Bro. W. W. Boyer reached the west end of the division; he relieved Bro. C. W. Kase.

Our regular meeting, for January, will be held at Nescopeck, at 3:30 p. m., instead of at Sunbury. This change on account of it being more favorable to attend meetings at Nescopeck for some of the members who could not attend the Sunbury meetings without reporting off. Everybody come, you will never be sorry for what you learn in the meeting room. Div. Cor.

#### Ottawa Div., No. 15.

Have noticed that some of our brothers on west end, have started the ball rolling, so guess we had better continue the good work. We have some good men on the west end, but they get no chance, as they are mostly all out too far to attend meetings, when there are any.

Well boys, we are not all quite dead, and when prospects look a little better we will rise to the occasion and get at least a living schedule, which we need very badly.

There have been a few changes on this division, but it is difficult to get just the men who are on their holidays.

Bro. Fair, former agent at "CQ," Atter Lake, has accepted the agency at Uno Park, for the T. & N. O. Ry. Says Commercial Traveler: Business N. G.

Agent Kelly, of Whitney, off on three months' leave of absence, understand he has gone south to a warmer climate. Relieved by Relieving Agent Falonde.

Bro. Beaton, agent "RS," Rose Point, off on holidays; relieved by Operator Thurston.

Bro. Marchand, "HR," Depot Harbor, nights, off on a few days' holidays, on account of his brother's accidental death; relieved by Operator Thurston.

Understand most of the night operators have been laid off on west end, on account of slack business, and of course, that gives our agents some three or four hours' more to their already long day.

Bro. Armour, agent, Algonquin Park, took a few days holidays, and returned to work running



a double header; he evidently thinks boarding out no good. Relieved by Operator Jaynt (can not say if he is up-to-date).

We understand some of the boys spent a very enjoyable evening at the B. & R. T. ball, held in Depot Harbor, December 11th.

Operator Otto, Wilno, off on holidays; relieved by Operator Jaynt.

Agent Freeman, of "BU," Brule Lake, on holidays; relieved by Bro. Parent, former agent at Casselman; understand he is to go to "GU," Edgington, to relieve Bro. Gallagher for a few days.

Bro. F. A. Parent, relieving dispatcher, is back on the old stand again, at "CU," Casselman.

Bro. Leduc transferred from "RA," Carlsbad Springs to S. St. Louis.

Operator Kibbie appointed to Carlsbad Springs.

Operator Verner, appointed agent "ST," Polycarpe, vice Mr. St. Armour, resigned.

Now boys, suppose you all know about our bill for a nine-hour day, to be brought up in next parliament. It is up to us to do our very best in support of it, and give Bro. Campbell all the assistance in our power. You all know we will not get it unless we put forth a mighty effort.

I am very much obliged to Cert. 95, and another brother on west end, for notes. Don't forget the next time, boys. CERT. 85.

#### Baltimore Div., No. 17.

Baltimore Division No. 17 held an open meeting, at York, Penn., in the Grand Army Union Hall, which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

The York entertainment committee, of which Bro. H. E. Jacoby was chief, assisted by Bros. Lowe, Farcht, Watson, Smith, Ellsesser, Herbst, Harbold and a host of others, deserve great credit for the perfect manner in which all the details were arranged for this meeting, and we would not be surprised to hear of many nons, and some of the old ex-members of Division No. 17, casting their lot with us, as a result.

Our worthy Chief Telegrapher, Bro. Wm. M. Skinner, introduced our second Vice-President, viz.: Bro. T. M. Pierson, who made a most commendable address. As we stood amidst the shot and shells that were used during the great battles of Gettysburg, and heard Bro. Pierson firing his best shots we could not refrain from assuring him that in this conflict we were with him. As we heard the fatherly advice of our vice-president, we were reminded of a scene that occurred years ago; a noted artist desiring to paint a beautiful picture, but failed in this, his life's work. He attempted again, this time to paint an angel, and seeing a most beautiful lady he asked her to pose for him; she agreed, and for weeks the artist worked diligently upon the picture, until finally it was completed. He pays the lady her price, and asks her if she would like to see the picture, and she is shown the same; as she looks upon it she says, ah, that's not I, but what I might have been. So today with many a telegrapher, who has let opportunity pass and failed to make the best

of the conditions surrounding him, and as he looks at the advancement of some one, he can honestly say, that's what I might have been. In this day of Phillips Code—telephone and exactness, in the movement of trains—there seems to be no let-up on the telephone operator, and our best of service is demanded at all times.

By the time that you read the above, you will want to be laying your plans to attend the annual meeting, or rather the election of officers, and now boys, you who have been staying at home and kicking, because you did not get just what you wanted, either through the local division or headquarters, now you can help elect better men to fill your offices, your Chairman of the L. B. of A. and your Representative to the Annual Convention. If you can come to this meeting and do not come remember it is up to you, if the men of your choice are not elected; the very best of results can only be attained through the best of officers.

The Entertainment Committee is laying its plans for a gala time. Bro. J. B. SeBastian assures us that it will be the best yet. Keep your eye on the date, it will likely be about the latter part of February.

Bro. C. E. Henry, of Smyser, has been appointed first trick man at Hanover Junction, and Bro. H. O. Gladfelder, the third trick man.

Bro. A. Beck, the O. R. T. hustler, has been assigned regularly to the second trick at Brillhart.

Bro. C. E. Harbold is again working the second trick at Brillhart. MAYFIELD.

#### Williamsport Div., No. 24.

The Lock Haven meeting, with Bro. Grieb acting in Chief Hepler's absence, was the usual success. However, owing to the hunting season being at its height, we had to get along without Bros. Bob Grugan and Jack Loy. Bro. Clyde Bitner was also bagging large game in the mountains.

It was decided at the Lock Haven meeting to continue, during 1909, holding the meeting as we have been during 1908, i. e., second Friday of every month, at 8 p. m., at Williamsport; fourth Friday of January, March, May, July, September and November, at 8 p. m., at Lock Haven, and fourth Friday of the months of February, April, June, August, October and December, at 10 a. m., at Sunbury. Now don't forget this schedule, keep it in mind. Every one can surely spare one night a month. Come around, get acquainted, you'll meet some good fellows, there are transfers being made right along. It's been so long since some of the brothers were to a meeting, that the old guard would hardly recognize them.

Bro. Aber has bid in first trick at "AQ."

Bro. Chas. Bastian has taken third trick at "SQ," on bids. This brings Charlie home again.

"WD" station, Master's office, Williamsport, put on eight hours. Bro. Staver still retains first trick; Bro. Clark Diffenderfer bid in the second, and Bro. Steiger has the third.

Bro. Bill Brown, from the extra list, has been assigned to second trick at "OJ," on bid.

Our Williamsport meeting was well attended, considering the weather. Chief Hepler, on account of the trick he is at present working, was unable to attend; the chair was ably filled by Bro. Klingenberger.

One man rode the goat, and it's now Bro. C. C. Fenstermacher.

Bro. Staver gave us quite an interesting talk, which clearly shows that Rodger is keeping read up, and knows the situation the world is in at all times.

Bro. Johnson, from "X," spent his relief day with his parents at Montgomery last month.

Bro. Gurtner, "DY," off a few days; Bro. C. R. Miller relieving him.

Bro. Wenzel, of "BQ," nights, was off some time sick, is once more on the job.

Bros. Jno. Frank and Beller have traded tricks for a time.

Will some one kindly hand Operator Shoop, at "KY," an application?

If we are to believe all the promises, we should be flooded with applications at the January and February meetings. Let 'em come, we can handle all of you, and handle you well.

Bro. Ira Grugan has been assigned first trick at "BG."

Bro. Sam Gilbert, "GO," has us all beat to a frazzle. "SA" has an up-to-date auto, also an up-to-date card.

Bro. Joe Deegan has taken up his residence in Watsonstown.

Bro. Tom Grady off to attend the annual dance at Montgomery.

Now brothers, start the New Year proper, make this the banner year for old 24. Let there be no drones, every one be up and doing, and a year hence you'll be surprised at the progress we have made. Turn out to the meetings, take an interest, and if you can't boost, don't knock.

MACK DUFF.

### New Haven Div., No. 29.

Friday, December 4th, at 8 o'clock p. m., it was pouring rain, and resulted in a small attendance at the regular meeting of Division No. 29.

As this meeting was dedicated to the ladies, it was intended as a social function, but this was far from realized; being the last meeting of the year, it was hoped that it would be a record breaking one, and thus mark the closing of the year with a real red-letter meeting night; but in this we were disappointed. The elements were against it. Those that appeared made up for those that were absent, in the read good time that was generated.

At the business meeting matters of importance to the general craft were disposed of; many applications were read and taken care of. Letters from various sources were read and a general line-up of the organized world was deduced therefrom.

The telegraphers have much to be proud of, and happy over with the close of one more year in their Order's activities. The enumeration of the benefits would be as difficult as tedious; each one engaged in the calling can call up his individual gains and will, in retrospective, see a train of benefits that would reach from coast to coast.

The whist tables were surrounded about 9 p. m., and the players at the word from Bro. O. S. Culver, who was "charge de affairs," started the "game," which lasted, with unabated interest, until about 10:15 p. m., when ice cream and cake was brought in to cool the temperature heightened by the common desire to beat at any cost. Of the ladies manifesting "whist-attainments," Mae E. Parish and Nora Manion quit even, and resorted to "a-cut-ogluck" to determine upon whom chance looked more happily; Miss Manion won the "toss," and carried off the first prize for the ladies' class; for the gentlemen, Bro. L. W. Nolan proved the one best bet, and Mrs. Geo. F. McCormack won the consolation prize, and Mr. Geo. F. McCormack won the "booby" prize; thus ended a pleasant time.

### Hartford Terminal—

Bro. Kingsland, of "HO" tower, off sick. Bros. Generous and Murphy are working twelve hours for a day or two.

Bro. Gough, of East Hartford yard, is relieving the agent at Vernon for ten days, and Mr. Hubbard is relieving Bro. Gough at East Hartford.

Our good Bro. Dowd, from Burnside Junction, comes over to church every Sunday.

Bro. Normandin, of Burnside Junction, expects a month's vacation during the holidays.

The Norwich and Worcester message wire No. 27 has been connected with No. 20 wire, at Plainfield, with repeaters at that point, and is now being used at "SK," which makes quite a little extra work at "SK," but relieves the second district dispatcher from message work.

Bro. Fogarty expects to spend the holidays at home, up in Northern New York.

Our dispatchers say the operators give excellent service, and we are glad that everyone takes interest in his work, and we hope that every one will continue to give them the best of service now that we have only eight hours each day to work.

There has been some talk of having a smoker, some evening in Hartford, if someone will push the subject along we might pass quite a pleasant evening in town.

Some of the brothers are enjoying the good skating in the parks about the city.

Bro. Kane who was working third trick at "AD," and who did some extra work at East Hartford and Hartford "Branch," has been transferred to the Western Division, and is now working third trick at Brewster, N. Y.

I think our brothers in the Terminal are showing up very good meeting nights, but, of course, we should like to see all that can get away present at the meetings. We have not far to go, and you know it is very easy to get a pass.

*Midland Division—*

Bro. Costello, at Vernon tower, had quite a strenuous time recently, owing to some cars being derailed and tearing out quite a bit of interlocking, and caused Bro. Costello considerable extra work, as it took several days to repair the interlocking, but he kept trains moving in good shape.

Bro. Kelly, of Willimantic, is taking a few days off.

Sister Barrett, of Danielson, spent a few days in New York, recently.

Sister Leahey, of Plainfield, off one day; Mr. Generous, of Baltic, relieving sister Leahey.

Bro. Connors and Bro. Milburn, of Steeles, took a trip to Hartford, recently.

Div. Cor.

**Providence Div., No. 35.**

The December meeting of Division No. 35, the last of the year, was of the kind which all who have the best interest of the division at heart, would wish to see each month—large enthusiastic crowd. A bunch of applications that made the brothers set up straight and take notice, together with five initiations, was certainly "going some," and no mistake. While not posing as an oracle to the extent that the December record could be kept up throughout 1909; I do think that the attendance part could be met with little or no sacrifice upon the part of the brothers each month.

Now that all the "nons" in our territory have been approached by the proper one, and the chance given them to "make good" their oft repeated promise of joining the Order, and doing their share towards adding to what we have got through the efforts of the O. R. T., it is up to the loyal brothers to put in force in the strongest possible manner, and in a way that there will be no doubt in their minds as to what the real meaning of our watchword, No Card, No Favors, stands for. For years we have borne with them, have treated them in every way as our equals; went out of our way to do them favors; have laid ourselves open for dismissal through shielding them, and covering their poor work; and in short using them in some cases even better than brother members, until the most of them have the idea there is no necessity of coming into the Order. That we will always love and care for them. Will the brothers continue to be such "easy marks?" I for one will not, and right here I give notice that from January 1st, 1909, until such time as I am called to that land where all is song and gladness, and "nons" are not admitted, that my daily life will be patterned in the strongest possible manner upon the principle of No Card, No Favor. No, not even a pleasant look for them. How many of the brothers will do likewise?

It is hoped that the contest for the \$20.00 in gold will result in a good sum being secured for the sick brother. The case is certainly a deserving one.

Bro. Seavey, first trick, Wickford Junction, was off several days with an acute attack of sciatic rheumatism.

Bro. Charley Blair, of the B. & O. system, is visiting his many friends in Rhode Island.

General Chairman Bro. Manion went over the division the fore part of December, visiting all who were in need of that consolation which he knows so well how to proffer. While his success was not as great as could be desired, it was sufficient to show us who our true friends were.

Bro. A. G. Abbott has bid in the agency at Tarkiln, Conn.

Bro. Campbell has bid in second trick at Midway tower, west end.

Bros. Masterton and Hardaway, "the twins," are back from their month's vacation.

The many friends of Sister McNerny will be pleased to know that she is on the gain, from the very serious illness which she was taken down with while preparing for her vacation; and all hope to soon hear her familiar "M" again on the wire.

Div. Cor.

**New Rochelle Div., No. 37.**

The six tracking on the Harlem river division was completed November 30th. This work has been in operation since March, 1905, at an expense of nearly ten million dollars. At Oak Point a six track main line cross-over has been installed the only one of its kind in the country.

The railroad officials have petitioned the Public Service Commission, for the purpose of installing the overhead Westinghouse trolley system on this district.

Electric automatic signals will be used on this district, abolishing the towers at Bartow, Van-nest, Bronx River and Port Morris. Two large switch towers to be erected at Oak Point and West Chester yards.

An article written by a prominent member of a railroad organization, on the Santa Fe R. R., in the *Employes' Magazine* of that railroad, in the December issue, on the "Safe and Expeditious Handling of Traffic," should be of great interest and education to our members. He is of the opinion that every railroad organization should bring the subject of safety before the members in their lodge rooms, that a portion of the time of each meeting be given over to discussion of the means and of the necessity for safe operation. He says, "When railway brotherhoods place the bright shining jewel of consistency above them in their lodge rooms, to light and guide their work, safety will then have one of the strongest links welded in its chain, and brotherhoods will receive from official and the public the respect and fair treatment which are willingly given to those who endeavor to benefit mankind by methods that are conscientious and just." We heartily agree with this writer, we should set apart some of the time at our division meetings to this subject; under the head Good of the Order we should give the matter good and careful dis-

cussion, thereby bring out any good points that our members may have.

The New Haven railroad has just made public the returns for traffic from the Harvard-Hale foot ball game, at New Haven, last month (November). The figures show that the railroad carried 39,777 passengers. On the day of the game, sixty-six foot ball trains ran into that city. This army was handled without an accident, which speaks well for the operating officials and employees.

There are at least ten to fifteen operators on the New York Division who do not belong to Division No. 37. Some of these are non-members, and the others belong to foreign divisions. Brothers, you all should make a special effort to have all these telegraphers take out a card in this division.

Members of Division No. 37 should remember that Division No. 8, Electric Zone, New York City, will hold their annual reception and ball, at Majestic Hall, 115 East 125th St., New York City, February 11th, and try and be in attendance. Their affairs in the past have been of a first-class order, and we can safely say a good time is in store for those who attend.

F. R. Fero has bid in and been appointed to the position as day telegrapher at Rye, vacated by Sister Miss Katherine Hughes, whose marriage took place a few months ago.

Third trick, Cabin 27, Bridgeport, has the nerve to tell some of the boys that the O. R. T. is no good, etc. The gentleman referred to is working under one of the best schedules in the east, having come to these parts a few years ago from the Goose Creek R. R., to take advantage of better conditions, which organized effort has made possible.

Dues for the current term, January 1st, 1909 to June, 30th, are due. The tardy ones should try and be a little more prompt in paying up. Thus saving our worthy secretary and treasurer considerable extra work.

Bro. Knapp, formerly who worked at "BD," Bridgeport, and "BS," New Haven (twelve-hour stunts), thought an eight-hour trick looked better and bid in Fairfield, third trick.

At the next regular meeting, second Friday in February, election of officers takes place. Those of you who can, turn out to this meeting, at least, and do your duty to Division No. 37 by exercising right of franchise.

SCRIBE.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has deemed it best to remove from our midst, our esteemed brother, Geo. F. Bronson, be it

*Resolved*, That in manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy, we extend to the family of our deceased brother, our heartfelt sorrow for the great loss they have sustained, and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy spread on the

minutes of the Division, and a copy sent THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

DANIEL KENNEY,  
MICHL. F. CARROLL,  
JOS. A. HANNAN,  
Committee.

#### Boston Div., No. 41.

The decision of Justice Wright, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, in sentencing to jail President Gompers, Vice-President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor, for one year, nine months and six months, respectively, for alleged contempt of court, is likely to render even more celebrated an already celebrated case.

It brings sharply before the public mind the whole subject of injunctions in labor disputes, and it can hardly be doubted that labor unions everywhere will take up the issue. No less can be expected, for it must be admitted by everyone, no matter what their opinion of the underlying merits of the case, that these men have not acted as individuals in their defiance of the court's injunctions, but rather in their official capacities as officers of a great organization of American labor, representing over two million men. Therefore, it is not unnatural that these labor leaders will be regarded in the light of martyrs by a considerable section of the American people, and that in their desperate plight they will have the sympathy and support of their followers and even of many people who may doubt the wisdom of their conduct.

On the important question as to whether the power and procedure of the court's injunctions should not be modified and restricted by statute law, there is a strong and growing sentiment in favor of such action. President Roosevelt has repeatedly proclaimed his conviction that, as the matter stands, frequent injustice is done to members of labor unions engaged in laudable efforts to improve their conditions in life, to increase their incomes, to shorten their hours of labor, to better their working conditions, etc. President-elect Taft has taken similar ground, and there has been of recent years a significant growth of such sentiment among publicists generally. Such a movement should crystallize into a law, which should remedy existing abuses, and the enactment of such a needed measure should not be delayed.

It should not be necessary in this age of the world that men should feel it incumbent upon them to defy the law and go to jail, in order to emphasize the need of a reform in court procedure, a reform that the executive head of the nation has repeatedly and emphatically urged.

The old saying, "Now is the time for all honest men to come to the aid of his party," might now be very appropriately changed to read, "Now is the time for all honest men to come to the aid of his union."

The open letter of our worthy general chairman in the November TELEGRAPHER, and the

stand taken by him, in the matter of individual effort, on the part of the members, should have a very careful reading by all of the members, and a few ideas suggested by the ceremonies at the December meeting might not be amiss at this time. A large majority of the membership are too prone to leave the matter of increasing the membership to our general committee, or to the local organizer, this is wrong; every member should take an individual interest in increasing the membership of their respective divisions, and taking an active interest by attending the meetings, we should all remember the difference between the two classes of members, and how much more desirable is a member who took an active part in everything pertaining to the order. Most of us know of some nons with whom we could talk and explain to them the advantages of belonging to an up-to-date Order, but for some reason we hang back and leave it to the local organizer to do that work, this won't do; if a member knows of a non working at same station with a local chairman or local organizer, don't be afraid to talk to him, and get him in if you can; don't be afraid that that officer will take offense, he will be glad if you can get a new member. Again there may be some one near your own station, if you can not prevail upon him, or explain to him what advantages he will gain, then write to your local chairman, and he may have better success; explain all matters, but we don't believe in making all sorts of promises. Appeal to his judgment, and between the individual member and the local organizer, in showing the advantage of membership in one of the strongest unions in our nation, we can secure a new member. This is the way to increase our already large membership, we want every desirable non to become one of us, and it is this kind of work that encourages our general committee; they like to know that the membership is growing steadily, that new members are coming in at every meeting, and that they have the support of their division individually and as a body. We should each and every one of us follow out the plan of individual effort, follow out the suggestion given in President Perham's circular read at the meeting a short time ago, and each one try to bring in at least one new member. Attend the meetings if possible, this is something that is not lived up to; it is only one evening in each month, but members forget it; the meetings are interesting, and those who are regular attendants enjoy them. It is noticed that some who have been unable to attend meetings until lately find it much different from what they expected, and are now enthusiastic in matter of attendance. Our December meeting was very interesting, and there is no reason why we can not have something of this kind right along if the members will only take an interest individually. That word "individually" crops out quite frequently, but it fits the place and idea in this letter. Let us read the letter of the general chairman thoroughly, profit by it, be on the lookout for new members, and attend our meetings,

back up our committee in every way, show them that we have every confidence in them; and above all, if we can not convince a non, then simply remember "No Cards, No Favors."

It looks like good work on some one's part to get four new members on a short line like the Cheshire branch.

Operator Simpson, first trick at Gardner, spent a few days in Maine, visiting relatives; Bro. Hammond, second trick man, filled in; Mr. Laimdry relieving Bro. Hammond.

Operator Thompson, third trick, at Gardner, has been away on a vacation; Bro. McDermott filled in.

Bro. Lang is now agent at Raymond, having recently bid in that station.

Bro. Cooney has been transferred to Woburn, relieving Bro. Owen, who has left the road to accept a position on the Maine Central. Mr. Morse has been assigned to Winchester to fill Bro. Cooney's place.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst, our highly esteemed and beloved Bro. J. C. Williams; be it

*Resolved*, That we thus express our high appreciation of his long service to the cause of truth and right, his sterling manhood and kindly disposition, qualities that endeared him to all; and be it

*Resolved*, That we extend to his bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of sorrow, and point them to the true source of comfort in affliction, our Divine Creator, as their strength and refuge; and be it further

*Resolved*, By Boston Division No. 41, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that a copy of this memorial be spread upon the minutes, a copy sent to the bereaved family, and a copy to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. J. LEBAN,

H. F. CUNNINGHAM,

J. H. ECCLETON,

*Committee.*

#### New York Div., No. 44.

Last regular meeting well attended, and lots of business transacted. One new brother rode the goat, and he knows how he got in No. 44 all right.

The entertainment committee have made arrangements for many pleasant evenings during the coming winter.

There will be three of the so-called ladies' nights, dates to be named later. As soon as it can be learned when the hall can be had. Suitable program will be arranged to suit each occasion.

'Tis said that Mr. L. Huey will soon leave Vandever Park for California. He will be relieved by Mr. F. A. Carman; funny both of these men look so much apart you can not tell them alike.

Bro. A. H. David has resigned as agent at Cold Spring, and will go into other business. He was relieved temporarily by Bro. J. D. Webster, who in turn was relieved by J. M. Madden, who has been installed as permanent agent.

Bro. H. S. Dupuy, formerly operator at Westbury, has accepted the agency at Hollis, made vacant by the resignation of Bro. A. E. Tibbals.

Sister H. E. Palmer, of Murry Hill Flushing, met with a very serious accident, falling off a bicycle and severely injuring her limb. Bro. Van Nostrand relieved her for a couple of weeks, he in turn was relieved by Freddie Karsh, who will hold the position until Sister Palmer is able to return.

Mr. Higgins, of 34th street ticket office, has gone home to father at Southampton.

Prizes for the best kept stations on Long Island for the year 1908, were awarded as follows: First Class—First prize, Far Rockaway; second prize, Great Neck; third prize, Oyster Bay. Second Class—First prize, Roslyn; second prize, Smithtown; third prize, Central Islip. Third Class—First prize, St. James; second prize, Setauket; third prize, Elmhurst.

The agents at stations on the so-called second and third class are to be congratulated, particularly Bro. Brennan, of Smithtown; Bro. Wells, of St. James; Bro. Jones, of Setauket, and Bro. Hawkins, of Elmhurst. These stations won their prizes on their merits, the others have men paid to do the cleaning, and should not be considered at all. Understand Oyster Bay got a lemon handed to the force.

Lots of changes taking place on the Atlantic Avenue Division. Ticket agencies are being established at the following suburban stations: Dunton, Morris Park (west bound), Clarenceville, Woodhaven Junction (west bound), Woodhaven Village, Union Course, Rail Road Avenue, and East New York (west bound).

Bro. A. L. Bougher, who has been confined in the St. John's Hospital, Long Island City, for the past three months, with a broken knee cap, is about to leave that institution.

Cedarhurst station is again up for bid. Mr. T. F. Raidy didn't like it there and left for parts unknown. Relief Agent Bro. Jim Robinson is holding down the job until some other good man comes along.

Mr. A. Broughton, superintendent of stations, enjoyed a few weeks' vacation, traveling through lower California and the West.

Be sure and attend the next regular meeting, when election of officers takes place. Come out and vote for your favorite candidates.

Bro. Curran, Hunt and Martin took in the six-day bicycle race. They are pretty swift, but the pace was too fast for them.

No tower news this month, for the reason that all things are quiet. Everyone contented and no one seems to have anything to say.

Div. Cor.

### Wilmington Div., No. 58.

Regular meeting of Division No. 58 was held Wednesday evening, November 18th, with Bro. Trent, chief, in the absence of Bro. Kennedy, who was working middle trick on Wilmington train sheet.

Quite an enthusiastic meeting was held, and matters of importance were discussed. Meeting adjourned at eleven o'clock.

An invitation was extended Division No. 58, by The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, to attend their twenty-fifth anniversary, on Wednesday evening, November twenty-fifth, at Lu Lu Temple, Broad and Spring Garden Sts., Philadelphia. Some thirty-five members of the division responded, were met at Broad St. Station by Bro. Sammons, master of ceremonies of the evening, and were escorted to the Temple. We were given a hearty welcome by the B. R. T. boys. The two front rows of seats were reserved for our special use. Owing to the late arrival of our train, we missed the first part of the entertainment. The anniversary was indeed a success. A special feature of the evening was an address by the Grand Master of The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Bro. H. P. Morrissey, who extended a cordial welcome to us, as well as to all legitimate railroad organizations.

Lieutenant I. T. Parker, of Delaware, representing the Order of Railway Conductors, following Grand Master Morrissey with an address along the Good of the Order lines. At the conclusion of the speaking, we were treated to a fine vaudeville entertainment.

Owing to our having to leave to catch the midnight train, we all regretted we could not enjoy the dancing that followed the vaudeville entertainment. We certainly owe the B. R. T. boys a vote of thanks for courteous treatment accorded us as members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

Several vacancies are bulletined, as follows: Bellevue, 4 p. m. to midnight trick; "CU" Tower Bridge No. 3, cut off 4 p. m. to midnight trick; Peach Bottom, 4 p. m. to midnight trick; Charles-town tower will shortly be reopened. All three tricks to be filled.

We have some six applications to begin the new year with. Now all get busy.

Sorry to learn of the illness of Bro. R. H. Lipscomp, of Wilmington office.

Hope to soon hear "Bob's" familiar touch on the key.

Bro. E. L. Robinson is also on the sick list.

### Delaware Division—

"A Merry X-mas and a Happy New Year to you." May you live to see many more of the same.

Quite a number of the agents have had their annual vacation, and the relief agents have been moving around pretty lively in the past month or two.

Bro. Quillen, second trick at Bridgeville, "B," took a ten days' gunning trip, from November

15th to 25th. Mr. Wainwright, third trick at "B," relieved him; Mr. O'Neal relieved Mr. Wainwright.

Bro. Jenkins spent his relief day with relatives at Wyoming.

Bro. "Bob" Windsor spent two days with his mother at Georgetown, recently.

Bros. Jones and Scotten enjoyed a week's vacation in November.

Agents at Harrington and East New Market, respectively, relieved by Mr. Roe.

Bros. Jump, Jarman and Taylor, agents at Cheswold, Berlin and Snow Hill, respectively, enjoyed their annual vacation, during the latter part of November and early part of December; relieved by Bro. Smith.

Bro. Allen relieved Mr. Hodgson at Townsend, and Bro. Holmes at Massey, in November, for a week.

Bros. C. C. Lewis, F. L. Smith, Mr. J. T. Gough, and Bro. S. L. Richards were off on their annual vacation, in November; relieved by Bro. Megee.

Bro. A. V. Register, of "WI," worked at "BI" several days in November. Bro. Morrison working the third trick, relief.

Messrs. Webb and Onley, two of our popular dispatchers, went over the main line together one day in November, stopping at several places. We think that a personal talk with our dispatchers once in a while, is very beneficial in many ways, it makes better service and establishes a more friendly feeling among the boys; we hope they will call again soon.

Bro. Richards now visits his friends in an auto, and we "13" that two more of the brothers contemplate riding in a "Red Devil," in the near future.

Bro. Prettyman, agent at Stockley, off on his vacation in November; relieved by Bro. Allen.

Bro. Van Sant, of "DR," spent his relief day with his parents in Millington.

Bro. Freeny spent his relief day in the city.

Bro. Butler, of "DR," spent his relief day in Philadelphia.

Bros. Atkinson and Stein were doing extra work in "X<sub>1</sub>" in November.

Our old friend "RC" Clifton and wife were on a two weeks' vacation in November.

Quite a number of the boys spent a day or two gunning in November.

Bro. Whitlock, "WI," spent a week gunning in November; relieved by Mr. Fleetwood.

Now that another year is almost gone, would like to ask you to look back over the past twelve months; we have now had the eight-hour law as an actual fact for about ten months, and we see that it is so much better than twelve that we hope all of you will begin the new year with the resolution that you will give perfect service. We have an unexcelled set of dispatchers, and we should endeavor to give them all the help we can, assisting them in every way possible. Begin the new year with the idea of securing new members for our Order; don't become discouraged,

take an optimistic view of things, look on the "sunny side" of life. Let every brother strive to do his work for the company as near perfect as circumstances will permit, show them that an O. R. T. man is quick, sure and reliable.

We trust that the brothers will not allow any trifling, fancied grievances toward any particular members of the Order, due to want of forethought, to in any way have any influence whatever on the principle of the Order generally. Boys, do not think that any unpleasant remarks on wire, ever come from a loyal member's heart, but are made on the spur of the moment, and are soon forgotten. Would be well, however for all concerned, to have some consideration for the man in the box.

We must not expect to bait for flies with vinegar.

Mule drivers are out of place, save on canal boats.

Div. Cor.

### Levis Div., No. 64.

Regular meeting called to order at 2 p. m., Thursday, December 10th, at Riviere du Loup. P. Q. Chief Telegrapher A. Dion in the chair: Third Vice-President D. Campbell also present. There was a good attendance; the brothers between Levis and St. Flavie showed up well; the brothers on Drummond section could not easily attend, but will be given a chance to do so at the next meeting, as it will be held at Levis (the most central place for all of us).

Our meetings are interesting and lively, as the question of schedule revision is being agitated and will be seriously considered at a very early date.

After routine work had been disposed of, Grand Officer Bro. D. Campbell addressed the meeting with very appropriate and well chosen words, and if every member could have attended and heard what our worthy brother had to say, it would have done them a lot of good. Bro. Campbell never forgets the Intercolonial railway boys. Every chance he has to visit us he shows up; it is to be hoped he will continue to do so, as it is always a pleasure and an honor to Division No. 64 to welcome him.

Several members have not yet paid in their half of the first month's increase to the general committee. Brothers, this is a debt of honor, bear it in mind, and therefore it should be paid; the treasury should be in a healthy condition financially at all times, so do not delay any longer, as they need the money.

Now a warning to the contraband student teachers. Any member found guilty of illegally teaching the art of telegraphy, will have charges preferred against him, and will be brought before the division.

Nominations for local chairman will be announced at the next meeting; let us have a big attendance.

The current term expires in a few days; the treasurer is ready at all times to accept our dues.

A Merry Xmas and a Very Happy New Year to all, and long live the O. R. T. CERT. 78.

**Oskaloosa Div., No. 71.**

Again: No card, no favors.

Bro. E. R. Urbine just back from a two months' vacation, spent in sight-seeing in the West. He is at present doing relief work at Rockwell, but says he is going back to Union in a few days.

A change of night men at Hampton and Mason City. Can not say who supplied the changes.

Bro. McSpaden, agent at Hampton, has been on the sick list for some time; every one hopes for his quick recovery. Bro. Clawson is day operator and "agent," with all the titles that go with the jobs.

The boys at Ackley have moved into their new depot, and say it is much better than the old one, which was little better than a cattle barn. There are more stations that could use a new depot on this pike.

Bro. A. P. Walker, of New Sharon, met with an unfortunate accident recently, when he slipped and fell, as No. 96 was passing the platform. His left arm fell across the rail, and the head truck crushed it so badly, that it was necessary to amputate it between the wrist and elbow. He is up and around, and will soon be at work again. All the boys will be pleased when that time comes. Bros. C. T. Hardin and H. E. Clark doing the relief work.

A new time card is to go into effect January 3d. We are told, an important change of two of our passenger trains is scheduled for this new card.

Our secretary reports only one member of Division 71, now in the service of the Iowa Central, as behind with his dues for six months, ending December 31st, and we hope before the year is gone, this man will have squared himself. This certainly speaks well for No. 71.

There are a couple of desirable nons on the north end that we should get after, and get them lined up. "Grab a root and growl," everybody.

Bro. Harry Boughton, formerly of Rockwell, is now with the Southern Pacific. Was at Oregon City, Ore., last we heard, and seemed to like his new place. Harry is one of the boys that never need look long for a place, and the Iowa Central was very short-sighted when they let him go. For some time, the boomer has received preferred attention on this line, and a great many "old heads" turned loose. However, we hope to see a change under so many new officials.

Bro. H. A. Vannoy, who you will remember as former agent at Ackley, is secretary of a trainmen's insurance order, located at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Probably by the time this gets into print, our committee will be holding "pow-wows" with the general manager, for we understand they are getting ready as fast as possible to ask for a revised schedule. We are satisfied of one thing; unless we get better pay and better working conditions, there won't be enough of the old agents and operators here to wad a shot-gun. How can you expect a man to have the responsibility of an agent and work twelve (?) hours here for less

money than he can get elsewhere for eight hours' work, as an operator?

Our old friend F. E. Martin is back on the east end as chief dispatcher. The boys are glad to extend the "glad hand" to Frank once more.

Here is a sample of some of the changes the Iowa Central find it necessary to make: Agent R. Mason transferred from Cramers to first trick, Farmington; relieved by H. H. Adamson. Adamson resigned, relieved by J. A. Logan; Logan relieved by Mrs. C. S. Weldon; Weldon transferred to Mason City, days; relieved by C. F. Ream. It didn't take so awfully long for all these changes to occur. What can you expect at the price?

Bro. J. W. Howard and family, of Olds, is spending part of the winter in Florida. We hope Jim will return, as he is one of the few "old heads" we have left. So many changes at Olds, since Jim left, that we can not begin to name who has been there.

Third trick man has been put on at Elrick Junction, and second and third trick men added at Keithsburg. It's a bitter pill to swallow, this third trick, but it must come. Probably it would have been a good thing for the Iowa Central if they had used three men in some places where they have made such good (?) use of two.

The "shingle" operator, at Keithsburg, came very near being an expensive luxury for the Iowa Central. When trains meet between stations, looks like something was wrong. Of course, it was shoved onto the shingle operator, but every one has been trying to figure out how the dispatcher cleared himself. There may be another chapter added about the shingle man later on.

Reports on the stocks of the Iowa Central, show a great increase in value, compared with the past. They have ranged between 30 and 40 cents, compared to 13 to 18 of the past several years. Newspapers attribute the raise to Rockefeller, and his associates. If they get hold of this pike, there will be something doing, one way or the other.

When changes are as few, and business as dull as it has been the past month, don't look for a very big bunch of items from No. "71."

CORRESPONDENTS.

**Camden Div., No. 84.**

By the time this goes to press we will be entering the new year, so let us be thankful for the good work that our Order has accomplished during the past year, and let us hope our efforts toward helping to complete thorough organization, for the good of the Order, and for the members thereof in general, may exceed any and all things that have been done in the past.

Bro. C. F. Van Culin won first trick at "MS," Manasquan, and Bro. H. T. Woertz bid in first trick at "MJ," East Burlington. Mr. Claypoole, from "JN," Medford Junction, secured the position at "FH" yard master's office, Camden.

Bro. H. G. Austin, second trick at "JN," Medford Junction, won first trick at that place.

Bro. M. J. Van Zandt is holding down first trick at "SW," Stanwick.



Bro. G. H. Nunamaker landed first trick at "NA," Englishtown, but has not been transferred, at present he is working second trick at "FD," Freehold.

It is very gratifying to hear that some of the commercial men that expect to stay on our division are going to fill out application blanks the first of the year, and come into Division No. 84.

Quite a number of the boys have been off on vacations. Bro. J. H. Thorne, first trick at "Q," has been off a few days; Bro. L. A. Page, our general chairman, has taken his annual vacation; Bro. Z. P. Wells, agent at "GR," Edgewater Park, spent his vacation with his parents in Medford. Several of the agents have not been relieved yet, and it looks as if they will not all be able to get their vacations until after January 1st.

Bro. J. W. McNinny, first trick at "RA," Kinkoro, has been off a week; relieved by Bro. Le Roy Havens.

Bro. B. M. Elfreth, second trick at "CB," Pavonia, off on a gunning trip.

Bro. M. W. Maitland, "CB," first trick, and his wife, are on an extended wedding trip to Niagara Falls, Albany, Boston and Fitchburg, Mass.

W. L. Ballinger, agent, "KI," Riverside, a former member of No. 84, had the misfortune to get shot in the shoulder by a highwayman recently, breaking his collar bone also; he is recovering as rapidly as can be expected. Bro. J. T. West, first trick operator, is working as agent in his place, and Bro. H. M. Smith is working in Bro. West's trick.

The boys on the C. & B. branch are receiving their relief days regularly each month now; we are pleased to note this, as they can depend on getting off on certain days, where heretofore they had no relief men, and had to take their time whenever it could be given them.

We are advised, by good authority, that "CX" tower, South Amboy, will be reopened shortly and operators installed. It will be remembered this tower was closed a few years ago as a telegraph office, and telephone was placed in service, and has been running that way ever since. No doubt the company realizes this place can be worked to a better advantage by telegraph operators than by use of the telephone.

The block system has been placed in service from Manasquan to "JG," Jamesburg, also between Monmouth Junction and "GY," Old Bridge. This makes Bros. H. M. Snediker, first trick man at "JG," and C. M. Kennedy, second trick, hustle some to keep up with the extra work this makes for them.

The bench committee reports some changes among our division officials, to take effect January 1st, 1909. Mr. J. W. Warwick, formerly a train dispatcher, and who has been working in division operator's office for the past year, is to be assigned to special duties in General Manager Atterbury's office, while Mr. H. W. Kunzie, at present second trick dispatcher, is to be appointed assistant division operator, to fill vacancy made by Mr. Warwick.

Another report from above committee states, M. C. Baker, one of the first trick operators in "CF" superintendent's office, and a former member of our Order, has been discharged for selling "passes." Understand the Interstate Commerce people have taken Mr. Baker in charge, and from the outlook at present it will probably go pretty hard with him, by the time they are through with their investigation. Cor.

### Trenton (N. J.) Div., No. 85.

The regular monthly meeting, in December, was well attended; a great deal of business of much importance to all was transacted. One new member applied for admission, and the usual committee appointed to investigate same and report at next meeting.

Next month, January, will be nominations for officers for the ensuing year, and also a representative to the convention in Atlanta, Ga., in May. It is hoped all who can possibly do so will come to this meeting, as it is the most important of the whole year.

The membership of this division is to be congratulated on the excellent gain in membership during the past year. We all know that to make the gain in membership, that we have during the year 1908 under existing circumstances, is something to feel exultant over. To anyone who will study past events and give themselves time to think the situation over calmly, they can only come to one conclusion, and that is, that we must be favored with something, and that something is "Right." You know the old saying that "Right is greater than Might," and will eventually triumph in the end. For any other result would be an evolution of history in matters of this kind. So brothers we have reason to feel proud of the excellent showing made by all in the building up of the organization which should be so dear to the heart of all telegraphers who have their future welfare at heart.

Before this is in print there will be some changes on the New York Division over in New York at "B" office, and at Trenton; at the present writing we are unable to say what will be the good fortune of those who will be fortunate enough to come under the official hammer.

Bros. Cutler and Shepherd, at "DO" office, Trenton, have their hands full these days trying to do the work of two men, since they took the levermen out of there. This is certainly one of the most unjust moves the company has made in many a long day.

Bro. Carty has been a sojourner in Philadelphia, but from last account he has made up his mind to move back to Herrington.

### Belvidere Division—

"13" the new block towers at Warren, Niece and Flemington Junction, will be put in service in a few days.

The business on this division has increased so much that one dispatcher can not handle it, so

they have taken the copiers away and have added another dispatcher on a trick, one dispatcher handles business from Manunka Chunk to Phillipsburg, and the other from Phillipsburg to Trenton.

Have so many new men that it is hard to keep track of them, but I am glad to hear that several of them are brothers.

Boys, get after the nons, if you have a non working with you keep at him until you have his application; and remember it will soon be time to pay your dues again. Let every one of us be prompt in this, for you know the only way to get anything is to stick together.

Brothers, come out to the meetings; most of the first trick men could come out every month, if they would, you can, most all of you, get back on No. 524; what is the loss of a little sleep when you can learn something that will benefit you by losing it?

I am very glad to say that there are no ham factories on this pike.

Bro. G. M. Wharton, second trick at "X," Wilburtha, bid in third trick at "WC," Washington's Crossing. Mr. N. S. Bayard, third trick at "WC," Washington's Crossing, bid in second trick at "FJ," Flemington Junction.

"13" Mr. H. Harbourt has accepted a position with the L. V. R. R.

Bro. Geo. Cochram is sick with typhoid fever. "13" he is doing nicely.

Bro. A. C. Hoffman, manager at "MS," Coal Port, is working third trick in dispatcher's office, at present writing.

Bro. E. V. McKelvey, third trick at "BI," Raven Rock, bid in first trick at Nice.

Mr. W. P. Maloney is back with us again, and says he is going to get a card in January.

Bro. A. T. Palmer, first trick at "P," Phillipsburg, is back with us again, after a spell of sickness.

UNCLE SI.

### Boston Div., No. 89.

The December night meeting of Division 89 was called to order at 8 p. m., December 5th, by Worthy Chief, Bro. Ross. All officers were present. The brothers turned out to the tune of seventy, which is the largest attendance for a long time.

No applications for membership were received. This was no doubt due to the fact that it is so near the end of the semi-annual period, the prospective ones deciding to wait until the first of January. Understand there is a bunch coming in then that will make up for the non appearance of any at this meeting.

The first business of importance that came before the meeting was the resignation of our secretary and treasurer, Bro. J. W. Finn, who has filled the chair for the past three years. As Bro. Finn is now working in the dispatchers' office at Tarenton and lives in Dorchester, he finds it impossible to give the business proper attention.

A special election was conducted and Bro. J. H. McDermott, of Mansfield, was elected secretary and treasurer, to succeed Bro. Finn. "Mac" has had considerable experience in this line and things should run along smoothly under his regime.

The auditing committee rendered a very interesting report, which shows a balance of \$529.19 in the treasury. This is the best balance Boston Division, No. 89, has been able to show for a long time, if not in its whole history. The exact figures of the committee are as follows:

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Balance from 1907.....	\$ 39 07
Local division dues .....	1,381 34
Grand Division dues .....	1,437 06
Total .....	\$2,857 47

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Grand Division dues remitted.....	\$1,437 06
Local division expenses .....	290 22
Remitted to general committee.....	601 00
Cash on hand Nov. 17, 1908.....	529 19
Total .....	\$2,857 47

The auditing committee also brought in ten recommendations, of which nine were adopted by the division. They are as follows:

No. 1.—That an auditing committee be appointed as follows: One for one year, one for two years and one for three years.

No. 2.—That the accounts be audited every three months, viz.: March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1.

No. 3.—That the secretary have a working fund of \$50.00 to meet incidental expenses, this amount to be withheld from deposit in the bank.

No. 4.—That all other funds of the division be deposited in a bank, in the name of Boston Division, No. 89, Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

No. 5.—That all checks drawn be signed jointly by the chief telegrapher and secretary.

No. 6.—That the auditing committee do not allow the secretary credit for any vouchers unless the same has been approved by the division and endorsed by the chief telegrapher.

No. 7.—That the secretary be required to furnish the chairman of the auditing committee on or before the first of each month a statement of all money received by him, other than semi-annual dues and initiation fees.

No. 8.—That the minutes of each meeting show an authorized account of all bills approved at that meeting.

No. 9.—That the secretary's bond be raised to \$1,000.00.

Bro. Wood was elected chairman for Boston Terminal.

Bro. E. J. Manion, general chairman, was present and addressed the boys for a few minutes.

Two delegates from Boston Cigar Strippers' Union asked permission to address the meeting for ten minutes, which was granted. I am afraid that if some of the boys had to work under the

conditions that these girls work they would be discouraged. The delegates outlined the existing conditions and also told of the hardships some of the members are subjected to on account of their employers not taking them back, as they agreed upon the settlement of the Cigar Strippers' strike a few months ago. They are going to have a social on December 30th, the proceeds to go to their needy unemployed. Tickets are 25 cents each. Bro. Manion passed the tickets among the boys and sold sixty for these loyal girls. It is needless to say that when they went away with the \$15.00 and the glad hand we gave them they thought the members of Boston Division, No. 89, O. R. T., "the best ever."

#### Midland Division—

Bro. Murphy, second trick at Franklin, was off two days recently.

Bro. Carrigan, Elliotts, bid in third at Plainfield, made vacant by Operator Ottenheimer leaving the service a couple of months ago.

Mr. J. B. Burke bid in Elliotts. This man will wear the button after January 1.

Bro. H. F. Miller has resigned second trick at Plainfield. Mr. J. B. Plant from extra list to second trick at Plainfield.

Bro. W. E. Moon from Milford to third trick at Newport Road tower. Bro. J. A. Silva from extra list to Milford.

Bro. J. A. Willard, of Chickering tower, left November 21 for a week's tour of New York, visiting relatives in Hastings-on-the-Hudson and Tarrytown.

The daylight meeting, on Saturday, December 19, was called to order by Chief L. J. Ross, with a good attendance. One candidate was initiated. Bro. Brady, past chief of Division 35, was present and favored us with a talk full of good advice and suggestions. Bro. Manion spoke under the head of "Good of the Order" for nearly an hour, defining our duties as good Order men, and urging each member to not only pay his dues, but to endeavor to get all desirable nons into our ranks.

Div. Cor.

#### Elmira Div., No. 100.

Elmira Division, No. 100, held a regular night meeting on Tuesday evening, December 22. Owing to the near approach of Christmas but few of the boys were in attendance.

Bro. Fuller, third at "D" tower, has traded tricks with Bro. Campbell, and is now working second trick at "CG."

Several changes among the telephone offices have taken place, and, owing to the bulletining of these places, more changes will follow.

Sister Ward is now working first trick at Ennerdale.

Miss Johnson goes to Ennerdale second trick December 26th.

Sister Miller is doing the twelve-hour stunt at Glenora, assisted by Sister Edington. It is said that Glenora will be placed on eight-hour basis soon.

Bro. U. G. Watkins, first at "G" tower, is off for two or three weeks; relieved by Bro. H. H. Pierson. Bro. Watkins has taken to himself a better half.

Mr. Craugh is still working the relief stunt.

Bro. Tipton, relief agent, is now holding down a job in the "sanctum" at "QO" Elmira.

The bulletin lately issued, changing the personal "signs" of about ninety per cent of the operators, brought out some wrist-wrenchers, and there has been a great scramble to secure different "signs."

If any one on the Canandaigua Division is looking for excitement, he can find it by asking Tim Brewer how he likes the dollar-a-day expense account which has been granted the relief agents. Tim bid in the agency at Bellona just in time to escape the raise.

Bro. Joe Brewer is now working as relief operator on the north end.

Dispatchers are now allowed two days off each month, with instructions to cover the division and keep in touch with the situation.

Miss Ethel Fredericks, third at Milo, has resigned, having been bid out of that position. The reappointment of 'phone operators older in the service was the reason.

Bro. Snyder, of Ennerdale, goes to third at Milo, commencing Dec. 25th.

Some curiosity is manifested by the employees concerning the new time card, which goes into effect January 4th. It is said that some radical changes in the running time of the varnished cars are contemplated.

Division 100 now shows on its rolls the names of over 90 per cent of the total number of operators employed on the E. & C. Division, which is "going some," considering the time we have been doing business. Not many dead ones on this end.

Div. Cor.

#### Philadelphia Div. No. 102.

Division No. 102 is larger than ever before. The meetings are largely attended, and brothers who have heretofore only attended a meeting once in six months are now taking an active interest in our division, and they can be seen at every meeting, which is encouraging, as the work does not fall on a few now, but a large number.

Division No. 102 has members in good standing on the following P. R. R. D. and P. & R. divisions: P. R. R., Schuylkill Valley, P. T. and Phila., P. & R., New York, Philadelphia, Reading, W. & C. and Atlantic City divisions.

Division No. 102 being one of the largest divisions this side of the Mississippi River, continues to grow in membership as well as financially.

Brothers who miss our meetings miss a treat, taking in consideration that Division No. 102 starts about 8 p. m. and adjourns about midnight on their meeting nights, which are held regularly each month, you can realize there is something done besides consuming the perfectos our S. and T. hands out to us at our meetings.

Philadelphia and Reading Ry. telegraphers on the New York, Philadelphia and Atlantic City divisions are enjoying a minimum rate of pay of \$60.50 per month, and the friendly feeling between the officials and these telegraphers are of the most pleasant nature, in fact, not a thing to complain of.

Our big S. and T., Bro. Mennig, is getting in trim for his trip to Atlanta, Ga., next May, to represent Division No. 102.

To say Division No. 102 is progressing beyond expectations is only putting it in a mild form.

Bro. Hill, of Division No. 33, and member of the B. & O. R. R. O. R. T. general committee, occasionally delivers the goods to us in an eloquent fashion, and we certainly appreciate Bro. Hill's oratory. BILL.

### Renovo Div., No. 110.

The western district meeting was held at Corry on December 2d, and was well attended. It is very gratifying to note that the members of the western district are taking a lively interest in the affairs of the division and great credit is due them for so doing.

The eastern district meeting was held in Odd Fellows' Hall, Emporium, December 16th. Among those present were Bros. Perry, Russell, Edwards, Mann and Confer, and Bros. Goodwin and O'Leary. Bro. Goodwin acted as S. and T. in the absence of Bro. Getchell, the regular S. and T. Chief O'Leary occupied his own seat, and Bro. Edwards, L. C., gave a very interesting talk on subjects of interest to the division.

We understand that Mrs. A. B. Geary, of Kane, will be one of us ere this write-up appears, and we extend her a warm welcome. There will be several more applications for next meeting.—Watch us grow.

Among the changes that have taken place during the last month we note the following:

Bro. Longphere from third trick at Ludlow to third trick at Sheffield.

Bro. Lindquist from third trick at Sheffield to second trick in same office.

Sister McGraw from second trick at Sheffield to first trick at "WY" tower, Kane.

Operator Green from third trick at Clarendon to third trick at "FN" tower, Warren.

Bro. Zeeb is working third trick at Ludlow at present.

On account of the fourth man being taken off at "JN," Emporium, Bro. Griskey has been transferred to "WY" tower, Kane, third trick. The folks on the east end hate to lose Bro. Griskey from among them, but what is our loss is the western district's gain. Bro. Griskey is very popular and is a strict O. R. T. man.

Our worthy S. & T., Bro. H. S. Getchell, is at present suffering from another attack of acute gastritis and is confined to his bed. It is feared that the disease has become chronic, as it makes its appearance about the same time each month. We all hope for his speedy recovery.

Operators Bretzin, Carroll and Jenkins and Bro. Reese dropped in on us for a few days or weeks and tried their hands at "Pensy" work, but have all gone again, seemingly not liking our working arrangements here.

Mr. Carlson is working the second trick at "RM" tower, Emporium, while Bro. Getchell is sick.

Operator Chatham, of Driftwood, has been promoted to extra dispatcher.

Bro. Schroff, of "PR" tower, Kane, is on the sick list.

Bro. Geswender, of Rathbun, who has been enjoying a week's vacation, has returned to duty.

Sister Baird, of "KS" Sinnemahoning, is enjoying a two weeks' vacation, being relieved by Operator Gakle.

Bro. M. L. Fleming, of "MS" tower, is on the sick list; relieved by Operator John Schell.

Agent P. J. Holland, of Keating, who has been on the sick list for the past month, has returned to duty much improved in health.

Sister Helen Floyd, of "KS" Sinnemahoning, has taken a three months' leave of absence and has departed for points west of the "Rockies."

Sister Neylon, of "RA" office, Renovo, is rapidly regaining her health and is looking fine. She has had a severe time of it and we hope she will now enjoy the best of health.

Operator Peabody, of Ridgeway, is working third trick at "CH" tower, Renovo.

Bros. Perry and Botsford, of Keating, have decided to close their hunting camp during the cold weather, and Bro. "Bill" Russell has induced them to put in their spare time hunting nons and rounding them up in the fold. Judging from their hunting successes, they will make the P. & E. solid O. R. T. in short order.

It is hoped that some of the delinquent members will pay up and get into line for 1909. We will not mention names, but some day these parties may need the help of a brother and will regret leaving the union.

Since the day force at "JN" tower, Emporium, has been cut to two men, Bro. O'Leary's job calls to mind a cartoon that appeared in a Philadelphia paper some time ago, which showed a "Reading" agent doing ten jobs all in one. Bro. O'Leary has the advantage over the P. & R. brother, as he can tie the broom to his foot and sweep the office while he is manipulating the levers. What a wonderful man our operator is, anyway—twelve wires to answer, thirty-two levers to handle, besides answering two telephones, handling train orders and blocking trains.

Members receiving applications for new members should be sure that the applicant is A No. 1 before recommending him. If he sleeps on duty and makes trouble for the company, he need not apply. If we do this, we will show our superior officers that it pays to have up-to-date organized operators. Our obligation to the Order insures good service to the company, and if we live up to our obligation we can not help but give the best of service.

We are glad to say that a good deal of young blood is and will be infused into our Order. This is just what we want. Let us make the year of 1909 the banner year. We can do it if we try.

Mr. J. W. Robinson, of Emporium, is working third trick at "HY" Huntley.

Miss C. V. Eddy is relieving Sister Floyd while the latter is away.

The correspondent takes this opportunity to thank Bros. Russell, Goodwin and Barner for their contributions to this write-up. It gives me a little encouragement to work, and we all like to see the division appear in the columns of the journal. Bro. Quick is glad to print everything in the way of news we may send him, and we are assisting him in maintaining the reputation of THE TELEGRAPHER, which is now considered to be the best fraternal magazine printed. Attend the meetings, give us the news, round up the nons and pay your dues. There it is in rhyme and all in a nutshell.

The entire membership wishes to extend hearty Christmas and New Year's greeting to the officers and members of the Order of R. R. Telegraphers throughout the country and best wishes for their future, one and all.

"We hope that you may all enjoy the very best of health,

That you may find prosperity and happiness and wealth;

May you live long upon this earth with those whom you hold dear,

A Merry Christmas to you all, and a bright, happy New Year.

Div. Cor.

### Buffalo Div., No. 135.

Still a few dead ones left.

Are you thinking about getting yourself a card?

If you are not a union man, should you not feel that you are a traitor? I would never feel like a free man, either at home or at work, I would feel that I was not only doing my fellow-workers an injustice, but myself also; and if you will only study the matter over, you will see it in the same light.

Our regular meeting, held at Olean, Tuesday, December 15th, was not as largely attended as was expected, but most of the good old members were very much in evidence. Kindly remember and turn out better next time, it's for your welcome as well as for the ones who always attend. Do not leave all the work for a few, do something yourself.

Bro. D. F. Cain has bid in first trick at Deep Cut.

Bro. Carl Smith bid in "CH," nights.

Bro. R. R. Wilson, second trick at Chaffee, was off two days last month, visiting relatives in Pittsburg.

Bro. Mathewson will relieve Agent Burt, Machias, during his three months' of absence.

Operator Huntington, second trick, Holland, was visiting friends at Buffalo, a few days last month.

Bro. Farnsworth was relieving Agent Keating Summit, a few days.

Bro. Leet has resigned and accepted a position with the N. & W. Ry.

Bro. Cook, of Sizerville, is batching in a private car; he extends a kind invitation to all brothers to call on him, whether in need of grub or not.

It's queer about some nons. I tried to get one in line the other day, the reply he gave was "going to quit soon." It's the same old song this man has sung for the past two years. Wonder when he is going to quit? CERT. 23, Div. 135.

### North Adams Div., No. 139.

Six new members voted in at our December meeting, which cleans up the nons with the exception of two or three who will receive an invitation to join, before these items reach the press, and who we hope will see their way clear to do the right thing. We put the name brother to the following: Ross, agent, Johnsonville; Allen, agent, Hoosick Junction; Turner, second trick, Hoosick Junction; Burns, third trick, Eagle Bridge; Charles Andrew Brown, extra, now second trick, Eagle Bridge; Lawrence Towerman, Shelburne Junction.

This brings our membership above the highest mark since the organization secured a schedule. Our secretary and treasurer, Bro. Cook, reports our finances the best in the history of the Order. Let the good work continue.

A few changes since our last write-up:

Bro. Quick from "JO" to "JU," Mohawk River Bridge.

Bro. Van Wort from "HJ" to "PI" third trick.

Bro. Brown, extra to second trick, "BR," Eagle Bridge. Bro. Colton away on account of sickness in family.

Bro. Albert Nesbitt from "XN" to "HJ," third trick.

Bro. Wickham from acting agent at Hoosick to "XN," third trick.

Bro. Powers from "NR" to "HA," Schaghticoke.

Bro. Burt from acting agent "SR," South River, to "NR." Mr. Chapman, agent South River, away on account of sickness, returned.

Local Chairman Potter off on committee work, and sickness; back at Hoosick.

Understand Mr. White works as operator at "JD" two hours, then as clerk to Chief Bourne the balance of the day.

Mr. Callahan, third trick, "HF," Hoosick Falls, is on the sick list. Mr. Murphy, sub.

Your correspondent was honored by being selected to represent our division with the general committee in Boston, December 8th and 9th, in place of Local Chairman Potter, who was indisposed. After consultation with Chief Powers and other officers of our Order, the lot fell to me. I wish to thank the brethren, for it was surely a treat to gather with the several chairmen and General

Chairman Bode, to confer together in the interest of their fellow-men. It would hardly be right to advise you at this time what was done, as a report is to be published and sent to each member of our Order in the near future. Vice-President T. M. Pierson was with us, also General Chairman Manion of the N. Y., N. H. & H., who is on a salary to look after the interests of the employees of the road.

New plans for interesting our members, and to canvass for the few nons were perfected, and at this writing is being carried forward to success.

Pittsburg Junction, third trick, bulletined.

It is the desire of our secretary and treasurer that the semi-annual dues be paid promptly. The privilege of payment on or before February 28th is given, but should not be left for the later date, as you may forget, and if not paid it will be necessary to make application same as a new member.

A general write-up of the remaining nons will be made in our next number. We are led to believe that publicity is necessary to get those fellows to thinking. It would be unfair to those whom we have mentioned in previous issues, unless we used all alike, and would appear that we have personal grievances, which is not so; but we are interested in the welfare of our Order.

If the rank and file of the O. R. T. could know, or would take time to inform themselves of the continued efforts put forth in their behalf for better working conditions, and a larger share of their labor products, it would not be necessary to keep up the pumping work in order to interest them. Let's get down to business. Work together, be mindful of our obligation to one another, and respond to the call of our leaders. It's the desire to increase our Order to the 50,000 mark this year. We can and must do it. Get after the non next to you, and don't let him rest until he has the goods.

Economy as practiced in leaving off numbers and class lights from engines, may result seriously in case of single track movement of trains. About four out of ten engines fail to observe rule No. 17. My belief is that an operator would be justified in refusing a stop displayed, if he was not sure of what trains had passed, of course as long as everything runs smooth it's like a canal. But who can say when a wreck will take place, which will necessitate the knowledge to a certainty as to what trains have passed. A recent item from a local paper, The D. & H. Co., to reduce expenses laid off a crossing tender. The day following a woman was killed on the crossing. While we agree with our employers in economy, let it be practiced where serious results will be impossible.

Bro. E. J. Girdan has an "NX" at "XN," in the shape of a long needed place to clean signal lamps. Heretofore it was necessary to do the work in the storm outside.

Remember election of officers January 9th; installation February 13th.

CERT. 117.

## Grand Trunk Ry.

### Second District—

Let us wake up and see if we can not bring our division up to the standard, before our committee presents the petition for shorter hours to the members of Senate and House of Commons. Get the public interested in this matter. No doubt you have all received a petition from Bro. Campbell, third vice-president, requesting you to get as many electors in your locality to sign it as possible, and return to him sometime before January 1st, 1909. Wouldn't it pay us for all our trouble, if we could get an eight-hour working limit, and we must go at it in this way if we ever get it. Let us get interested at once and try to push this thing along.

Unless there is an interest taken among the boys, we can not expect the nons to join our ranks, and there is lots of them along the line. We must be up and doing at once. Get after them and bring them in.

Our present schedule expires soon, now, why not begin to think about doing something towards getting a raise. We certainly can get it if we go at it in the right way, and each and every member does his part.

Let us all get busy now and make the coming year, a successful one.

Wishing you all a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year. S. Y.

## Clover Leaf Ry.

Operator J. G. Adams, formerly of the Santa Fe, has accepted the third trick at Marion, Ind. Mr. Adams is not a holder of an up-to-date card, but has given his word that he will come in, in the near future.

Bro. Ford Russell, second trick man at Marion, Ind., was off over Xmas, visiting his home at Grand Rapids, O. Coa.

## Wabash Ry.

### Decatur Division—

Bro. B. K. Cannon, who has been holding down the agency at Lodge for the past few months, has resigned. Bro. C. has bid on agency at Campus. Miss Grace Lanier, daughter of Bro. Lanier, first trick man at Lodge tower, accepts the position of agent at Lodge.

Bro. Somers, of Gibson, desirous of change. Tried to land agency at Strawn, but as we understand it, a little shy on seniority. Wells, second trick man at Gibson, landed instead.

Agent Folrath, of Cerro Gordo, off a few days on account of business; second trick man, Wingate, acting as relief man. Extra man Reinhart relieving Wingate in meantime. Later we learn that Reinhart has left for Los Angeles, to take position with the W. U. at that point.

Jolly, first trick man at East Decatur, back to old stand again.

Bro. McKinley, of the Wabash, more recently with the I. C., is employed at Tolono.

Bro. Davis, second trick at Lodge, off a few days on account sickness; relieved by extra man Maxen.

Bro. Litchenberger, first trick man at Forrest, has resigned, and accepts position with the T. P. & W., at Peoria, as dispatcher.

Quite a number of the boys are endeavoring to get off during the holidays, but as usual too many are asking for the same thing, at the same time, hence, disappointments are the lot of not a few.

Operator Schrer, of "XD," days, assigned to "H" office, in place of Bro. Harwood, second trick; Bro. H. to "XD."

Bro. Jerry Smith, of Foosland, off on account of sickness; Bro. J. H. Tomlinson relieving.

Agent Brock, of Shumway, Altamont branch, has resigned. Mr. B. has accepted a position in a bank at that point.

Somewhat shy on news for this issue, for the reason that a brother or two, who have been assisting us heretofore, has forgotten to write.

HARTE.

#### *Peru Division—*

We have just had the pleasure of canvassing the Peru Division, and calling on the boys, both members and nons, as well as a few who are hovering on the narrow margin between membership and non-membership, on account of their dues for the term not as yet being paid. Some of the delinquent brothers fixed the matter up with me, and I feel certain the remainder will do the same before it is too late, as they promised me they would.

We bumped up against the usual excuses from a few of the nons as to why they are nons, yet it is a satisfaction to see the different reception accorded us by even those who heretofore seemed proof against anything. Just think only one is left of that class who tries to appear as if he were trying to think what the O. R. T. is whenever you mention it; that, seems-like-I've-heard-of-something-like-the-O.R.T.-before sort of an air, and who smile and wink over your shoulder to some one behind you while you are speaking with them. You know the kind I mean. Well, there is only one left. Quite a curiosity, eh?

The Open and Closed Shop, as well as the right of the "independent worker," were touched upon in our different discussions with both members and nons. These questions concern more directly the mechanical trades. Ourselves it concerns more in an indirect way, yet since they concern unionism, and since they were touched upon more than usual it may not be amiss to say a little along those lines.

In the first place the "Open Shop" and the "Closed Shop" are terms used more by the enemies of organized labor as subterfuges for the terms non-union and union shops. It is nothing but an attempt to convey the idea that a great wrong is being perpetrated by trade unions when they insist upon all workers in a shop joining the union. It is easy to understand that a Closed Shop, liter-

ally speaking, means a shop closed against some one or more persons.

If a proprietor refuses employment to men because they are union men, which is done every day, this would be a closed shop; closed against union men, but the enemies of union labor call this an "Open Shop." A shop in which union wages are not paid, in which unionism is not recognized, one in which the workers are made to understand that they must labor at non-union wages, under non-union conditions, and which is closed against everything for which unionism stands. This is the kind, that for reasons, our enemies are pleased to call the "Open Shop."

The terms "Closed Shop" and "Open Shop" are attempts to evade the issue by using misleading phrases. Why not call them by their right names, the Union and Non-Union Shop?

It is asked sometimes why unions insist on the so-called "Closed Shop?" It is because they desire peace and not strife. They believe in wage agreements, being opposed to a loose method of dealing with employers, making it possible with a surplus of labor for them to cut wages and force the acceptance by the men who then hope to get even when there is again a scarcity of labor. Unions are opposed to a "get even" policy. Under the present system trade agreements brings peace and prosperity, temporarily at least, to both sides, and these agreements are only possible when labor is well organized, hence the demand for union shops. A trade union can not sign a trade agreement for workers who are nons. This does not mean, however, that where agreements or schedules exist in instances like ours, where there is not a Union Shop rule, that nons do not benefit by them, on the contrary they benefit by our schedules almost the same as members. In some instances such as grievances should they feel they are not getting their rights (?) under the schedules they must fight it out as individuals, independent of boards of adjustment. Here is where the parasite finds it a little bit different than before, when he was having the good things brought to him on a silver tray.

Under Union Shop conditions you will hear some say that the rights of the "independent worker" are infringed upon. No such thing. What is an independent worker? Is he one who remains out of the union because he wishes to assert his independence? Brilliant (?) idea that. The independence lost by membership in the union is as nothing compared with the losses sustained by one who submits himself or herself individually to the mercy of employers whose aim is always for dividends. The only right, if it be called a right, that a working man loses by joining a union is the right to undermine his fellow-workmen.

Perhaps this independent worker is one who remains out of the union, because he conscientiously opposes some rule of the union. He should remember, however, that the union is here to stay, and the best way to remedy such things is from within rather than from without. The workers

who formed the union and who are today keeping it alive, are conscientious. If the so-called independent workers' conscience tells him that he must not associate with his comrades in a union, then he should not complain if at some time their conscience tell them he is standing in the way of progress, and in turn refuse to work with him in the Union Shop. All have the undeniable right of following the dictates of conscience, but should our conscience dictate that we disassociate ourselves from our fellows, we are victims of folly or deception or both, and sooner or later we must suffer the result of a mistaken conscience.

In other organized walks of life association, co-operation and the like are very much in evidence. For instance, to practice law in a legal workshop or a law court, it is necessary to belong to the Bar Association. A diploma which is nothing more than a Working Card, is necessary if we practice medicine or the medical association will use all their power to prevent one from working in this line of business. Even the ministers of the gospel must have a license (working card) to preach, or he is not recognized. Doctors call their unfair workers "Quacks." Lawyers call theirs "Pettifoggers." Florists, Underakers, Pharmacists and many others have their unions, and are sticking together, and the independent worker or non gets very little comfort, because of such independence or non-membership in the association or union of his kind.

To be sure all history shows that there has always been a class distinction made in viewing things, and any move by labor has always been looked down upon as insignificant, and every effort made to crush anything that may tend to raise labor above being anything else than the menial or legitimate prey of the ruling class by said ruling class. Even our Saviour was looked upon, by the ruling class of his day, as an agitator and a part of the Rabble. The glasses through which present-day ruling class society view things gives the savor of business associations to these other unions, putting them in a different class than the associations or unions of the workers who are still agitators and a part of the rabble as they see it. However, there has been a steady advance made by "the despised of earth," and some of the harsh things they would utter against us is now deemed best unuttered. The cause of this advance is that labor is awakening to its interests. A proof of this is very manifest even on the Peru Division among the brothers of the O. R. T., as our recent trip over the Division shows. The fraternalism and brotherhood shown me in the welcome I received by the membership on the division and between the brothers among themselves appeared more pronounced than ever.

Gradually labor of all the different crafts is being drawn closer and closer together within the respective crafts; gradually, labor of the different crafts is being drawn closer and closer together in the great federations; and gradually and just as surely the calloused, but honest hands of toil are being stretched across the seas to clasp the equally

welcome hands of the workers of every land, and labor is being drawn closer and closer together in international brotherhood. What does it mean? Simply that the day of the independent or individual worker is past. Evolution has done away with the small individual tool of production, and ushered in the great machine to operate which requires the co-operative labor of many workers, instead of the individual worker. Evolution has produced, instead of the individual owner of the individual tool, the trust and these trusts which at first may have only affected comparatively small vicinities are now national, yea international in their scope. Labor is therefore becoming conscious of the fact that to cope with these "bodies without souls" it must unite. It is foolish to attempt it individually, and these bonds of unionism of the different crafts and national and international federations speak plainly that labor recognizes its position, hence this gradual closing up of the lines into closer co-operation. Already the gentle and endearing words of "Brother" or "Comrade" touches a responsive cord in every honest and true workers' breast, the world over, which proves that unlike the other product of evolution that "body without soul," ours is a body that is All Soul. Which must be the ultimate victor? Indeed, is such a question necessary? The Soul is Always Triumphant. Workers, Brothers, Comrades never forget your duty to yourselves and your kind. "Unite, we have nothing to lose but our chains, we have a world to gain."

Yours Fraternally,

W. P. SHUTT,  
Local Chairman.

### M. & O. Ry.

#### St. Louis Division—

Business is very good.

Bro. John Hudson bid in Ruslor, on bulletin. Relieved at Shannon temporarily by Mr. R. E. Sanders, from the N. & C. Bro. Paseler will go to Shannon, regular second trick, and we suppose Mr. Sanders will go to Ruslor, second trick.

Mr. J. E. Armstrong, second trick at Corinth, off on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. K. Somers, an old-timer, of Union City.

Night office has been opened at Selmer, temporarily, with Mr. John Stovall, of Bethel, in charge.

Bro. Hemphill, third trick at Bethel, off on vacation; relieved by Operator Stovall.

Bro. Sommers is working third trick at Union City during Bro. Bailey's absence at Berkeley. Bro. Bailey is acting agent at Berkeley during Bro. Beadle's absence on account of sickness.

Mr. J. F. Hatley checked in as agent at Laketon, relieving Bro. Reynolds. I am unable to say where Bro. Reynolds went.

Bro. Hodges has returned to Hodges Park again, after being off for quite a while.

Mr. J. D. Wilson checked in as agent at Red Bud, relieving Bro. Nolan. Mr. Wilson was one time a member, but dropped out. I have written him several times, but can not get a reply.



I am unable to give any account of the north end. I wish some of you fellows would come on with your doings? I write from one to twenty letters every day pertaining to the O. R. T. It does look like you boys could write one a month?

We have hatched out quite a lot of nons. Look after them, boys. If the company can work them we can take them into the O. R. T. If you have one working with you or next door to you, get him. If we all would make more efforts to secure members we would have a much better line-up. It is your duty to get them. Why don't you go after them.

I have the promise of about twenty of our thirty-two nons for January 1, 1909. This is encouraging, and I don't think they will go back on me. At most of those places where nons are working there is from one to two members working with them. Why don't you fellows do your duty and line those nons up. It would be very easy if you would get right in after them.

We have a few still that will not join on account of tough luck. I will agree with you that tough luck is bad. I have experienced some of that myself this year, but I still stay lined up. I can see where I have been benefited through the O. R. T. Can you? That \$10 extra on my pay-roll looks good to me. I can't afford to drop out, "scared I would starve." Have you ever thought seriously over this? Better get on your thinking cap.

Remember, the time is now ripe for new cards. I have secured my 1909 card. They are beauties. Get one right away. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

### K. C. S. Ry.

#### *Southern Division—*

It has been some time since the Louisiana lines have appeared in the journal, but now that Division No. 5 is undergoing a thorough reorganization let each and every one lend a helping hand to make the Southern end show up the best.

Bro. E. A. Compton, formerly "E" at "J" office, relieved Bro. Alford while "OX" is on his honeymoon.

Sister Ida Patillo, of "MO" office, Leesville, took a run down to Beaumont to spend Christmas at home and visit with relatives.

This is the beginning of a new year and all should have their new cards by this time. If you have not already remitted, do so at once, and let us be up and doing, and be as near solid as possible, for we hope to have something doing when William takes his seat in Washington.

Bro. E. A. Compton, who was located in the dispatcher's office at Shreveport last summer, and went north for the benefit of his health, has returned and says he likes farming in Iowa nearly as well as working the wires, but has decided to stay with us indefinitely, at least as long as he can give the sanitarium a clear track.

Bro. Weston, for several years our local chairman, is again with us, after several months off, selling oil lands around "KY." Div. Com.

### Union Pacific Ry.

#### *Eastern District, Kansas Division—*

Have you a new card?

Bro. Stoddard is senior applicant for Bonner Springs nights.

Did you notice that Mister Morrell, at Loring, was suspended five days for carelessness, and that Mr. Robt. Stepp was discharged for unsatisfactory service, failure to make out reports, and inattention to duties in general? In fact, every thing in the calendar, with the exception of violation of Rule G, which was probably covered by the "unsatisfactory service." When a man nearly breaks his neck getting out of the way of a lightning bug, supposing it to be a locomotive, it is time something happened.

Thos. D. Wright, ex-helper, from Perry, is relieving Bro. Stoddard at Bonner Springs.

Bro. Klasse, relief agent, is relieving Bro. Haney at Lenape. Understand Bro. Haney is intending to take charge of a farm in Nebraska.

Bro. J. J. Gleason is senior applicant for Tonganoxie. Bro. Gleason comes to us from Division No. 130.

Lawrence is solid O. R. T. once again.

The Hon. Charles Grover Cleveland Folsom, a protege of "Mother" Seiver, once of St. George, later of Delia and later yet of Yocemento, at which place he lasted three days, has retired to Emmett to take another course in the art of "telegraphic dispatching," and to recuperate from the hard knocks under the watchful eye and kindly care of Nurse Seiver. Poor Charles Grover.

Bro. T. B. Stine, formerly of Emmett, senior applicant for Marietta. Mr. Mann, formerly of Garrison Crossing, is relieving Bro. Stine while he takes his Christmas vacation.

Understand Bro. Armstrong, Wamego nights, is senior applicant for relief agent on the west end.

C. P. Autry, who relieved us while we partook of the Thanksgiving bird over in Missouri, touched us for a second-hand overcoat that Bro. Caldwell left in our possession and left town after sunset. He also left Bro. Leger a board bill to settle. Since then we have learned that we were not the only suckers, which is some consolation.

Bro. Hinrichs, who bid in Delphos, is to return to Randolph, owing to the reinstatement of Bro. Ford. Bro. Webb returning to Garrison Crossing and Bro. Wyatt to Belvue.

Mr. Ross, a brother of Bro. J. O. Ross, of Wamego, extra at Ogdensburg a few nights, Bro. Meierotta senior applicant.

Bro. G. T. Temple relieved Bro. Batchelor at Wakefield. Bro. Temple is also senior applicant for Concordia.

Bro. E. L. Rhodes, from Burlington extra, at Ft. Riley a few days.

Glen Bowker is relieving Bro. Farrell at Perry. We are unable to say what, when or why, owing to the fact that Glen's vocabulary consists of the one word, "yes."

Understand Bro. H. G. Focht was assigned Salina nights, Bro. C. A. Lunsford assigned Beloit days and W. D. Kirby Bunker Hill extra.

Bro. G. E. Payne, manager at Ellis, spent Christmas week in Manhattan.

The poor, deluded boys who have been gathered together from the ham shops, farms, etc., to fill \$35.00 jobs, seem to have fallen in bad ways. On December 17 the Seiverite at Chapman, Kan., Mr. A. Peterson, was let out of jail at Abilene after serving thirty days, for picking up a set of furs at Chapman. About the same time Bro. Batchelor, at Rossville, began to check up short each day, and as a result of the watch on his helper, another Seiverite, named Herbert K. Kerswell, he secured a written statement from Kerswell that he had taken about \$25.00. In addition to this, Kerswell signed his pay check over to Bro. Batchelor to cover the amount. Gladstone George immediately appeared on the scene, saying that he had come down from Omasa thinking there would be some technical point on which he could clear him, and that he was very, very sorry that he (Kerswell) had owned up to it and signed the statement—that it would now be impossible to help him out. "Forsooth I know not why I am so sad," and, like my esteemed contemporary on the Nebraska division, methinks I hear across the stillness of the night the voices of Mammy Sievers and his two deluded and misguided helpers chanting the refrain of "The jingle of the guinea helps the hurt that honor feels."

Bro. C. R. Allen, one time local chairman of the Burlington, who has, in company with his brother, been attending law school at Lawrence, passed through Manhattan recently, on his way to California with his sister, who is in poor health. We were glad to renew an old acquaintance with Bro. Allen, since the latest decision of the court is liable to put us all in jail, in which case the services of Bro. Allen as a lawyer will be greatly appreciated.

If any of you have an idea that things have not been run right for the past two years, you will soon have an opportunity to change the order of things, and if you want to take a whirl at the glory, get your name on the official ballot in February.

Bro. McNeil, of Havensville, is relieving Bro. Daily, at Holton. This is about the best we can do for the L. & W., owing to the absence of any reporter over on that line.

Seven new members on this district for the month of December. Suppose you take a hand at the game of rounding up just one non-member this year. We have a choice stock to select from and guarantee you your money's worth in rounding them up.

If you believe you are being used to violate the nine-hour law; if you believe you are working overtime for which you are not being paid; if you believe you are being forced to violate the schedule, then take the matter up. It is our business and our pleasure to look after these matters for you, and if you will only take interest enough to look the matter up you will soon be on the right side of the fence. Get a little ambition about you.

"HO."

#### *First District, Nebraska Division—*

We are sorry to note that there are six members on the first district who have not paid up this quarter's dues yet. Sisters and brothers, this is not right; you have had the protection of the Order, and you should stay by it, although there may be something you do not like. The O. R. T. is what has made you what you are today.

We have about a dozen nons on the first district. I have personally (and also know that our local chairman has) written every one. Some of them I have written three or four letters, but so far I have failed to get a reply from any of them—it seems they have not enough manhood about them to answer. One of them promised me over a year ago that he would fill up the blanks, but up to the present time he has failed to do so. Another has been promising that he would come in next pay day—that has been six or seven pay days ago. One of the best telegraph jobs there is on this district is held down by a non. Brothers, just stop and think for a while. Who is getting the benefit out of this? Isn't the non that does not pay towards the O. R. T. getting the same as you and I? It makes me sick when I think of it. I could write all day about these nons and not say half that is due them and do justice to myself and you, my brothers. I am strictly union and I do not buy anything that is not made by union labor. If I can get union made goods I buy them in preference to nonunion goods every time. How about you, my brothers? 'Nuff said.

There has been quite a stir up on this district within the past thirty days. Mr. Brown, agent at Columbus, was relieved from duty and C. A. Martin, day operator from Fremont, was appointed agent.

Bro. Jones, from the N. P., we understand, is working Fremont days.

Bro. Frank Vibyral got second trick at North Bend on bulletin.

Bro. Hennigan, from "GD" office, spent Christmas day at Columbus.

The working hours at Central City have again been changed, using only two operators there now, the office being closed from 10 p. m. until 3 a. m.

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#### *Western District, Nebraska Division—*

The O. R. T. expects every man to do his duty now.

Start the new year right.

You who have such ideas of how to do things, we need you.

Your position in relation to the work must be considered before we can determine your usefulness.

The old hen don't break the egg that hatches; it's the tiny chick pecking from the inside.

There's your cue—it's up to you. If you are on the outside you are a non-conductor, interfering wonderfully with the circuit. It's your move.

Not all the non-conductors are on the outside, but all who are on the outside are non-conductors.

One ampere in the magnet is worth several ohms of resistance.

More energy is expended getting some telegraphers to do their simple duty than in procuring the craft better conditins.

When open contempt of labor's work reaches the point that officials are sentenced to imprisonment for doing what the laboring class instructs them to do, it is high time you were making a noise at least.

It is customary for men to fight the battles of the women; invalids and weak minds are excepted. What class are you in?

We do not hesitate to condemn one who professionally fights us nor to less emphatically show up the one of our own craft who sacrifices the welfare of the body of workers to his personal aggrandizement.

Some men will plaster you with mud and if you scrape a little of it off and throw it back at them, they invoke the "Supreme Court" at once. If I were not able to fight my own battles, I should quit rather than want every advantage my way.

The doctrine of the brotherhood of man is fully established and unionism is an expression of that doctrine. Some men have not recognized any one but themselves in the world yet.

The following conversation was heard lately on the wire between a dispatcher and one of our nurslings whose only fault is that he was picked before he was ripe—hardly weaned, in fact. This at the end of fifteen minutes similar conversation:

Dispatcher (in his Sunday Morse)—Where's the operator?

Nursling (in his student Morse)—On the main line.

Dispatcher—31 copy 4 \* \* \* will meet at Markel.

Nursling (repeating)—Will meet at Brady Island.

Nothing incompetent about the boy—just a little deaf is all. Mr. Boyles spent too much time serving a fine Thanksgiving dinner for him and turned him out too soon.

C. E. Cole bid in first day operator at "GE" Grand Island, and celebrated by putting his 200 pounds avoirdupois to the O. R. T. wheel of progress. Bro. G. H. Smith bid in second days and Grant Hix second nights in same office.

Do you make it a point to see that your office and all with whom you come in touch are solidly lined up for us? If not you are hurting your own interest.

Mr. B. M. Buskirk, of Miller, was off a few days on account of the death of his father, in Omaha. He was relieved by Bro. A. W. Gard who has transferred to us from the Santa Fe division.

Mr. W. G. Moore bid in first operator's position at Watson's Branch. Bro. C. E. Ford bid in third trick, but is laying off for Xmas. Relieved

by a Mr. Sharpe. If he is a brother we ask his pardon.

Bro. Horne, at Maxwell, is off on his vacation. Relieved by M. D. Wright.

Mr. C. R. Haines, Josselyn nights, may now be hailed as brother.

Several of the boys are coming in just now. Let's all pull together and help them feel they have aided in something for their benefit.

W. F. Brinkmeyer, who bid in the relief agent's job on this district, is one of the new members. Treat him as a brother when he comes to relieve you.

There is possibly more news this month, but I am unable to give it to you as I was too busy to hunt it up and wish to thank the boys who gave me items this month. Come again.

Some things are expected by all in the coming year. Let me sound as a warning that you have one of the hardest places in this work—that of seeing that every one is kept in line. Let me urge on every member to see to it that he comes up promptly with his dues this coming term, and sees that all in his territory do the same.

It is very fitting that at this time of the year, when every one's thoughts are turned toward the birthday of Him who has been the instigator, perpetrator and guiding power of the great ethical movement for the uplift of mankind, of which unionism has the honor to be one of the strongest auxiliaries, that we proceed to interest all around us in the work we are doing. To do this we must recognize that the union movement is only a part of the great scheme. We must enter into the spirit of the work around us. How can we expect to interest others in our work if we take no interest in their's when they are also trying to do the same work, or different phases of it? When you treat their pleas lightly, can you then feel hard towards them for not informing themselves of your work and assisting in it? You can not simply be a good union man by keeping the up-to-date card. You must take a stand for everything that is for the betterment of mankind, and as you take part in this work more fully, your mind will broaden to the great scope and meaning of unionism, and I guarantee that you will be a more thorough union worker than ever before. The body of workmen can only be uplifted by the uplift of the individuals. You and I are the individuals. What are you doing for yourself and them? I should like to put that question to every non. It is true that dollars and cents concern us very closely and are great stimulants to our endeavors, but there is a great principle back of it. Are Gompers or Mitchell willing to go to prison for their salary? Then are you in this work for money? Are you not willing to do everything in your power to aid this great movement. The first step is the necessary blanks, which can be furnished by your local chairman. Who will get in on the land-slide?

With best wishes for a bright and prosperous New Year for us all.

CERT. 765.

## N. Y. C. Ry.

*Hudson Division—*

A Happy New Year to you all, and let us hope a prosperous one, but the above is an ideal quotation and will net no results unless we (which means you) direct our energies to that purpose. Our prosperity, and incidentally happiness, depends on our ability to induce and if necessary insist upon a fair remuneration for our services. What we accomplish this present year, as in years past, will be through the effort of our organization; therefore, it behooves each of us to pay our dues promptly, and not be satisfied until we are assured that those we are working with have also paid their dues; or if it be a non, try and have him fill out his papers. There are a few, and only a few, nons on the Hudson division that have taken out a life membership in the "Free Graft Club," and of course this membership gives them the privilege to do the "sponge" act, and, brother members, it is your duty to righteously apply our motto, "no card, no favors," to this unprincipled type of man, that is only distinguished from the hog by his physical contour.

Bear in mind that next month (February) you elect your local chairman for two years. This is of vital importance to each of you, and you should see that your best available man be nominated and elected, and all that is necessary to place your choice in nomination is to have three members sign it and forward same to A. E. Blim, Chili Station, N. Y., before January 31st.

Bro. G. C. Hyatt, our genial shortstop, is radiating a broad smile on account of his new card and landing steady at 54.

"Homerun" Riley, who caused the downfall of the Hapso's, made another safe hit, landing third at "BS-44."

New faces were in evidence at our last meeting. Bro. Keck, from 19, being one of the prominent ones, and also, although a little late, Bro. Reddish, who has a sinecure on the New Haven at Hopewell Junction.

Bro. Haug from third at 62 to first at 64.

Bro. Williams, at 62, recently gave a jollification to a party of friends at his cosy little home at Hyde Park, the occasion being the anniversary of his arrival on terra firma thirty years ago. Among those to assist in entertaining were Bro. Frost, night agent at "BS-61."

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*To Members of Division No. 8:*

We desire, through THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER, to extend our sincerest thanks and deepest appreciation to the brothers and members of System Division No. 8 of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, N. Y. C., Hudson Division, for their kindness shown us during the time of our sad bereavement occasioned by the death of our beloved father, at Cold Spring, N. Y., on December 15, 1908, and

also for the beautiful floral O. R. T. design presented.

BRO. F. J. GALLAGHER AND FAMILY.

BRO. E. R. GALLAGHER.

MR. D. GALLAGHER.

MISS A. E. GALLAGHER.

MR. AND MRS. F. L. JOHNSON AND FAMILY.

MR. AND MRS. R. W. DEVER.

MR. J. HOLDEN AND FAMILY.

## New York Central &amp; Hudson River Ry.

*Mohawk Division—*

The nons on this division have been dining at the O. R. T. table for a number of years past, without as much as thanking us for what they received, and you should give them to understand that they are very unwelcome guests and will continue as such until they decide to pay their board.

It is reported that Bro. J. Ward, who has held second trick at "BS30A," has been reduced to extra list.

Bro. Fritz is another victim of unjust discipline, having been forced to lose fifteen days on suspicion of making false statements in regard to two trains getting in a block on clear signals. Bro. Fritz is a faithful as well as truthful man, and we hope that he will succeed in being relieved of the charges against him and receive full pay for time lost, under the circumstances. The local chairman is assisting Bro. Fritz in his efforts towards vindication.

Bro. C. J. Bauder is reported quite ill at his home, with smallpox.

Bro. F. J. Wohlgenuth recently underwent an operation for appendicitis. Late reports are that he is getting along finely.

Before this appears in print, no doubt, your general committee will be convened before the managing officials for the purpose of adjusting grievances and revising the working rules, etc.

Let us start the year 1909 by rigidly enforcing our rule, No Card, No Favors. It is high time we let the nons know that so long as they are persistent in being too stingy to contribute the small amount of dues required of members, that they need expect no favors at our hands. I find that with very few exceptions the nons are willing to admit that they are desirous of having the committee represent them, but when it comes to their supporting the Order they have a very weak and threadbare excuse to offer.

Div. Cor.

## IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Almighty Ruler of the Universe in His infinite wisdom has deemed it wise to remove from this life, the father and brother of brothers Harry and Frank Perry, and

WHEREAS, Our brothers and fellow-workers have been recently called to mourn the loss of their beloved mother; be it hereby

Resolved, That Division No. 8, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to our bereaved brothers

our sincere and heartfelt sympathy, commending them to Him who doeth all thing well, for guidance and strength to bear this double bereavement; and, be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved brothers, and a copy forwarded for publication in *THE TELEGRAPHER*.

F. B. HUFF,  
T. J. McDONNELL,  
E. F. SCHNEITER,

*Committee.*

#### *Buffalo Division--*

Committees have been appointed and everything is moving smoothly in connection with our Sixth Annual Ball, which will be held at Post Office Hall, North Tonawanda, Wednesday, January 20th. A little effort on the part of each member will make this dance as successful as our former affairs have been.

After an absence of about two years, O. A. Siehl has returned to his first love—telegraphing. When with us before Bro. Siehl was an earnest worker for the good of the Order, and we believe that temporary absence has not cooled his ardor.

Bro. J. Dugan, who has been working in the Canadian Northwest, is back on the extra list.

Agent Williams, of La Salle, has bid in the afternoon trick at Tonawanda Junction, vice G. D. Kingdon who goes to "BS," Erie 3.

The action taken by the general committee, in granting the Buffalo Division a local chairman and a delegate to the next grand division is one that will give much satisfaction to the membership. Election to fill these places will be held in February.

Lampmen are suspended one day for each light that fails. How would you like to be the lampman?

Bros. Blim & Egleston, on the main line, Bro. Graham on the Rochester Division and Bro. Groat at "BS47," East Buffalo, will be glad to furnish tickets for the dance to all who apply. From Buffalo to Suspension Bridge—ask any member you meet.

Local Chairman Egleston covered this territory during the latter part of November. While he found the conditions fair, they are certainly not such as should be found among a class of men who claim, and rightly so, that they are as intelligent as any other in the service. Bro. Egleston ran up against the same old gags that have been worked off on members of the Order for years—next pay day, a friend of mine did not get justice from the local chairman, the organizer who was on the Belt Line six years ago did not play square, etc., etc.

When you read this, the new year will be close upon you and good resolutions will be in order. The lapsed member and the non might find it to their own benefit to cut out the school-boy practice of hunting for excuses to save the few dollars that our dues cost. No one believes the tales you hand out, they are too fishy. Neither does the fact that you are a non increase your

standing with your employer, as experience has shown during the past few years.

"Be a man, a mouse or a long-tailed rat."

CERT. 57.

#### *Western Division--*

Division No. 8 held their regular meeting Saturday evening, November 21st, and those of the brothers present were very much interested in the remarks made by Bros. Egleston and Blim. The regular routine business was transacted and a number of questions threshed out. Motion was made and carried that the balance of money left over from the ball, given two years ago, be turned over to Treasurer Blim, to be used for the benefit of the Order.

Now brothers, although we had a fair attendance at this meeting, it seems as though we could do better. The schedule on the Western Division is so arranged that it gives you three trains to come to Syracuse, on Nos. 70, 28 or 72, and return on No. 77, at 11 p. m., giving sufficient time to attend lodge and help make these meetings interesting as well as instructive. Now, please remember this, and the next meeting let us all make an effort to be in attendance.

Chairman Egleston was in Syracuse, November 27th, looking up a few things pertaining to the good of the Order.

With the ending of the year 1908, how many brothers are in good standing and have an up-to-date card? Are there any delinquent ones? We hope not, for our Order was never in better condition financially, and otherwise than at the present time. True, there are things we have not accomplished which we have looked forward to, but when we take into consideration the chaos that this country was thrown into a year ago, we should feel gratified that things are in such good condition as we find them at the present time.

The company has recently equipped block stations 5, 6, 18 and 20 with magaphones to communicate with train men in the West Shore; as this is quite a distance across, no consumptive will care for these positions, only strong lungs needed. The question is, will all trains be equipped likewise? If so, the sound wave will be kept busy, and foggy mornings the language floating back and forth will make an East India skipper wild with envy.

A great many of us are a little rusty in regard to signs, and could and would cause us some trouble in working our way into lodge, but a certain brother attending our last meeting gave a signal which caused some surprise at first, in regards to interpretation. Some took it for the sign of the "Golden Ibece," others for a cross between the Eagles and Elks, while a smile of pleasure lit the faces of the old Western Division men, as they took it for the high and dry sign, but it went just the same.

Bro. Heath, from Jordan, is working second trick at "BS2A." Mr Brown transferred to third trick.

Bro. Potter, formerly relief agent, has settled down on the third trick at "SX" tower, Salina.

We understand Bro. Cains, at "BS6," has resigned, to accept a situation as mail clerk. Good luck to you Bob, we will miss men like you.

Mr. Bateman, at "RW" tower, laid off December 5th and 6th; relieved by Bro. Miles.

We were promised some items from up the road, as well as Dewitt, but they failed to materialize. Now brothers, I am not gifted with second sight, and without that, or your help, I am afraid our place in THE TELEGRAPHER will be vacant again. Send us the news, if only an item or two, and keep things moving.

Thanks to Sister Gorman and Bro. Derby for items received.  
Div. Cor.

#### *Grand Central, Terminal and Electric Divisions—*

The Third Annual Reception of the Electric Division and Grand Central Terminal will be held at Majestic Hall, 115 and 125 East 125th street, New York City, on Wednesday evening, February 17th, 1909.

The committee asks the members to help them in making this reception the best ever held in New York City.

There is a hard race going on for the honor of selling the most tickets. The score, up to date, is: Bro. J. H. Smith, "MJ," 75; Bro. F. H. Lester, "MD," 50; Bro. Tom Noon, "MO," 25; Bro. Otto Berghorn, "D," 20.

The coming election in February promises to be the best contested ever held on the Electric Division, and in the Grand Central Terminal. The Grand Central Terminal elects their own delegate and local chairman, and the Electric Division also elects their own delegate and local chairman this election. So far there are five candidates on the Electric Division for delegate, and two for local chairman. Nominations open to January 31st. We urge our members to see that their ballots are properly filled out, and mailed in time to the General Secretary and Treasurer Bro. A. E. Blim, Chili Station, N. Y., as every one will be needed for your candidate.

There is a demand for application blanks, which shows that our members are going after the nons for January pay day. How about the nons near you? Now is the time to get busy. Start with the beginning of the new year.

Our day meeting, December 16th, was the best one held during the year 1908. After the business meeting was over, Bro. Festermacher entertained the members, reciting from Shakespeare; Bro. Geoghegan gave an organ recital and sang old time songs; Bro. Leon Williams, piano and songs; Bro. Alrutz, poems, and Bro. Rube Donovan, short stories. Refreshments and cigars were dispensed. Our next day meeting will be in March, 1909, same place, but probably a new lodge room.

During November, three telegraphers were displaced at "VN," Harlem, Drawbridge and Tower 5 Morris Heights closed. Four men were placed and one resigned.

Bro. Lou Thaler is still off sick. Dan McQuade is in his place.

Bro. Jack Lutz "YD" tower, off sick. Mr. Kingwell is in his place.

Dispatcher Stegman off sick. We hope for their speedy recovery and hope to see them on the job again, soon.

Will someone get after the station men, and get them around to the meetings.

Rumor has it that the Electric Division will be extended to North White Plains, in January. Welcome brothers, among us, you will now travel some.

Three best bets: Sell your ball tickets, vote correctly, attend your meetings and get after the nons.

Bro. Madigan, 106 street, is going to spend Christmas week at Penn Yan, N. Y.

Local Chairman Neumuller at general committee meeting during Christmas week. Hope we get vacations restored for next summer.

Mr. Airlie gets "MJ," leverman job, first trick; Bro. Hopper, second trick, until awarded.

Bro. Folmsbee is back at tower 4, from "MJ."

Several new men among us. Have they cards?

Bro. J. H. Smith, "MJ," Mott Haven, has added an Italian team "The Cangro Dancers" to his Bronx pony ballet. Jack promises to bring all the pony ballet to our ball.

The division correspondent wishes to announce it is Bro. Mohrbach at "JO," Woodlawn Junction.

We hope to see the telephone operators, especially the young ladies, at Mott Haven Central, at our coming reception.

Bro. "Old John D." Hartwell, 50 street, won his Xmas expenses, when Longboat defeated the Italian, at Madison Square Garden, recently.

Wishing you all a Merry Xmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

The third annual reception, System Division No. 8, Electric Division and Grand Central Terminal, New York Central Railroad, will be held at Majestic Hall, 115-125 East 125th street, New York, Wednesday evening, February 17th. A good time is assured all members of No. 44 who may attend.  
Div. Cor.

#### **Norfolk & Western System.**

In the first issue of our 1909 TELEGRAPHER, I want to thank the assistant correspondents on the N. & W. system for the able and creditable manner in which they have carried on their work in the past year, and I am also mindful of the many good brothers, who have so kindly given, of their time and talent, to the very interesting pages of our journal, which has grown to be recognized as one of the best labor journals in our country. Brothers, your work has been very much appreciated, not only by your general correspondence, but by the entire membership, and I want to urge you to keep up the good work with even more zeal and enthusiasm through 1909.

The Radford Division has just elected a chairman, to fill the unexpired term of our esteemed Bro. W. E. Dungan, there were so many good men on this division, it was rather a difficult matter to decide who should have the honor, how-

ever, by a majority of three, Bro. W. A. T. Overstreet, of Vicker, Va., was elected. Bro. Overstreet has appointed Bro. C. S. Baber, of Park street office, Roanoke, Va., and Bro. W. T. Duncan, Ripplemead, Va., as his assistants.

I am sure that nothing will be left undone, which would advance the interest of our organization, by these efficient gentlemen as our officers; and I want to urge the membership, as a whole, to give to them their support in every way possible, see that those who have not lined up do so, make it your special business to get them, and give them to understand that they are expected to support the organization that is giving them benefits every day.

We have only a very few who are so selfish that they will not contribute their part to the support of the organization that has done so much for them, and if we will only apply the individual effort plan to these few, we will soon drive them in line or drive them away. The boys don't realize what an influence they have, and if every man will go right after the nons, we will get every one of them; call them up on the wire every day, and write them letters until they simply can not take what belong to us without giving something in return. If the men on the Radford Division will do this our non list will soon look like "thirty cents with a hole in it," inside of thirty days, now let all of us get busy from the very day you read this, and see what the result will be. I want our non list to be a scab list, and have nothing on it but scabs and undesirable men whose applications we do not want.

M. G. HARPER,  
General Correspondent.

#### *Pocahontas Division—*

I am glad to know that a lot of the luke-warm members are pledging themselves to us for the next term, and are going to see to it that a new card is one of the Christmas presents they will get for themselves.

So we are going to have nice new 'phones soon, at least, so says one of our high officials; within three months too.

Then the telegraph will be a thing of history on the Pocahontas Division. The following questions are being asked: Is it the telephone, graphophone or megaphone?

It matters not what it is, they (the officials) say it works fine on the Burlington.

Will it not seem funny to see our stern dispatchers, who are always busy, converted into hello girls, and seem rather awkward when we find it necessary to have a vocal confab every time we "OS" get the block and etc.?

We are not having a great many changes now. Bro. Robinett is looking for some one to kick, as Cooper, third trick, has been closed.

I sympathise with Bro. Jennings, as 6 a. m. is rather early rising.

Delinquent Bros. Woodburn and Heast have bid in Finney agency and Switchback, third trick,

respectively. Woodburn is from Coaldale, third trick, and Heast from extra list.

Bro. Pippin, Fiat Top, third trick, is at home in sunny Tennessee, eating Thanksgiving turkey.

Bro. Ellison, second trick at West Vivian, is well pleased with his new location.

Bro. Speed, on the west end, advises that everything is moving along nicely over there.

Several of our up-to-date brothers and sisters are looking forward to the time when they shall have the opportunity to vote for the seniority clause, to be changed back as it was previous to March 1st.

I notice that the operators on the Western General Division are not making the good record they did some time ago. Can't we do this again and hold to it? Div. Cor.

#### *Radford Division—*

Some of us, when we write something one time, try to console ourselves with the thought that we have performed our full duty, even though we contribute nothing again for a full year.

Our men are being disciplined as never before. Operators are receiving five and ten-day suspensions for trifling offenses that in former days would have gone unnoticed. Operators have certainly got to be on the alert and in full possession of all five of their senses in order to keep out of trouble. One thing in particular we would like to impress upon our boys, is the importance of receiving acknowledgment of all train reports, and especially is this true at offices where block system is in effect.

The writer has endeavored to carry out the rules in regard to this against a great many odds. He has found that the majority of operators with whom he has blocked trains do not approve of being called upon to sign for each and every report made to them. To use a slang expression, he has been "cussed out" many times for insisting on an acknowledgment for such reports.

According to the writer's understanding, to transmit an "OS" and receive no acknowledgment of it from the office to which it is intended is practically no report at all; to say the least, it is incomplete, for we find that Rule 720 reads as follows: "Reports of trains made on block wires will not be considered complete unless operators making such reports receive O. K. and office call for same."

The fact that an operator transmits an "OS" is not sufficient evidence that it was received by the operator for whom it was intended, and will not excuse the transmitting operator in case a delay is caused to trains.

It is practically impossible for an operator to hear each and every report that is made the first time it is made. Especially is this the case with agent telegraphers who have numerous and various other duties to perform, and it is of the utmost importance that every operator making train reports will see positively that it is acknowledged in accordance with the rules. On the other hand, any operator to whom an "OS" is transmitted

should promptly acknowledge same in every instance as soon as heard, and if an operator persistently refuses or neglects to sign for such reports after reasonable effort has been made to get him to do so, then the matter should be brought to the attention of the chief dispatcher, and if the transmitting operator neglects to call for an acknowledgment, the same redress should be taken. If these rules were rigidly enforced we believe that numerous small delays to trains would be avoided.

We are very anxious for the service bulletin to make a better showing for our department. We believe that the failure of our men to carry out the block rules to the letter has been responsible as many discipline records as any one thing, and it is hoped that in the coming year these small suspensions may be materially reduced, and, better still, give such service and carry out the rules so perfectly that there will be no discipline for our department. Nothing could give your committee more pleasure and encouragement and be more appreciated by the company than for our department to show a continuous clear record over the system.

That our assistant correspondent, Bro. Williams, of Burton was not heard from last month is explained by the fact that he was too busy arranging for his wedding. We pardon him, for his excuse is a good one, and he has sent a good write-up this month. We are still waiting for the other boys to send in their news, but as yet it has been in vain, and trying to get them to write anything for the journal is like drawing blood from a turnip. As the time for making good resolutions is at hand we hope that you will resolve to write something for *THE TELEGRAPHER* during the year.

Now, brothers, resolve to try to make the Radford Division news interesting for the coming year, and don't let it all fall on two or three.

Business has improved wonderfully during the last month, but there have been no telegraph offices opened. The company seems to have a spite at the operators for being benefited by the national nine-hour law, and that we do not want to work twelve hours per day, with no Sunday or holiday off, for less wages than any set of men in the service. They are installing the automatic block signals and will do away with every operator they can. They will find that they can not run trains without men and that they will have to put on more operators instead of cutting them off.

Bro. Wilson has sold his farm at Singer and is preparing to move to his home in Salem. He was recently assigned to third trick at Glen Var.

Bro. Broderick, from Lurich, assigned to second trick at Christiansburg.

Bro. Nunelly, agent at Ada, assigned to second at Wytheville.

Bro. Woodward, third at Ada, to first trick and agent at Ada.

Bro. Southern, second trick at Wytheville, has accepted the cashier's place at Christiansburg.

Bro. Gilmer, from Belspring, assigned to first trick at Pembroke Tank.

Bro. Stafford from Pembroke tank to third at Eggleston.

Bro. Chas. Parrish took third at Wills in preference to second at that point.

Bro. Riley, third at Ripplemead, accepted second at Wills.

Mr. Stuart assigned to second at Lurich from third at Wills.

Bro. W. A. Vest has been having a great deal of sickness in his family this season. His wife is just recovering from a serious attack of pneumonia, and one of his children has had a hard spell of tonsillitis.

Bro. Gardner's wife has been on the sick list for some time and is now away from home, hoping to be benefited by a change.

Bro. J. B. Williams has returned from a visit to his family in Tennessee. Div. Cor.

#### *New River District—*

We are glad to note that business has been improving rapidly in the last few weeks, and we are in hopes that it will still improve. We have a large number of extra men now and you can seldom find one idle, only some of them are letting time fly by without the good old O. R. T. card. Why don't they get in? I am sure they are idle along this line. It's for their benefit more so than ours, for I don't believe we have one operator on the division, member or non-member, that would scab on us in case of trouble. What is their plea? This is it: "I am going to get up-to-date first of the year or right away." Right away is always here and the first of the year is very near, now let's see how many of them will come in and join us in the grand old Order of strength and prosperity.

I know of an extra operator or two that promised one of our worthy brothers, C. S. Baber, if he would send him an application blank that he would fill out same and return it to him, and this good brother was kind enough to fix this blank up and mail it to him and he is still a non. And these men are working now, and I will go as far as to say that almost every extra man has in the past few months made more than twenty days out of each month.

My brothers, the trouble with most of us is that we don't look far enough ahead of us; so let's get right up and hustle.

We have asked Bro. Layman to give us a meeting at East Radford, which I think he will do, and that will be better than for some of us to go so far.

Now, the next question is, what is our committee going to ask for this time? That will be next. We are quite sure that he won't lose anything. Cor.

#### *Norfolk Division—*

Before this article reaches you we will have turned over another leaf in history, and doubtless many of us will look over the past and ponder over the experiences, difficulties, etc., through which we have passed, and we hope, too, that many



are the sweet recollections, pleasant moments, etc., of the past year.

We, of course, have many things for which to be grateful, still, owing to our peculiar positions, we are not permitted the liberties that some have.

Owing to the panic of last fall, many of our brothers are suffering hardships, and as we approach this eventful day, we want to let our brothers know, through the columns of the journal, that we deeply sympathize with you who have suffered from lack of work, or reduction in forces. We want to say to those of you that have undergone these hardships and still hold an up-to-date card, "you are made of the right kind of stuff," and so long as you hold up for your rights you shall never suffer. Those of you who hold positions and have never paid a penny toward the support of the O. R. T. need to be ashamed of your action in accepting the improved working conditions, vacation, shorter hours, annual passes, etc., at your brother telegraphers' expense and labor. Why will you persist in accepting something not due you and plead "I'm broke, and can't join?" Are you a man? Then be manly and do the right thing. Come join us and lend your personal influence toward bettering conditions of your craft.

We have too, lived through nearly one year under the new seniority clause, which created some little dissatisfaction, but today there are many who would not exchange the new clause for the old, prior to 1908. Before this article reaches you, you will have had a vote on this question, which shall govern the next agreement with the company. We hope that all of our members thought seriously on this question before casting their vote. It is right that each brother should have a vote on all questions, but I fear that there are many who will not realize the breadth of this question and vote for a clause that would result in many hardships upon our membership in the event a point is abolished at which one of our older brothers worked, he, of course, would pull a brother from a good position, that brother pull another one, and so on, moving families, separating friends and relatives, causing all to suffer more or less in the loss of property, etc. It seems to me it is the true spirit of unionism that we would not wish to pass our misfortune to another brother, and if there is any hardship placed upon a brother, he should have that spirit shown in the golden rule: "As ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so unto them;" this being the right spirit, you would not want your misfortune to become the misfortune of many. While on this subject, I want to say that I find that many of our membership think they should have been consulted and given a vote at the time our general committee were in session last year when this new ruling was adopted. This is all wrong, brothers. Did you not by your vote elect these men to represent you? Did you not have confidence in their ability to handle all questions to the very best advantage to the membership? Would it not show a lack of confidence

to even say that they should have at the time submitted this matter to you for a vote? When you elect a representative in legislature, or in Congress, would you expect that representative to write back home or wire to ask your opinion on certain questions before taking action? I dare say, no.

A solution of these little dissatisfactions could easily be found and overcome if the membership would attend the meetings and take more interest in the questions that affect the working conditions of our telegraphers, or if you can not attend, express your sentiments by letter to your local chairman. Brothers, we need to get together on many of these questions, feel a personal interest in the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and do not complain when things do not go just as you think they should, when your committee has never had an expression of your views on any of the questions. Now, you try this plan of taking a personal interest in the Order, and you'll see that things will be settled right.

Since our last article, the automatic one-mile block signals have been extended from Montvale to Thaxton, completing this form of blocking trains Roanoke to Thaxton, which has resulted in this last extension cutting off the second and third man at Montvale, placing Bro. Ford on duty twelve hours. This does not look good, brothers, and we must look after our one-man stations and see that they are protected from long, unreasonable hours.

Your correspondent has the pleasure of a visit from our worthy local chairman, Bro. Lane, last month. The object of his visit was to go over the station list and see how we might reduce the non list and stir those who were behind into paying up their dues. The result shows the Norfolk division in pretty good shape. At least 50 per cent of those now out of the Order will be in good standing by the time this goes to press. Bro. Lane has counted many of the cross ties in reaching our men, from Norfolk to Roanoke, including the Durham Division, and his work has been quite a success, reaching many of our non-members who paid no attention to the many appeals made to them through your assistant local chairman.

Personal effort, boys, is the real thing, and a personal call means more than many letters; still, the letters must go in the absence of the ability to call upon the men personally; so keep it up, and lay the foundation for better results, even if you do not reap results personally from your labors. Bro. Lane, our local chairman, deserves the praise for doing great work for this organization, and I must say here, that we can, through hearty co-operation from the membership, bring about the best results; so, boys, don't hesitate to co-operate with your chairman in his labors, which will encourage him in his work.

Crewe "K" office—Understand Bro. R. L. Burke, third operator, is figuring on leaving the service to accept a position in the bank at Appomattox.

Nottoway—Sister Davie, second trick, off one day; relieved by Mrs. Carter, and off again; relieved by C. E. Poole, extra C. T. U. of A. man.

Blackstone—Bro. D. H. White off on vacation; relieved by L. C. Cook, extra.

Wellville—Bro. W. H. Rogers off, sick, having chills; relieved by W. A. Nesbitt (Bro.), regular third trick from Wilson. Mr. E. E. Robertson has been quite sick, but understand he is better and hopes to be out soon.

Wilson—Bro. T. C. Coleman was off one week, hunting; relieved by Bro. W. A. Nesbitt, regular third trick, he in turn being relieved by C. E. Poole. Bro. P. O. Rux, second trick, off one day, moving from Wakefield; relieved by C. E. Poole, extra.

Ford—Bro. A. S. Vaiden was off Thanksgiving day to see the game of foot ball in Richmond; relieved by C. E. Poole. Mr. Poole is up-to-date in C. T. U. of A. to Dec. 31st.

Church Road—Entire force off one day "on the carpet;" relieved by Bros. Nesbitt, Williams and Byrne, respectively.

Sutherland—Bro. Jack Meade was off three days; relieved by —Rose, extra. Bro. R. V. Jackson has been assigned to the agency at Sutherland, this being the third time it has been advertised since it was opened.

Addison—Bro. Adams is off on a vacation; relieved by Mr. Rose.

Now, brothers, be active. We want the largest delegation possible at our next convention in Atlanta in May. This depends upon the number of members we will have at the close of this present term. Do not forget to put up your man as delegate and push for him.

Norfolk—Bro. Fitzgerald, regular second trick telegrapher, off on a vacation; relieved by Bro. L. C. Cook, extra.

Suffolk—Bro. Bartley, regular first trick telegrapher, off on vacation; relieved by Bro. Bailey, regular second trick telegrapher; Bro. Bates, third, relieving Bro. Bailey; Bro. J. Carmack, extra, relieving Bro. Bates.

Windsor—Bro. Z. C. Johnson, regular second trick telegrapher, off on vacation; relieved by Mr. A. C. Johnson, extra, Petersburg.

Dwight Coaling Station—Bro. Bales, regular first trick telegrapher, off on vacation, visiting relatives in Florida; relieved by Bro. Jackson, extra on second trick; Bro. Williams, "VN," extra, relieving Bro. Jackson on second trick until it can be advertised. Understand Bro. Jackson will return to his old position at Sutherland in a few days.

Ivor—Bro. J. A. Mahoney, agent and telegrapher, on vacation and hunting with Mr. D. W. Richards, electrical engineer; relieved by Bro. V. C. Johnson, first trick, Waverly.

Wakefield—Bro. Ware, regular third trick telegrapher, worked first trick at this point first of November, and was sent to Prospect, on his request, to relieve Bro. Mann, Bro. G. W. Collins relieving Bro. Ware, and still holds first trick at

Wakefield on account of it not being filled by advertisement.

Waverly—Bro. Chas. W. Waters, Jr., regular second trick telegrapher, off two days, visiting relatives in Blackstone; relieved by Bro. Shannon, from west end. Bro. V. C. Johnson, regular first trick telegrapher and assistant agent, relieving Bro. Mahoney at Ivor for fifteen days, relieved by Mr. A. C. Johnson, extra. The Southern Ry. and N. & W. Ry. interlocking plant, with twenty-four working levers, was completed on December 7th, and will be quite a saving to the N. & W. in delay at this point on account of trains not having to stop.

Poe—Bro. R. C. Hardy, regular first trick telegrapher, off one week the first of November, hunting and visiting relatives near Ford; relieved by Bro. Eudy, second trick, Mr. A. C. Johnson relieving Bro. Eudy.

Petersburg Yard Office—Bro. M. W. Gates, regular first trick telegrapher, off a few days, to visit his mother and hunting; relieved by Mr. A. C. Johnson, extra. Business pretty good here at present. Yard being improved and extended west, and plans being made for new station, which will be an improvement over the present one.

Yadkin—Bros. Edwards and Presnell, second and third tricks, respectively, off on their vacations; relieved by Bro. E. H. Williams and Mr. W. P. Williams, extra men from Wellville and Disputanta.

Dwight—Mr. G. W. Collins worked third trick here all month of October till the 25th, when he was relieved by Bro. E. H. Williams on account of sickness. Both men extra. This trick is Bro. E. C. Horton's regular, but he is working the second until it can be filled. Understand Bro. R. V. Jackson will go on second regular as soon as the change can be made at Wilson, as he is now working there in place of Bro. W. A. Nesbitt, who is doing the relief agent act.

Ivor—Mr. W. P. Williams relieved Bro. L. G. Barnes on third for one week visiting relatives in Blackstone.

Wakefield—Bro. Walker, from the west end, relieved Mr. J. J. Bailey on third extra, on account of sickness, October 9th, and has been on the job since. The regular man, Bro. E. F. Ware, is working the first trick until it is filled on advertising. Mr. W. W. Carson not taking this on assignment some weeks ago. Bro. Walker has been shown on our monthly minutes as a non, but he holds an up-to-date card in Division No. 59, and has been recently transferred to Division No. 14.

Waverly—Bro. J. H. Tucker, regular third trick, off on a vacation October 14th to 30th, inclusive, visiting friends in North Carolina, and also made a trip, visiting New York, Chicago, Columbus, Portsmouth, Williamston, Bluefield and Roanoke; relieved by Mr. A. C. Johnson, from Petersburg, extra man.

Sutherland—Agency here has been regularly filled by Bro. A. J. Bland, from third trick at Burkeville, who relieved Bro. W. A. Nesbitt, extra relief agent, but regular third at Wilson.

Church Road—Bros. Hardy and Talley, second and third trick men, off one day each on personal business; relieved by Bros. Rose and Pressnell, from Addison and Yarkin, extra and regular men.

Ford—Bro. Vaiden visited Richmond Fair one day; relieved by Mr. A. C. Joanson, from Petersburg, extra man. Bro. R. J. Dewsbury, regular third trick man, returned to duty on October 20th, after several weeks' sickness in Richmond; relieved by Bro. Rose, from Addison, extra man. We are glad to welcome Bro. Dewsbury back with us again.

Wellville—Bro. W. H. Rogers, agent and telegrapher, who has been shown as a non in our monthly minutes, holds an up-to-date card in Division No. 92, but recently transferred to Division No. 14.

Some of our boys have been shown in our monthly minutes as non-members, while they held up-to-date cards in other divisions. To you brothers, holding up-to-date cards in other divisions, who have not already notified our secretary and treasurer, you can get transferred to Division No. 14, by notifying our Secretary and Treasurer Bro. T. H. Lankford, Cloverdale, Va., who will gladly make the transfer. All that is necessary is to notify him of your certificate number and division you hold card in. This notification will make a better showing for our division, and also show you who are holding up-to-date cards in other divisions.

This division is now in better shape than it has been for many years, but we still have a few old men out, who are seeing their error and promise to unite with us again, and be among many.

Our non list practically composes the extra men and some few new men who have not been transferred to this division, and who have not notified us of their membership in other divisions.

T. O. M.

#### *Shenandoah Division—*

Noting the monthly bulletins of discipline applied. I see that there are still a few suspensions against the agents and operators of this division. Brothers, as we are now starting on the new year, let us all try and keep the old Shenandoah clear from suspensions. We can do it by keeping our eyes open and attending strictly to business. I am sure that all concerned would feel proud to see our division clear of those black marks. If we all try we can make a record, not only for ourselves, but the entire division for this year.

I hope that every brother and every sister will feel it his or her duty to assist in making Division No. 14 solid, by talking to the non-members and explaining to them why, if not for their own future benefit and protection, they should for their families become members and assist the ones now working for the betterment of the craft.

Every non-member should realize that by staying out of the Order, they are not only holding back the progress of the Order, but are doing everything that is detrimental to their own future welfare and advancement.

The non-members are always glad to accept the increase of salary and shorter hours of service, both of which are secured through the efforts of our various committees. They would kick like Texas steers if for any reason they were left out when it came to increases, etc., which by the way, they should be. They should be left to kick for themselves, and not helped by the Order, for when it comes to helping to pay something towards financing our committee, so that they may be kept up to look after these things for us, they are not men enough to come up with their portion, but come around with the time-worn cry that the O. R. T. has never done anything for them, or that they do not have the money. When at the time (and they know it) they are receiving from ten to twenty dollars (and in some cases more) per month, through the efforts of the Order, than they would have been otherwise receiving.

Brothers, let us make our "Motto" No Cards. No Favors, and live up to it at all times. For when a man accepts an increase and concessions gained through the efforts of our Order and does not have the principle, after being requested, to join should not be entitled to any consideration or favors at our hands whatever.

We have plenty of good, hard work before us in the near future: One of the most prominent evils of the present time, and one from which we should have speedy relief, is the inequality of the hours of service, so well described by "Live Issue," of the Shenandoah Division, in the November journal. The brothers of Division No. 14 should not fail to read it.

What we need is a natural eight-hour law for all offices.

Just because an agent does not have many trains, or handle many train orders at his station, there is no reason why he should not be entitled to the same hours as the telegrapher. For while being mixed up in a bunch of other nerve-racking duties, he is more liable to overlook an order than the operator who handles nothing but train orders.

Bro. "Live Issue" in his eighth paragraph says: "When the so-called nine-hour law became effective, the inequality was so glaring that Article VI of the agreement, which provides 'Twelve hours or less' for one trick positions, was liberally construed by the dispatchers, and much valuable relief was accorded the men whenever practicable, and this was highly appreciated by the men. For some reason, however, this privilege has been summarily withdrawn by a ruling which denies even twelve-hour men more than ten minutes absence except for meals, which must now be gotten in one hour. Whereas, formerly a longer time, if practicable, was allowed. The purpose of this change of policy is not clear, unless it be to emphasize the present inequality, and impress it upon the less fortunate portion of the men."

I hardly believe that the company intended to use the rule referred to for this purpose, but am inclined to think that it was done with a view to reducing the delay to messages, etc.

The valuable relief of which "Live Issue" speaks, is as he said, very much appreciated by the men, but there are always a few who abuse these privileges, which I believe in connection with not clearing up message business on hand before asking out, was the principal factor in bringing about the present ruling (which denies the men more than ten minutes out at a time except for meals).

Brothers, do not fail to read the first paragraph of the article written by Bro. Harper, in the November TELEGRAPHER, relating to the Mutual Benefit Department. It should interest all, especially the ones who have dear ones depending upon them, they should always be provided for, because as Bro. Harper says, "We do not know at what time we may give up the struggles here and pass over the Great Divide." And there are many who would be greatly in need, in case we were to be called away suddenly, where a thousand dollars insurance would be a great help to them.

The United States Mail question is another great evil which we should be rid of. This question has been discussed by us a number of times, but without apparent success. It is now time that we are doing something for relief in this direction. The post-masters have a great deal more time to handle the mail than we have. Their position is one of handling mail, where ours is one of handling trains. Anyone should be able to see who is the proper person to trot the mail from the station to the post-office.

Although I do not handle mail, I have a number of times, and know how it interferes with the other duties of the operators, and the agents. One station in particular, which I have in mind, where the transfer from one train to another is very heavy, sometimes having as high as thirty to forty sacks of mail to be lugged in the station, and then hauled out again and put on the train. You shoulder anywhere from two to four sacks of mail and then hit the ball for the post-office, where you have to wait sometimes as long as twenty to twenty-five minutes on the post-master, to get two or three sacks ready for you to bring back with you. All the while the dispatcher is fuming, because you are not there so he can get trains moving, you hardly open your key before he wants to know where you have been, and why it took you so long, but when he gets "I have been after the mail and had to wait on the post-master to get it ready," you get a mild "OK," but why do you not hurry them?" The most of the brothers know with what success you meet when you try to hurry a post-master.

The case mentioned is only one, we have lots more just as bad. Brothers, we should take this up again and stick to it until we are rid of this nuisance, as we are telegraphers and not mail carriers.

The new N. & W. bridge, across the Potomac river at Shepherdstown, is being rushed through. The concrete piers and the grading is completed.

Contractor Flickwirs' tools and machinery will soon be moved elsewhere, as his work there is done.

The piers are said to be as good as can be found anywhere, and are said to be the highest in the world with one exception, those of the New Virginian Railway, across New river, which is about 97 feet. The highest pier of the N. & W. bridge is 89½ feet from the bottom of the river to the top of the pier, and the distance from the top rail to the bottom of the river will be about 115 feet, or a dozen feet higher than the old bridge.

The first grinders were swung in place by the great traveling crane about the first of December.

A large force of men are working on the site of the new station to be built at Shepherdstown. The new station will be a great improvement for Shepherdstown, as it will not be necessary to climb over freight on a narrow platform to get to and from the waiting room, which has to be done at the old station now, when one of the locals get there just ahead of a passenger train.

The freight business has been picking up considerable in the last month, and we soon expect to see some more offices opened up.

The following positions are on bulletin: Price, agent and operator; Glasgow, third trick operator; Starkey, second trick operator, and Front Royal, agent and operator.

Bro. C. P. Harris bid in third trick at Glasgow.

Bro. C. W. Alwin, first trick at Glasgow, relieved Bro. H. L. Burks, agent at Buffalo, for a few hours, one day the first of the month, so Bro. Burks could attend the wedding of his sister. Bro. C. B. Bear, agent at Glasgow, did the telegraphing during Bro. Alwin's absence.

Bro. P. G. Parrett worked the second trick for a few days, during Bro. H. H. Burk's absence.

Mr. J. B. Moffet lit out for parts unknown again, can not keep "QT" away, he'll bob up again soon.

Bro. G. W. Skelton relieved Bro. H. A. Fix, second trick at Stanley, for a few days, while he was relieving Bro. H. O. Ringle, first trick at Shenandoah.

Bro. J. W. Milton, second trick at Buena Vista, went to Pine Hall to relieve Bro. F. S. Shultz, agent at that point. Mr. K. A. Painter, third trick at Loch Laird, to second trick at Buena Vista, and Mr. C. S. Bragg is working the third trick at Loch Laird. We had Mr. Bragg quoted as brother last month, that was a mistake, as Mr. Bragg is not a member, but he has promised to become one in the near future.

Relief Agent Bro. J. S. Biedler relieved Bro. P. Grove, agent at Antietam, for a few days.

We are glad to hear Bro. H. H. Burks working second trick at Glasgow again. Extra man Bro. P. G. Parrett is taking a few days rest, until something turns up.

We now hear Relief Agent Bro. H. J. Probst is at Front Royal.

Bro. C. P. Harris, third trick at Glasgow, is taking fifteen days; relieved by Mr. Brugh.

Bro. G. W. Skelton relieved Bro. R. C. Weaver, agent at Bentonville, for one day this week.

Bro. C. B. Bear, agent at Glasgow, is taking his vacation; relieved by second trick Operator Bro. H. H. Burks. Bro. Burks in turn being relieved by an extra man by the name of Bush, think he is a brother.

Bro. P. G. Parrett to third trick at Shenandoah Junction to relieve Bro. Smith for fifteen days.

Relief Agent Bro. H. J. Probst at Front Royal, was on the sick list for a few days, being relieved by Bro. H. A. Bickers, third trick at Shenandoah. Mr. J. M. Brugh relieved Bro. Bickers.

J. H. B.

#### TO THE NON.

I must confess that I am at a loss to understand why any operator or other employe eligible for membership in the O. R. T., who cares anything for the welfare and success of his fellow-craftsmen, should not associate themselves with an organization that has done, and will do so much for us all; an organization that is now paying two thousand per cent interest on every dollar invested in it. This would seem, at first thought, to be exorbitant figures, but I believe that statistics will show that it is literally true. Where could you go to find another investment paying such handsome returns? We think if we can get ten per cent on an investment that we are doing well, but here is an investment that for every dollar invested in it, returns to us twenty dollars, and the cash returns are only a beginning of the many benefits to be derived from this investment. This is only a beginning to what the O. R. T. has done and is doing, and will do, for every operator on every organized railway in the United States. You, Mr. Non-member, are with us reaping the harvest of our efforts and money paid out, but you are not sowing the seed. You are retarding our progress toward still greater achievements. With your co-operation and help we could present a solid front and be financially and numerically equipped to meet any situation that might confront us in the future; accomplishing still greater things than we have already accomplished. You not only stand in the way of the progress and success of your fellow-craftsmen, but in your own way as well.

Do you think it is the fair thing? Do you think it is right? Do you think it is just?

We have only to go back a few years to the time when the O. R. T. was in its infancy; struggling for existence against overwhelming odds; against circumstances that threatened to completely annihilate the babe before it had discarded its swaddling clothes. Behold it today! See the wonderful transformation! It has grown from an infant to a full grown and mighty organization, second to none, and today stands as a mighty and powerful monument to the faithful efforts and earnest work of a few of the faithful. Every operator, both members and non-members, owe them a lasting debt of gratitude;

to those faithful few who stood for our rights against odds that we cannot now conceive of, be all honor and praise forever, Amen!

And now Mr. Non-member, these faithful few only ask of you, that you join our organization in return for all they have done for you. This is all they ask. This is their greatest desire. This will make them happy, and will throw a ray of sunshine across the pathway of their declining years. They only ask your co-operation; only ask that you come in with us and be one of us, and go forward, hand in hand, with us to still greater victories. It is no more than right that they should expect this. It is no more than just. They have a right to expect it. Won't you allow them to realize it?

Ten years ago we were working twelve long hours a day, and frequently making thirty-six and forty-eight hour doubles, with no dream of overtime for forty dollars a month. No dream that the day would ever come when we could take a vacation without loss of pay; no dream of an increase in salary; no dream that the time would come when we would not have to lose the time when a suspension should be recorded against us; no dream that our seniority rights should ever be consulted or respected; no dream that ourselves and wives would ever be in possession of annual passes good over two thousand miles of railway every day in the year; and lastly, but not least, we had no dream of the day when we should only work eight-hours a day, and receive for this eight hours from 50 to 100 per cent more than we received for twelve hours work, not taking into consideration the numerous other benefits which we now enjoy. What has brought about this miraculous change in such a short space of time? I answer that the Order of Railroad Telegraphers' has accomplished all this, and with your co-operation will accomplish still greater things. My friend, in view of all these facts, won't you come over and help us? How can you withhold yourself from such a grand and glorious institution? Come on, lay aside any little grudge, malice or imaginary grievance that you have against us, and get on the band wagon with us. If this article will be the cause of someone joining our ranks, I will be fully repaid, so if anything has been said that will cause anyone to connect themselves with our beloved Order, I will deem it a special favor if you will let me know through our general correspondent, so that I might know that my efforts have not been entirely in vain.

"BABY BOY, CRT. 34.

#### Michigan Central Ry.

##### Canadian Division—

By the time this gets into print the year of 1908 will be a thing of the past; her record, so far as the laboring masses are concerned, has been anything but a brilliant one. The Railroad Telegraphers would have taken a toboggan slide with many of the other classes of labor, had it not been for the splendid organization behind them, which prevented that ever-grasping hand

from wresting from them the fruits of their labor. We should all wear a sunny, June smile, and slap each other upon the back, to think that we have passed through the worst of fight and come out without a scratch.

Our division is in a flourishing condition, a good membership and a healthy treasury. The general committee met in Detroit, November 16th, and drafted a proposed set of rules and rates of pay, and asked for a hearing for the 19th of January; the conditions warrant a change so that we can enjoy a more equitable proportion of our earnings; our present schedule fitted the conditions very nicely at the time we registered it, but the conditions have changed so rapidly in the past two years, that the schedule, as a whole, is entirely out of harmony with conditions as they now exist. The long hour offices particularly must be considered, in preference to all others, to compensate them for the additional hours over the short trick offices; our minimum must also be raised considerable to correspond with competing lines who have been paying a higher rate for the past year, while our company has been reaping the benefits through the long period of time our schedule ran before it expired. Yet, with all the odds in their favor, they were not satisfied; but discontinued paying commissions on commercial telegraph business, which resulted in a direct reduction in our earnings of from three to eight dollars per month, a nice item to add to the already large profits of the company. The most astonishing feature of the case, that it came at a time when the prices of everything we consumed was abnormally high. Before they discontinued the commissions there should have been some arrangements made to reimburse the men on the pay roll equivalent to the loss sustained, which would have manifested a spirit of appreciation of the services of the men who are responsible for getting and holding the business for their company against keen competition, and through whose hands practically every cent filters.

If you have not paid assessments in the M. B. D., you should pay them as promptly as you do your dues; the protection that this department gives to you and your dear ones is worthy of your just consideration. None of you know how soon we may be deprived of our earthly existence, would it not be a great relief to us as well as those dependent upon us to know that we have left them well provided for? Pay your assessments and dues as promptly as you can.

The telephone scare has not subsided yet, occasionally we see in the great press of the country glowing accounts of how many telegraphers it has put out of business; it is nothing short of cruelty to animals to frighten a lot of poor, defenseless fellows, such as us.

Bro. J. W. Martin, owl, at St. Thomas, is now working for the C. R. R., at Winnipeg.

Bro. W. C. Francis, who did the extra work on the Canadian Division, is now working for the Canadian Northern, at North Battleford Sask.

Bro. O. E. Baker, who did the owl act at St. Thomas for the past three years, has left the service to teach music.

Bro. McNamara, owl, at Suspension Bridge, is spending Xmas with his parents at LaSalette; he is relieved by Mr. Bruce Lang.

Bro. Dickson, owl, at Bridgeburg, has resigned; don't know where he is going. The position is bulletined.

Bro. M. Handley, owl, at Junction yards, has opened up a cigar store in his home town, St. Thomas, Mo.

Bro. James, day operator at Willard, is spending Xmas at Waterford, with Mrs. James' parents; he is relieved by Mr. Geo. Jackson.

Bro. Belton, agent, Oil Springs, is enjoying a holiday with his parents; he is relieved by Bro. J. H. Reck.

Bro. Patterson bid in the agency at Charing Cross. "DOOLEY."

#### Valley—

Bro. John Clissold bid in, and now is the whole thing at Vanhorn.

Bro. Renwick, from the Grand Trunk, is the new man at "III," Hastings freight house, vice-Bro. Loukes, who has gone to second trick at "X," Hastings.

Your general correspondent wishes to thank the brothers that are interesting themselves in furnishing items. This month we should be more thankful than ever, as a worthy brother has sent in something from the "West End." I would kindly call the attention to all to the necessity of including a note or something to show who wrote the items.

Bro. H. F. Mead, of Dowagiac, is doing second trick, as relief, while Bro. Loukes is paying his best respects to "friends" at Schoolcraft, this week. Relief Operator F. L. Carpenter, who recently passed examination, with headquarters at Hastings is sick with appendicitis, but is improving slowly and hopes to be out in a few days.

Bro. Bennett, at Fabius, was relieved by Operator Carpenter, while he attended the stock show at Chicago.

Bro. Ells was called away, to attend a funeral several days ago; relieved by Carpenter.

What has become of our "East End" brothers that started in so nicely a few months ago with just bunches of news? Come on fellows, no one has said that they did not like to read your news items, on the other hand we certainly enjoyed them. "G."

#### Main Line, Jackson to Niles and Air Line—

Bro. Enright, second trick at Lawton, off a few days; Bro. Miles relieving.

Bro. Dine, second trick at Kalamazoo off; Bro. Miles relieving.

Bro. Sandberg, third trick at Three Rivers, is back from his vacation, and is hitting the ball again.

Dispatcher Wicks, of Kalamazoo, off one day recently, visiting at Niles and South Bend; Extra Dispatcher Cummins relieving.

Chief Dispatcher Whitcher has been off duty a few days; Night Chief Gardner relieved him. Dispatcher Wholihan and Extra Dispatcher Frank Allen did the other relief work.

Extra Dispatchers Carter and Cummins are now working in Jackson, "SF," office. Extra Dispatcher Allen is back on third trick, night operator's job at Jackson, "SF," office. Don't know where Operator Sweeney went.

Understand the instruments in "XN," Jackson Junction, are to be rearranged so the operators can work to a better advantage.

Bro. Pierce, second trick at Marshall, was off a few days recently, on account of the serious illness of his father; Bro. Groves, third trick man, relieved him, and new man, Bro. Brewer, from Division No. 91, relieved Bro. Groves.

Bro. Brewer went to Findlay on Battle Creek Division, to work the agency there.

Bro. Groves off on vacation now, and Bro. Eagle is relieving him.

Bro. Spencer was off a couple of weeks recently, sick with La Grippe, but is now back on his job, second trick at "VE," Niles; Bro. Eagle relieved him also.

Bro. Mack, third trick man at Hill yard office, Niles, returned from his vacation, which he spent in Marcellus, Mich., with his parents. Operator Griffin relieved him. Griffin was mentioned as a brother last month, but I was mistaken. He claims he used to belong, but went to work on a road that was not scheduled, so dropped out.

Niles has seven O. R. T. men, and all up-to-date, too, instead of six, as our ticket agent here is Bro. M. S. Hatch. Sam has been out of the telegraph service four years, but still stays up-to-date. That is the true union spirit for sure. Let's all work hard for our dear old Order, and "keep up-to-date." Each member should consider himself an organizer, and try and secure his neighbor operator's application. Remember "No Card, No Favors." Any man with a steady position can afford to join, and no operator worth while, should work without the card. When we smoke, why not insist on the Union Label cigars and to'acco, "it's the best." Our shoes and clothing should also bear the label! (When we buy "scab" products we are working against ourselves.) We can get everything with the label, if we insist, and union goods are always better made than sweatshop products.

I wish Bro. Wilson, of Middleville, would start his blood hounds on the West Division. I am sure they would do some good. All the fellows need is a good man to work among them awhile. I think one could get most all the desirable ones.

Bro. Eggleston, third trick at L. S. & M. S. tower, is off a few days; Brother Fred Miller relieving him, and Operator Hilt is working for Bro. Miller's trick at Haires tower.

Bro. Haage, second trick at Cassopolis tower, is off one night to enable him to eat Thanksgiving dinner with his folks in Charlotte.

Bro. Shea bid in third trick at Union City, and Bro. Clissold got Van Horn, days, on last bulletin.

Bro. Charles Potter, third trick at Lekonsha, is off on a week's vacation; relieved by Bro. Middleton.

Does anyone know where Bro. White, who worked at Cassopolis about a year ago, is? Would like to get his address.

"Everyone get your new card, now."

Merry Xmas and Happy New Year to all the boys. Fraternally, "A. D."

#### West Division—

It does not seem that the boys on the west end realize that our schedule has run out, and they should be up and doing. We expect a report from our committee soon, and as there will probably be a meeting either in Hammond or Michigan City to let us know all the particulars, why not get busy. Let us all, every good member, endeavor to make the next meeting a record breaker for attendance. There are only a few nons (yes we spell it with a small letter now) on the division, but there is still a chance of someone having their name in the "Roll of Honor." Get after the nons and get them lined up.

What seems to be the matter, old comrades, isn't the salary good enough to warrant at least a small part of your energy, even though you be an up-to-date with a card. There is certainly something wrong somewhere. Let us have a good write-up every month, and keep the good work going. Of course, there are a few nons that seem to be bullet proof, but I think that continual firing will tell on the best of them.

Mr. Dryer, third trick at Galien, is back at work, after two months' sickness with typhoid fever. This reminds us that Galien would be a good place to start, as there is no possible excuse whatever for the men there staying out in the cold any longer. Three nons, just think of it.

We now have the pleasure of calling Mr. Kluge, at "TY," Mich City, "Bro." Glad to give you the glad-hand "KO," hope you will never regret it.

Bro. Quance, at Michigan City, has been relieving the dispatchers, while they were on their inspection trips.

Mr. T. F. Murphy has been working at Michigan City yards, nights, relieving Bro. Murphy, who in turn filled the temporary vacancy at "TY," nights.

Temporary office at Summit is filled by Operator Baldwin, a new man on the pike.

First and third tricks at "GN," Gibson, are filled by Bros. Lantz and Carlson; second trick by Mr. Wills, whose promise to join us for the past year is all a joke.

"JI," Tolleston tower is now solid as a brick, glad to hear it.

Third trick at Joliet was opened by Operator Burnstein, who is a non, but was only open a

short while; we wonder why? Well, that is the way the nons all go.

There are several new men on this division, but they seem to be kept busy most of the time. We should be able to have a write-up each month, and if we will all help out by sending in a few items to Bro. Lewis, we will have. Let's get busy.

CERT. 156.

#### *Saginaw and Mackinaw Divisions—*

Bro. Swan, second trick, Owosso Junction, off for two weeks' vacation; relieved by Mr. Griffin.

Bro. B. T. Smith off ten days; relieved by Bro. Gamble, from the Middle Division. Bro. Smith visited several offices on the "GT" and "PM," and found them all taking a new interest in the Order, since the Murphy bill went into effect.

Bro. Clements is back from his hunting trip.

Bro. Mayer, third trick at Mason, reports seeing a large bear, while making his usual Sunday night trip to Holt.

Bro. Trumble, third trick at Mackinaw City, is off sick, and has gone to his home in Toledo; relieved by Bro. Sell, from Roscommon.

Bro. Porter, who has been on the D. S. S. & A. for the past eight months, is home, at Saginaw, on a vacation, and says he may come back to the old Michigan City Railroad to work again.

Bro. Granger, first trick at Mackinaw City, was off last month, about ten days, with the committee at Detroit.

The boys are coming forward with their next year's dues in fine shape, but there are two or three laggards who are behind for the last half of 1908, yet.

Bro. Moffitt, ex-dispatcher, who is now making good on the road, selling flour, still carries an up-to-date card, and says the Cheboygan Milling Co. makes good O. R. T. flour; try it boys.

CERT. 89.

### **The New York, Chicago & St. Louis Ry.**

#### *Third District—*

Bro. Fling, second at Payne, off for one day attending court at Paulding; relieved by Bro. Erringer, from the Big Four.

Bro. Erringer also relieved Bro. Jacobs a couple of days, and myself one day, on account of illness.

Bro. Bechtold, third at Oakwood, laid off Nov. 24th, on account of ill health. He was relieved by Mr. Dimmitt, a new man.

Operator Davis is working first trick at Payne until it is filled by bulletin.

Bro. Baker, from Bellevue, passed over the third district the other day, carrying a bunch of application blanks. Likely he has got a lot of them filled out, so if I do not call any one brother who is entitled to the name, don't get sore, but drop me a line.

Mr. C. B. Woolpert, first trick at Green Springs Junction and Mr. J. C. Holman, third at that place, have both filled out papers and by the time

this is in print will be up-to-date members. This makes "GR" solid O. R. T. now.

Some of the members think I did Mr. Woolpert an injustice in a recent write-up in *THE TELEGRAPHER*.

I am always ready to right any wrong I may unintentionally do, and in this case several of the members are equally responsible with myself. I hope that all the boys who send me items that are detrimental to any one will first be sure that they have all the facts in the case. I am not infallible and I have to depend upon you fellows to furnish me with the exact truth. If you are not absolutely sure of anything, tell me so, and I will take steps to find out the truth. "Hix."

#### *Buffalo Division—*

A few changes have taken place on the Buffalo Division during the month of December.

Bro. H. J. Emmerling bid in third trick at Wallace Junction, and, we understand, Bro. C. R. Misener will succeed Bro. Emmerling as first man at West Seneca.

Mr. Weatherup is installed third trick at Westfield.

Mr. Todd has bid in third trick at North East, but is now doing extra work at "MX" Conneaut; Bro. E. B. Groves filling out at North East.

Our committee has started a personal canvass of the entire line, each local chairman covering a district. General Chairman Bro. E. M. Mulcahy completed the work on Buffalo Division on Dec. 8th, and Local Chairman Bro. C. F. Mayer, of Cleveland Division, finished about the same time. The Third and Fourth Districts have not been covered as these items go to the printer, but we expect the work will be completed by Dec. 31st. This work will cost the division considerable, but it surely is money well spent. Bro. Mulcahy interviewed nearly every telegrapher on the Buffalo Division, and if they carry out their promises, this month will see a solid east end, with the exception of about four hard-shells, whom we expect will hesitate to the last. We don't want booze-fighters, so we leave them out of the count altogether, should any of them show up on the road. There is no excuse for a man, working at the business, and especially those working in a scheduled position, not becoming a member of our organization. I would be ashamed to work at the business in these enlightened times, unless I could show an up-to-date card at all times. The hard-luck story don't go; all loyal brothers have to pay the increased cost of living, and they manage to keep in line. It comes just as hard on them to pay dues as it does for the fellow to keep up. He is continually whining about not having enough money to meet anything. Can not you see, my non friends, that it was only through the efforts of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers that schedules were first secured here, and from time to time revised; that the eight and nine-hour laws were secured through the same medium, and that your



wages and mine were not cut last spring, simply because members of your craft were organized, and lastly, that many of you are working here through the hard times because more jobs have been created on account of the eight-hour regulation. Be men, and do not continue in the business with the finger of scorn pointed in your direction. There is no good excuse.

Bro. Bolhagen is working as relief dispatcher at Conneaut.

We have only one more non-member in Conneaut office after this pay day.

Bro. C. W. Hudon's death, at Payne, on Dec. 7th, cast a gloom over the entire division. He was sick only a few days with typhoid pneumonia. Bro. Huron has served well and faithfully as a member of the general committee from the third district for the past four years, and his loss will be felt for many a day.

On account of Bro. Hudon's death and the fact that Bro. Smith has so many duties to perform, the western division canvassing has been delayed.

The matter of giving good service should be given serious thought, and each and every member of the Order should make it his special aim to see to it that no complaints materialize.

Another thing should be given serious consideration, and that is keeping the offices in a clean and orderly condition. Do the best you can with the conveniences at hand, and when the proper time comes, this matter will be taken up, and I am sure the company, when it sees that the telegraphers want clean and healthy surroundings and are willing to do all they can towards that end, the few offices that need improvement will be improved.

CERT. No. 6.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased an all-wise Providence to remove from our midst our brother and friend, Charles W. Hudon, and while we bow in humble submission to the will of the Most High, who doeth all things well; and,

WHEREAS, We deeply feel the loss of our brother and esteemed friend, his wife and children have lost a devoted husband and father, whose words of counsel, cheerful presence and untiring devotion to their welfare can never be replaced, we feel that our loss is his gain eternally; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That to the sorrowing wife and children we tender our heartfelt sympathy and consolation; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of Division No. 18, O. R. T., a copy to be published in THE TELEGRAPHER, and a copy be sent to the bereaved family.

O. S. SMITH,  
E. M. MULCAHY,  
C. F. MAYER,

*Committee.*

#### N. Y. O. & W. Ry.

Members remitting their dues will kindly return notice of same with remittance.

Bro. W. S. May, of Hancock, has resigned. Bro. Lewis, of Starlight, takes Hancock. I am unable to say who will get Starlight.

Bro. Parks, of Carbondale, had quite an experience with a bunch of the Jesse James type from Murky River. We were glad to see Bro. Parks come out on top.

Con.

#### Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.

##### *Wisconsin Valley Division—*

Business on this division is much better than we expected it to be presidential election year, and to our surprise many new operators are showing up on our division.

"13" a new man, Bro. Cornick, is holding down second at Merrill. Very glad we can call him brother.

A. W. Warner is working first trick at Merrill while Harris is taking a lay-off.

Bro. A. P. Case, second at Tomahawk, was up and down the division Saturday, looking for those fellows they call nons. Good luck to Bro. Case.

Our local chairman, Bro. Schultz, is just over his trouble with his eyes and is at work again.

Dan Ryan, a former Valley man, being taken off on account of causing a little mix-up between Nos. 75 and 76 while at Babcock, says, "I have quit railroading for good."

Bro. E. DeLong, first at "W" Junction. E. Manthey was transferred from third at Woodruff Junction to third at Tomahawk. No doubt we will soon be able to call him brother. We will leave it all to our chairman.

A new man third trick at Woodruff.

A BROTHER.

##### *Milwaukee Terminal Division—*

The members who failed to put in an appearance at the meeting which was held in Milwaukee, November 22d, missed a treat. And really I fail to understand why so little interest is shown by some of you in matters of so great importance to men of our class. We had with us First Vice-President Bro. J. A. Newman, our general chairman, Bro. O. W. Renshaw, and G. S. and T., Bro. G. E. Soyster; Local Chairman Ed Derrickson, C. and M. Division; W. N. Upham, Lax. Division; T. L. Pagel, P. D. C. Division, and eight or ten brothers from the P. D. C. and Lax, and the meeting was interesting and instructive from start to finish, as all had an opportunity to express their views on topics which seem to me should interest every one of our craft.

Bro. J. A. Newman gave us a splendid talk, sound, sensible advice to those who are engaged in the telegraph service. The years of experience, both as a telegrapher and officer in our organization, has fitted Bro. Newman with a fund of knowledge, which makes his talks exceedingly interesting and instructive.

General Chairman Bro. O. W. Renshaw, in his customary smooth and graceful manner, called attention to several facts many of us lose sight of, and pointed out a way for us, as individual members, whereby our conditions could be improved in many ways, if we would keep better posted as to our affairs and boost a little, instead of knocking. Bro. Renshaw's talks are always interesting and right to the point. Why not make more of an effort to show our appreciation for his good work. No one man can do everything and our co-operation is essential at all times.

General Secretary and Treasurer Bro. G. E. Soyster furnished "facts and figures" to show where we stand, numerically and financially. We should feel encouraged by the good showing made, but by no means satisfied, for his remarks, supported by facts, he wisely called our attention to only shows what good results we might accomplish if a little more interest was shown by all of us. The many good things obtained in the past five or six years on this line has been a surprise to a great many, and if the proper support is given at all times we will go ahead. We seem to get discouraged every time any one looks cross at us.

It is up to us, as members of this organization, to make our future. We seem to be too much inclined to leave everything for a few, then complain because things don't come out as we imagined they would.

The proposition mentioned in the notice sent you some time ago of consolidating with the La Crosse or Northern Division (providing they would accept us) does not seem to meet with general approval by the Terminal men.

So let us remember in future that whenever we become dissatisfied in remaining at the same place, year after year, with practically no outlet or chances for promotion from our present positions, that dear old Lake Michigan is ahead of us, with plenty of deep water not far from shore.

CERT. 200.

#### *La Crosse Division—*

We are now starting the new year, and one we can feel proud of in all respects. We are solid in membership, nearly to a man. We have a couple of rusty ones, whose names have been on the blackboard for years, and one that lives on excuses and reaps the benefits of our Order.

This year finds the division, as well as the entire Order, the strongest it has been in history. Let one and all do the best they can to push things along. Do all in your power to lead some of the absent-minded to the road to success.

Our local chairman has been over our division and called on all the boys, also secured a great many applications, two delinquents and one transfer.

We see our old brother, Bill Jones, is going into the dispatcher's office for a couple of weeks. Bro. Marg Evans relieved Bro. Jones.

Bro. Fred Rohde, first trick man at Camp Douglas, off on a month's vacation, getting married. Bro. Rohde relieved by Bro. A. W. Steinbach,

second trick and Mr. E. L. Johnson holding down second trick.

Bro. Williams, agent at Mauston, now has a crossing tender, who assists in office work, which makes it more like a job than it was.

Lyndon night office closed. Bro. Tangney put on extra list by this deal, he being the youngest regularly assigned operator.

In our journal for October an error was made regarding two brothers killed by train No. 56, Bro. Rosa and Bro. Kardisch, this being an error in write-up. It was stated they were delinquents, both were up-to-date brothers. Div. Cor.

#### *Third District—*

Bro. S. A. Lass, of Belmont, "AM" days, spent a month's vacation in Colorado seeing the sights.

Bro. F. J. Corcoran worked days at Belmont, "AM," during the month, and a Mr. Gustave Bonett worked nights.

Bro. Hoganson, of Forest Glen, was off a couple of weeks last month; relieved by a Mr. Willin.

Bro. T. J. Ryan, of tower "A 13," first trick, is off at the present writing, spending a vacation in Omaha and Kansas City; relieved by Bro. Haack, of third trick, and Bro. Geo. Brown, working third trick.

Bro. Corcoran, of Everett, off a day or so, looking up Santa Claus.

Bro. C. M. Reed, of Rondout, "RX," is spending a couple of weeks at home among the best people on earth (Hoosiers); relieved by Bro. E. R. Derrickson.

Mr. Altice, of tower "A 68," third trick, off a few days, did not learn the relief though.

It is understood that there are but nine nons on the C. & M. and Janesville line now, but the local chairman says he believes all but four will be in line in January. The Turks need a lot of missionary work done, though quite a bunch receiving the same benefits as the rest, are not paying their share.

The new application of the old clause in the schedule about bulleting appointments seems to be meeting with universal approval among the boys.

CERT. 1129.

#### *Superior Division—*

A few new jobs will open up in a week or so, viz., Amberg, first and second trick; Greenleaf, first and second trick, and second trick at Elkhart Lake.

Bro. Foley, who took a vacation during the hunting season, is again with us.

Bro. Court is now working third trick at Green Bay yard office.

Bro. C. G. Wallace now has the day operator job at Wausau landed.

Bro. Duquoin is doing the owl stunt.

I am the Mayor and Chief of Police, but nevertheless, I can't get a meal in town, and as I begin to feel faint I will bid you all adieu and start for the next town. CERT. 1253.

*James River Division—*

We had a meeting at Aberdeen, Friday evening, December 17th. Owing to the weather conditions there were not very many present, but what were there enjoyed themselves very much, and we learned several facts that all the members of the James River Division should know.

Bro. Renshaw was present and gave us a good talk also.

The trains all being late cut our meeting a little short. We did not get all the business transacted that should have been accomplished. We intend to have another meeting in the near future and, boys, if it is possible for you to get in, for your own benefit come. A number of the boys could just as well have come as not to the last meeting, especially from the Linton Line and from points on the south line, and I was surprised not to see a single soul from the Mobridge lines, where they have night operators and no excuse whatever to offer for not coming. I tell you, boys, you missed something; the address Bro. Renshaw gave us was certainly educating, and put some of us in a better light as to the benefit derived from the organization.

It seems some of the boys have not been given their rights, but it is not the fault of the officials of the division, it is only their own fault. The James River Division is composed of a bunch of good O. R. T. members, although they are not interesting themselves as much as they should with what is going on on the division. Let me tell you we have as square a superintendent and chief train dispatcher as ever ran a division of the C., M. & St. P., or any other line of railroad.

Applications for vacancies are sometimes mislaid, lost or in other ways not given the attention that would be given them if an investigation was made as to who was most entitled to the places. You will understand that ability counts as much as age. You could not ask the operating officials to give you a job which you are not qualified for.

We were very fortunate in securing the quarters where we held our meeting, it being the office of the P. T. Burns Land Co., the manager was formerly an old-time telegrapher, who gave us a hearty reception and treated us to cigars. We impressed upon Mr. Burns that his favors were greatly appreciated by the Order. He is also glad to see us so thoroughly organized, and in so good a shape to protect ourselves.

Bro. Collins is doing the night stunt in the dispatcher's office, relieving a Mr. Allen, who is laying off and has gone to Minneapolis.

Bro. Meyers has returned to work at Roscoe, after taking an extended vacation; relieving Bro. Hopkinson, who will take a visit to the East.

Bro. Kirby, at Ipswich, was subpoenaed to appear at Leola, being relieved a couple of days by Bro. Meyers.

Bro. Cole, at Linton, has been allowed a helper.

Bro. Crandall, of Edgeley, has been laying off for a few days.

Bro. Ayers has been laying off the past week, canvassing the division and trying to increase the membership. He was very successful; in several

instances landing some old heads that wouldn't talk to you about joining the Order.

The train dispatchers are taking their annual lay-off. F. McCormick is laying off at present.

The flanger went over the Edgeley line yesterday and scared some of the people nearly to death. Very seldom have an extra over that line.

Business is very slack just now, but we hope it will pick up soon.

The big engines make business slack on the Mobridge line, as they haul a mile of cars and as much as two or three ten-wheel engines could handle. They just go by one station and are coming at the next.

Mr. Bunker has returned to work and was given his old trick back, 12 p. m. to 8 a. m.

Bro. Mitchell relieved Bro. Collins at Ipswich, while Allen is laying off.

Has everybody remitted for the new card. Now is the time to do it. Div. Cor.

**Vandalia Ry.***Middle Division—*

Let us each start out the new year with a resolution that we will never let our dues run over, and that we will pay them as soon as they are due. I think this would be a good one if we lived up to it, there is no excuse for members letting this go like they do. We do not intend to neglect this, I am sure, so let us try after this to have our dues ready to send them in just as soon as they are due.

I am glad to see that our noble Order is still on the increase on the Middle Division; and I hope that it is doing the same on the other divisions. Let us do all we can to help out in this work.

I expect that you all will have the new card by the time this TELEGRAPHER reaches you. If not, you want to get your name in at once, and don't let the other boys get ahead of you.

There have been a number of changes around Terre Haute the last month or so, cutting down the force in "SO" office. C. F. Ward, extra dispatcher, was given "DS" office (Union Station); Mr. H. B. Morse, second trick, "DS," was given second trick at "KR" (East Yards); A. Valentine has accepted second trick, regular, at "IG" (Liggett); Bro. J. F. Soeder, transferred.

Bro. V. Q. Benson, first trick at "MK" (McKeen), has been off a few days; Bro. S. W. Icher relieved Bro. Benson.

Bro. W. H. Fuller and wife, spent Thanksgiving at his old home in Vandalia, Ill. C. CRT. 68.

*West End of St. Louis Division—*

Bro. C. N. Jones, formerly of "RY," Rose Lake, was the successful one to secure the first trick at "MC," St. Elmo. As was announced last month this change was to be made on December 10th.

Mr. A. P. Munie, third trick at "FD," Stubblefield, is back again, after a two weeks' vacation.

Mr. W. A. Johnson and Mr. W. A. Siddons, second and third trick men at "V," Vandalia, found it necessary to double over one day this

month, on account of Mr. J. T. Middleton, first trick man, being sick.

Several of the third trick operators are spending some of their spare time in the study of short-hand; we think, however, that if they are not fortunate enough to secure a position in the superintendent's office, when their course is completed, they will at least be able to secure one in some good livery barn (taking down hay for the horses).

We recently had a case on this division of a freight conductor losing his position on account of allowing an operator to ride with him on the train. The operator going so far away from his work that he was unable to get back in time to protect the work on his trick. In the first place, it is strictly against the rules of the company for any conductor to allow any one to ride without having tickets or a pass. If you wish to make a pleasure or a business trip, write for transportation and you will receive it, provided you do not make your requests too often. Don't ask a conductor for a free ride, for you are asking a favor of him that will compel him to violate a very important rule if he gives his permission.

Get after that non you are blocking trains with. Remind him quite often of where he stands. Don't be too hard on him. Just make it forcible without getting too strong. As for myself I regard him in the light that the Irishman did the celebrated American bed-bug. He said he didn't have anything particular against the bed-bug, only that he didn't approve of the way he got his living. That is the way with me, I don't hate the non personally, but I do object strenuously to the way he gets his living.

A change is rumored to take place soon in the location of the telegraph office at Greenville. I have learned from a conversation with Mr. T. E. Smith, that they intend to move the telegraph instruments from the tower into the depot. This will necessitate a change at the depot, but at this time have not learned just how the work will be arranged, but, doubtless similar to the way it is being done at Highland and St. Elmo, where the operators have been placed in the depots. The freight work will all be handled from the office at the freight house, now being occupied by Supervisor Byrkit. An office will be fitted up in the depot for Mr. Byrkit.

Altamont has been quite a lively place the last few nights, for the third trick Operator Mr. Munday. A few nights ago a man was found on the right-of-way, near the tower almost dead, and who died a few minutes after being found. He was an operator and carried an up-to-date card, and from the condition of his wounds it was at first thought that he had met with foul play. But the Coroner's verdict was that the operator was killed in attempting to get on a train.

Well, what did you find in your sock on Xmas morning? A conductor on No. 76, on Xmas eve, reports that every operator between Rose Lake and Edinburg had their socks fastened on the semaphore pole. There were large socks, small

socks, old socks, new socks, red socks, black socks, gray socks, etc. In fact, all the colors of the rainbow were represented in the display. Nearly all of them were remembered too. But it was a singular fact that no one except members of the O. R. T. were remembered. The non's socks were left empty, same as when they hung them up the evening before. Presume that Old Santa thought the nons were getting enough off of the brothers; that they were not entitled to any of the good things that he was handing out. Served them right too. CERT. 125.

#### *East End, Main Line—*

Bro. J. E. McCracken, from "EY" tower, is off on his vacation, and was visiting friends in Eagles. Bro. O. M. Snyder, also of "EY" tower, is taking a vacation. Do not know who are relieving the brothers.

Bro. C. A. Wilson has taken the first trick at Schoyer, since returning from his vacation, in Mississippi.

Bro. G. B. Honneter has been doing the extra stunt at Brazil and Knightsville.

We understand that Bro. D. F. Wilson has first trick at Knightsville now, and is learning to sleep nights again, since having worked nights for such a long time.

Bro. W. A. Vaughn, first trick at Greencastle, is off on a vacation; relieved by Bro. Siddens, from Almeda.

A Mr. Vance is working third trick at Almeda.

Bro. G. B. Honneter, with a bunch of his club friends, made a flying trip to Terre Haute, Sunday, p. m.

The new bridge at Reelsville has been completed, and trains are having no trouble making their time now.

The passenger trains are all carrying full coaches, which indicates that the company's traffic is on the increase instead of a decline.

We are glad to hear that Mr. C. G. Taylor has filled out the necessary papers, and will soon be carrying an up-to-date pasteboard.

As usual, when the semi-annual dues come due, some of the brothers drop out. Brothers, this is not the thing to do. Surely you will make this a Merry Christmas after seeing what the noble Order has done for each and every one of us. Let us make the new year of 1909, the banner year of the Order. We can do this if we will put our shoulders to the wheel and make an individual effort.

We kindly ask the co-operation of all the brothers in getting news for the journal each month. Let us have a write-up in each issue.

We are now glad to say Bro. A. Valentine.

I wish to call your attention to the division operator's circular letter No. 320, of July 3d, 1908. There are still some of the operators not doing as this circular says they should. I have worked for several different roads, and I think I can truthfully say that the Vandalia is one of the best roads to work for in the Central States. We should all try to give them the very best of

service, keep our towers neat and clean, not leave the office without permission, give attention to our lamps and keep them in good condition, and at all times try to show the officials that we appreciate what they have done for us.

Bro. C. R. Shortridge, of Coatesville, was off a few days, first of December; relieved by Mr. F. A. Vance.

C. C. Orrel, agent at Amo, was away Xmas, for a few days; relieved by Mr. W. C. Gilbert.

CERT. 157.

### Missouri Pacific Ry.

#### Hoisington to Pueblo—

News this month is short and sweet. Short, because correspondent is new at the writing business, and sweet, because most, if not all the new men are good up-to-date O. R. T. men. As far as I know they all are, and if I do not know, whose fault is it? Out of the twenty some letters I wrote asking for items for this issue of THE TELEGRAPHER, only one took effect. Have only heard from two offices along the line, if somebody don't go after that man at "J," and show him the error of his ways, and that if the old pike can not do business without him doing his regular stunt on the railroad wire, it is time for him to be sure his monthly check calls for at least the minimum salary for that kind of work, then I see where somebody is lame.

Bro. J. W. Hartman is relieving Bro. Pierdon, at Haswell, nights. Bro. Pierdon goes to Hereford, Texas, but don't know what his business there is going to be.

Bro. C. H. Hardy, agent and first trick telegrapher, at Horace, comes to us from the D. & R. G. Third trick men at Horace are poor stickers, and it is hard to keep tab on them. A one time Bro. Mr. Hartsell is now at Horace, and understand he is going to quit December 31st.

Now brothers, let us try and have a few lines every month. All you have to do is to drop a line to yours truly, and I will try and get it to St. Louis on time.

Certificate No. 3382, Division No. 2, wants a station with us. If you see one running loose, notify Bro. J. W. Hartman, at Haswell, Colo.

CERT. 1736.

#### St. Louis District—

Bro. Sitzman, 7th street, on vacation; relieved by Bro. Sitsche, from "GR," 23d street; Bro. Sitsche relieved by Bro. Glynn, from Kirkwood, and Bro. Glynn relieved by Operator Welch.

Understand Operator Cromer, formerly of this district, is working for the Frisco.

Bro. J. T. Waugh, of Union Pacific Division, is working at Valley Park, temporary.

It is now Bro. W. C. Buente; he has been relieving at Bonnots Mill, and at present is on third trick at Washington, relieving W. H. Davis, who relieved Bro. Williams, on second trick. Bro. Powell, third trick, laying off.

R. E. Best is now working at Myrick, as clerk.

Bro. Snider bid in New Haven, nights; relieving Vanlandingham.

"Red" Hunt relieved Bro. Cook, nights, at Dundee, and in turn was relieved by Raymond Davis. Hunt going to Blackwater, nights.

F. J. Dale, who has been working at Boles, nights, has left the service.

Bro. Snoddy, agent, Bonnots Mill, off several days on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. Brown, nights. Brown relieved by Bro. Buente.

Bro. Williams worked several days at Cole Junction, during the holidays.

Raymond Davis worked a few nights at Blackwater during the holidays.

CERT. 243.

#### Southern Kansas Division—

Who was the fellow that said we could not make the good old 31 solid? Did you read what Bro. Holman's report says 31 left on Dec. 1st? I guess that is going some. The good work is going on in splendid shape. At this writing (Dec. 15) we have the few remaining nons on the run; they don't want their names on that public list. Let the words be stronger than ever. "No card, no favors." Report every non to your local chairman, so he can put the fellow on the grind. Talk to the non, write to him and give him no peace until he surrenders. Never let up on him. Time for action is at hand. Don't be afraid to answer letters. I have written letters two and three times to certain brothers and no replies received. Don't do that; answer promptly; take an interest in the work; wake up; show that you are alive, then watch the results.

Your bulletin cards have been sent out regular—every office and position bulletined. It certainly is a big improvement over the old method. I want to, right here, assure all the boys of the entire fairness of your chief dispatcher, Mr. Kirk, and your superintendent, Mr. Buck. We can ask nothing of them but what is straight and on the square, and by staying on that basis I am sure our claims will always receive consideration from them.

In the next issue I will give you the name of every non on the division. Please notify any you may know of so they will be able to save themselves.

Election time is at hand. Let every man get ready and vote for your choice, whoever he may be. Don't forget this—it's your duty.

Bro. Chas. Larned is back at work after sixty-days' lay-off.

Bro. R. S. Wilson bid in Hudson.

Bro. Farmer, of Mt. Ida, bid in Rose.

On last bulletin Bro. W. C. Ramsey bid in Garnett, Kan., agency. Eight other brothers after the same agency. Bro. Ramsey's eighteen years seniority could not be overcome. But for the last '88 schedule Garnett would not be in the schedule and therefore not open to bulletin. Bro. R. A. Stine, of Turon, gets Bro. Ramsey's Greeley job.

Bro. T. G. Howard bid in Conway Springs.

Bro. Bandy, extra man, bid in third trick at Deering.

Bro. P. P. Haney bid in Garnett nights.

Bro. Collins at Penalosa agency.

Many changes being made, but all for the best as far as the Order goes.

Bro. Jno. Keller goes to Hooser; Bro. B. F. Teals goes to Sycamore; Bro. Geo. Raby goes to Silverdale. Last two from Santa Fe at St. John.

Brothers, much of the good work done is due to Bro. Howell—"Old HO," as most of you know him. He is a tireless worker, and I only wish we had a few more workers like him.

I will give you a review of the work, June 1st to January, in the next TELEGRAPHER.

Write your local chairman often—you are not any more busy than he is. You have time if you only think so. Send in the news not later than the 15th of each month.

Hoping we have membership to send ten good strong delegates to Atlanta next spring, I am

Fraternally yours,

H. J. MOHLER, *Local Chairman.*

#### *Sedalia District—*

Now that the charts with instructions how to manage the switchboard have been sent out to all offices, the boys should study them carefully, and be in a position to render Bros. Lampkin and Thomas all assistance possible in case of wire trouble.

Bro. Scott, extra at "CD" Kansas City, left the service to accept a trick in the South.

Bro. J. O. Jones, who is a brother of our old friend and brother, J. D., is working third trick at "CD" and Bro. Warden second.

Bro. W. R. Martin secured Tipton nights on bid.

C. W. Cole, Barretts, has resigned; relieved by Joe Huernon.

Bro. D. L. Duden, agent at Centertown for several years, has resigned and gone to the farm. Bulletins for the vacancy have been issued.

Bro. R. M. Crockett, agent at Blackwater, enjoyed a forty-five-day leave of absence, being relieved by Bro. Oman. Bro. Crockett reports killing the full limit of ducks, besides dipping his feet in salt water on the Gulf.

W. C. Olney, who will be a brother in a few days, relieved Bro. J. K. Hobbs while Bro. Hobbs took in the South on his honeymoon trip.

Understand Bro. Greer has resigned and returned to his former home, Cumberland, Ind.

The third operator having been put on at Little Blue, the positions there are a trifle better, and if will not be quite so hard to keep operators at this point in the future.

Bro. McClure, agent at Nelson, was on the sick list a few days, and was relieved by Bro. Williams, of Lake City.

J. H. Pryor relieved Bro. Williams at Lake City, and I immediately got into communication with him, but it was a one-sided affair, and I was compelled to do all the writing.

Bro. Gunn has been doing extra work at Centertown until the bulletin is closed, but understand W. C. Olney has relieved him.

Election day is near, and it is the duty of every member to take an interest in the election, voting for the good of the Order, regardless of the man.

It has been the custom of some of the brothers to lay the ballots away when received and neglecting to send in their vote.

Every member should vote one way or the other, and I hope our general secretary will be able to show a full vote this time.

W. L. W.

#### *Joplin District—*

As no one seems to care how things go on the Joplin Division of the Missouri Pacific, and having traveled over the entire division and met most of the boys, and also believing that a write-up every month would make lots of our brothers pay up a little more promptly, I will endeavor to write what I have seen and heard on my rounds.

Some time ago one of our old brothers dropped out of our Order and I met him and he said he didn't intend to go back to the fold, for he had a grievance and no attention had been paid to it, and as he was an exclusive agent, the schedule did not affect him; the Order had done nothing for him, and all this kind of stuff. This man was drawing \$84.50 that the Order got for him. I met this brother the other day and he had a new card and a smile on his face, and said that Bro. Nance and Bro. Sawyer had made him feel quite cheap after they had explained a few things to him that he did not know.

I met one well-known agent and operator that has been doing relief work, and he said, "I am one of the old soldiers and don't have to pay up now. I fought for the Order when you were a baby." Brothers, this man has one of the best jobs on the division, that pays \$65.00 per month. Does any member of this division think this is right?

There has been quite a little changing during the last few weeks.

Bro. Tifphony left the service. Do not know where he went.

A Mr. Williams went to Cornell to act as owl, but did not like the looks.

Mr. D. C. Jones relieved Bro. Chas. Rouse for a few weeks. Charles got hungry and went home.

Bro. Trascott is now agent at Fleming, having resigned at Pittsburg. Mr. V. C. Johnson is doing the second stunt there permanent. Don't know if Johnson has the card he sent for yet or not.

Bro. Hutchinson went all the way up to S. Dak. to get a farm and then did not get it. He is back at "G," looking fine.

Quite a little changing at Carthage. Bro. Burrows relieved Bro. Perkins, third man. Bro. Walz had a death in his family. Bro. Richey relieved him for two or three days, Operator Blake, from the Santa Fe taking third, Burrows going to second. Blake is a fine operator and ought to have a card.

Mr. D. C. Jones takes third at Carthage permanent.

Bro. Kuhne, at Webb City, off for turkey-eating, Burrows relieving.

Bro. Crystall is still at Connell, doing the first. Can not find out who the other men are, but they will come around if they stay around Roy.

A little more fraternalism would help the division. Seems as if some of the brothers think every time a brother shows up "he has an axe to grind," and if this division would have a write-up every month, there would be less backsliding.

There are some nons here that are the limit—ask the brothers to help them and never think of joining the Order and helping the brothers. Hang on to the old motto and don't get your hammer out until you have something to kick for, or have it taken up with your local chairman. Remember, he is not a mind-reader and does not claim to be. No card, no favors.

NON DE PLUME.

#### Omaha Division—

Numerous changes have taken place on this division since the new schedule went into effect, and the new bulletin arrangement seems to be giving general satisfaction. The railway officials seem to be pleased to have the burden of bulletining vacancies removed from their shoulders. We would suggest that you fully decide as to whether or not you desire a position before filing your application for it, as it does not simplify matters for you to be assigned to a position for which you have applied and then decide you do not wish to make a change.

Following are some of the changes that have been made:

Bro. J. P. Ellis to Crete.  
 Bro. H. M. Swartz to Louisville.  
 Bro. F. S. Stringfield to Verdon.  
 Bro. H. E. Kessler to Hickman.  
 Bro. H. G. Calhoun to Cook.  
 Bro. D. N. Chiles to Julian.  
 Bro. C. V. Densmore to Dunbar.  
 Bro. A. E. Dappen to Panama.  
 Bro. H. L. Thomas to Ft. Crook.  
 Bro. E. E. Marr to Falls City.  
 Bro. D. O. Schrader to Talmage.  
 Bro. O. Leffell to Oskaloosa.  
 Bro. J. T. Liston to Elmwood.

Changes among the straight telegraphers too numerous to mention.

Sister Hequembourg has returned to Nearman after a few weeks' absence on account of her son's death.

Sister V. R. Kessler has been reinstated and is now located at Virginia. It is safe to predict that train orders will receive proper handling by her in the future.

General Chairman Nance spent a few days on this division recently, with good results.

Do not overlook the fact that you are entitled to overtime when you fail to secure your meal hour as specified on your hours of service notice.

Out of one hundred and eleven positions on the Omaha Division, only ten are filled by nons. We feel very proud of the Omaha Division. Keep her to the front, boys, and do not forget to send that five-dollar william to William Holman on time and secure your new card.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

#### St. L., I. M. & S. Ry.

##### Central Division—

Operator R. J. Farris, night man at Lenapah, was the only one to make application for the agency at Inola. He has the papers and will be checked into the O. R. T. about the same time as he is checked in at "NA."

Bro. Harris, of Oolagah, has sent in his resignation. He thinks he will retire from railroad work.

Bro. Hayse, third trick at Wagoner, is off on a vacation. Unable to say where he spent it. He was relieved by McCrainer, an ex-dispatcher. Bowman and McNew all nons. This is where Bro. Pope got 25. McNew has his papers in. It is hard to be a non and stay around Wagoner.

Bro. Neal, at Sallisaw, says the trouble has begun again. The Midland Valley are detouring their trains between Sallisaw and Ft. Gibson.

Operator Bronson, of Sallisaw nights, had the misfortune to get his hand mashed pretty badly in delivering a 19 order to 156 the night of the 9th, but at this writing is getting along fine. Relieved by P. D. Phelps, a non, but has requested the papers.

Bro. Maddox, extra man, has been moving around lively for the last two weeks, relieving Bro. Kelton at Ft. Smith twice and telegraphing for the bridge gang at Ashby. He says this job is certainly a pension. Bro. Maddox came from the Kansas Division of the Mo. Pac and is true blue. This is the kind we welcome.

Bro. Kelton has been relieving Operator Bruns at Van Buren for a few days.

Bros. Ridenour and McKee took in the sights at Ft. Smith the 15th.

The day operator has been put back at Denning Yard; held by Operator McCartt. Operator Hatendorf is working nights.

Operator Blakely has been assigned the day job at Spadra and Westmoreland the night.

There are still a few that have not paid their dues for the term ending Dec. 31. I can not see why it is, as they are holding the best positions on the division. Brothers, come on with the money, as the time is about up and you do not desire to lose out at this stage of the game.

It has been suggested to me that I have published in the journal monthly the names of the nons on this division, which I will do, beginning the first of the year, so the nons will not have any excuse to get into line so their names will not appear; but they will be surprised when the conductors present them a card showing their names and excuse for not belonging to the Order. This new system goes into effect the first of January. All conductors will be supplied with cards showing same.

There is a certain class on this division, when asked about joining, put up an excuse, saying the "O. R. T. never did anything for me, and I don't see why I should join something that would not benefit me." Others say "I have made investments in property and it takes all my money to meet payments." They never once stop and think

if it had not been for the O. R. T. giving them raises they would not be able to have made these investments. They will meet another surprise when our committee goes up next time, which will not be long, to find out that they have been placed in a class to themselves and let the company pay this class as they please. I have figured the company can save \$2,400.00 yearly if they put their salary at \$50.00 per month and no overtime. Perhaps it might be lower, as they have no one to fight their cause and they will be compelled to take what they can get. The I. M. is not the only road that is to establish this system, but all organized roads. We have been carrying the burdens of these dead-beats long enough by coughing up our hard-earned cash for their benefit and only getting "the O. R. T. never did us any good." This is your last chance if you desire to do the right thing to those who have treated you fair.

In closing, I wish to say there are some few operators not paying any attention to the nine-hour law. They work as many hours as the dispatchers request. This law was made for your interest and you should see that it is lived up to.

I trust some one will help me on the write-up question.

Mr. James, agent at Conway, and Mr. Furniss, agent at Greenwood, can now be called brothers, as they have invested in the goods. It will not be long until we can make this division solid if we will all pull together.

Here is hoping that Santa Claus will not fail to give each non an O. R. T. card for a Christmas present.

L. C.

### Frisco Ry.

#### Birmingham District—

Wonder what is the matter with the boys on this pike; can't hear from any of them. I guess they have all they want and more, too. Brothers, we should have a good write-up each month. We are almost solid on this division and still can't get a write-up. I am certain there are a number of you who have time and could give a note now and then if you only would. I believe that all of you will agree with me when I say that there is no other single thing that will make a member take more interest in the work of the Order than a monthly write-up. We have no excuse to offer. Now, let's get together and let the fur fly.

Bro. C. G. Kelso, our general chairman, was with us last week and succeeded in landing eleven new members and several transfers. Still there are five or six remaining "dummies" on the line, also a few "put-it-offs," who are not up-to-date. We must get these men in our ranks, so get busy.

Understand there is an ex-member on this line who is opposed to the nine-hour law, still he clings to one of the nine-hour jobs. What do you think of him? He is also out with the Order, simply because he does not like a certain member. Of course, we consider this merely a petty excuse for not paying his dues and being up-to-date.

Operator Morgan, first trick at "CK," Dora, has left the service of the Frisco and gone to Illi-

nois, where he will engage in other business. Bros. Kenneman and Smith have moved up a notch, with Mr. Hudson, an extra man, doing the third stunt there.

Bro. Holt, from third trick at "AS," has been transferred to second trick at freight yard junction; relieved at Jasper by Bro. Hadaway, from Winfield, third trick.

Bro. Hadaway relieved at "FD" by Bro. Pless, from Atlanta Division, Southern Railway.

Bro. C. R. Wilburn has just returned from St. Louis.

Bro. J. H. D. Smith, agent at Cordova, has accepted the appointment of local chairman of this district. We should all do our best to help Bro. Smith.

From all the dope obtainable this line is solid from Jasper to Amory, with one exception. Bro. Kelso's visit has, seemingly, had the effect of a live wire.

We should not overlook the fact that we have a splendid man for chief dispatcher, Mr. J. F. Liston, who hails from the Seaboard. Let us all try to make him feel at home and, above all, give good service and answer your call promptly.

CERT. 1426.

#### Red River Division—

Boys, get "25" and let us hear from each division. It would take but little time. You are only working nine hours and could find plenty of time to write a word or two once a month, and a word or two from each man would make a good showing for Division No. 32.

Bro. Gordon is back at "FZ," Francis, for a few days.

Bro. Rogers is doing the relief act at "M," Isa-bell.

Bro. Plat is laying off.

We have only one twelve-hour night office on our division; that is "JX." New man on road working the owl shift there; no one in the daytime.

Bro. Lumpkin, from "AJ," "RJ," "JN" at "CH" for a few days, since "JN" to "RF," and a new man at "AJ."

Who is going to write this division up next month? Well, I will watch and see if any one can take a tumble to themselves and say a word or two. Spend about ten minutes of your loafing time in writing items for the journal. G. E. B.

#### Southwestern Division—

We regret very much to hear of the death of Mr. Fred Rice, near Sapulpa, December 14th, in a train accident. Mr. Rice was a conductor on the Southwestern Division, and was well known by most every one.

Mr. G. R. Crawford, new third trick man at A. V. and W. Junction.

Mr. W. H. Pasley, former agent at A. V. and W. Junction, has been transferred to the agency at Mansford, Okla., on the A. V. and W. branch.

Man by name of Brown on Tulsa, A. V. & W. Junction.

New man at White Oak nights, but am unable to give anything definite about him yet.



Mr. C. T. Pyle, an old-timer off the C., R. I. & P. here, now agent at A. V. & W. Junction, relieving Mr. Pasley. Geo. Rogers on the first trick at that point.

The new time-table, which came out on the 13th, made but slight changes on this division.

Chelsea and Claremore are now three-men jobs and all solid. MONK.

### The Baltimore & Ohio Ry.

#### *P. and W. District—*

The traffic on this end seems to be coming back to the old standard, but they are sadly in need of power. There is some talk as to opening a few of the offices they closed last fall, but can not say as to when this will happen.

On the night of November 29th, at a point known as Wilson's, one-half mile east of Valencia Station, No. 5 was wrecked, killing Fireman Geo. Sidell, of Painesville, Ohio, and slightly injuring Conductor Henry Fout. It is supposed to have been caused by an air hose bursting in the middle of a train of empties, with two helping engines on the rear caused the train to buckle, and throwing cars onto the westbound track No. 5 running into it before a flagman could stop them. Engine on No. 5 went into the ditch, demolishing baggage car. How baggage messenger escaped without injury was a mystery. Both tracks blocked seven hours.

The work done by our efficient lineman, Benjamin, in restoring the wires after the accident, is worthy of mention in these columns.

Bro. Stoops, late of Kane and Marienville, relieved Bro. Dannals at Zenlenople. Can not say where Bro. "Dan" has gone.

Bro. Wagenman has taken the agency at Clarion Junction, H. B. Snyder relieving him at Ribolds.

Sister Magee has returned to duty at Allegheny, Miss Rhoades going to Elfinwild, third trick.

Bro. Showalter has returned from his trip through the Southwestern States and parts of Mexico, and has taken up his duties in "DS" relay office.

Bro. F. W. Carleton, of Division No. 59, posting up at Callery on the interlocking and block system.

Bro. Grada Crites, third trick at Gorsuch, has left us and returned to the C. & O., from where he came last spring; relieved by Bro. L. W. LeBorron, of Division No. 18.

Bro. J. A. Johnston, to Wyland on the W. & P. District relieved by Elmer Ayers at Downieville.

Bro. Wm. Taylor, of the W. & P. District, is now located at Ribolds, third trick, which he got on November bulletin, but just recently placed.

In December journal the writer referred to Sister Corts at Karns as Miss Corts. I trust that this sister will overlook the error.

In November TELEGRAPHER an oversight was made by me in the line-up of the stations on this end which are held by nons. I am sorry we overlooked our brother, C. K. Holverstott, agent at Sharpsburg, and heartily apologize for the error.

The time is fast approaching when we should elect our officers for the coming year. Great care should be taken in selecting these men. There is some good timber in these woods and it should not be very hard to select.

It seems that there are only three brothers in the race for delegate to the convention from this district. Bros. Will Carr, "Jack" Lanning and Safford, and possibly Bro. Williams are in the swim. All are good men and no mistake will be made in voting for either one of them.

Relief agent, Bro. Posteraro, has been relieving at Shipperville and Petrolia recently.

The P. & W. was not represented as it should have been at the last meeting. Boys, get next to the date and figure out going, a month ahead, if necessary. If there is any kick you have coming, don't make it to everybody you meet, but come to the meetings and put it to the lodge straight. You will only have to do it once. Those that do not attend can not imagine what they miss. Come in and see for yourself. SHORTSTOP.

#### *Monongah Division—*

Bro. W. P. Cline, of "GR" office, made a flying trip to Philadelphia, Pa. relieved by Bro. Locey.

Bro. Ogden bid first trick in at Clarksburg depot.

Bro. Nuzum, of "GR" office is off sick; relieved by Bro. Locey.

Bro. W. W. Powell off a few days; relieved by extra man. Did not learn his name.

Bro. Hostler was in Fairmont looking after the interests of the M. R. District.

Bro. R. W. Bevans, accompanied by his mother, went to Meyersdale, Pa., to attend the funeral of his cousin.

Bro. A. E. Shingleton landed second trick at Monongah and moved his family there.

They have opened a night office at Glen Falls and Shinnston, day and night. Do not know at this time who the fellows are that are holding them down.

Our division operator, Mr. Greene, has been issuing a good many circulars in regard to the handling of train orders. Now, boys, you want to be very careful in handling orders and see that they are properly sent, for the dispatchers are just as liable to overlook something as we are. We must watch this closely and in case he sends it wrong call his attention to the fact, so he can remodel it before anything happens. There are a good many new boys on the line. Hope they are all good members.

Looks like business is coming back normal again. Lots of eastbound freight now.

#### *Wheeling Division—*

A joint meeting was held at the Peabody Building, Wheeling, on December 19th, with eighteen members present.

Several important questions were discussed, especially the student. There are a number of students along the line.

On last notice, Bros. E. E. Holloway and Queen bid in "WR" tower, Wheeling, first and second

trick respectively. There is a new interlocking plant to be placed there, which will greatly increase the work.

Very few new men have been on the division for some time, as Glen Easton, second and third tricks; Barton, second and third tricks, and Bar-racksville closed altogether, made a surplus of extra men.

Since last writing Glover Gap has been cut down to three men again.

Telegrapher Poinderter spent a few days with his parents during the holidays, near Charleston.

Bro. C. L. Hall and wife are spending the holidays at Huntington, with Bro. Hall's parents.

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#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Almighty Father of the Universe to remove from our midst our worthy brother, J. H. Sutton, thereby proving the uncertainty of life; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That while we bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to those who will miss his presence most and consign them to the loving care of the Great White Chief who governs all things. Be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be put upon the minutes of B. & O., Wheeling Division, No. 33, a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy forwarded to the parents of our deceased brother.

H. A. SCHULTZ,  
E. E. HOLLOWAY,  
T. L. ELLIS,

*Committee.*

#### Pittsburg Division, Eastern District—

Meeting December 27th, and in spite of the disagreeable night there was a fair attendance. I am sure all present enjoyed the cigars that Bros. Safford and Williams set up, and every one felt that the night was well spent.

Where were the brothers on the "River" all this time? Why do not the first trick men attend? It is no wonder our local chairman gets disgusted, when the brothers take no more interest in attending meetings than this. Now, let us all see how many can get in the room at Hotel Wilson next meeting night.

There are seven or eight non-members who promised to be with us by the first of the year. Time is about up. Watch them and see if they make good. Those who do not make good are liable to see their names in the journal next month.

While in one of our business towns, east of Pittsburg, I met a young man wearing a gold O. R. T. button on his coat, and six months behind with his dues. We hope this man will see fit to get a card with a color that will correspond with the gold button this year.

Election is close. Pick out the man you think will serve the Order best, and vote for him. There will no doubt be several candidates for all three positions.

The students are increasing. Have you considered the matter any? They will have your job next. We had better lock the stable before the horse is stolen.

Bro. Kleisinger, at Reduction, has an apology coming to him from a couple of his fellow workmen, on account of the notes last month. This information was given to the correspondent by a non-member, and was published for a fact. We now find that this was untrue, and the only way for this non to apologize is to take out a new card. Will he do it?

The following appointments were made, as per last month's bulletin: Bro. C. W. Reichard, first trick Second avenue; Mr. P. C. Getz, second, and Mr. S. C. McCoy, third trick at Lavenia. Third trick at Bessemer "for sale."

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. "YERAC RELBATS."

#### Newark Division—

I wish to announce to the members of the Newark Division, through the Fraternal columns of THE TELEGRAPHER, that "By" a motion passed at the meeting at Newark, Nov. 23d, each member on the Newark Division is asked, voluntarily, to contribute 5 cents each month to create a local division fund for the purpose of purchasing flowers for deceased brothers, assisting deserving brothers in paying their dues and insurance assessments, in case they become delinquent through sickness, etc. This fund to be placed in the hands of the Division Treasurer Bro. McNees, subject to the will of the local division.

"Those members who are unable to attend these meetings, can give this money to their local chairman, who will turn it over to the treasurer, who will credit them with same."

We kindly ask you to make these contributions every month, as it is for a worthy cause, and we now have some brothers on the sick list who are in very needy circumstances, and wholly unable to keep up their dues, on account of not being able to work. And if any of them are called away from us, we will have something to show our respects, in burying a deceased brother.

Commencing with Dec. 21st, we will hold regular monthly meetings in O. R. C. Hall, Newark, O., at 8 p. m., the third Monday of each month. These meetings will be held alternately, afternoon and evening, for the benefit of both day and night men. The members will be notified of these meetings, both afternoon and evening, by their respective local chairman. We earnestly request all members that can to attend these meetings, as they will be quite interesting and beneficial.

Bro. W. B. Anderson, of "MO," who had the misfortune to break his arm, while alighting from a street car, is able to be around again.

Bro. Murchland, second trick man at "KS," is now doing extra work in "WF" relay office; relieved by Bro. Kelly.

Bro. Moore, of "WF" office, who has been quite sick, is improving but very slow.

D. H. MOWARTY, *Local Secretary.*

*Baltimore Division—*

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 9th, Baltimore Local of Division No. 33 held its first meeting, at its new lodge rooms, 609 North Fremont street, with a large number present.

Sorry to learn that there were not more present from "GO," surely if the men on the division can ride miles to attend the meetings, there seems to be little excuse for those in the general office, who are located in the city. It was very encouraging to see the large turnout at our previous meeting, and I trust the men will not lose interest in the matter.

Several brothers from Division No. 17 were present.

I trust that we will some day be able to reciprocate for the kind treatment we have received from Division No. 17, and hope to see more of them present at our next meeting.

If the brothers on the division will furnish me with articles of interest for the journal, I shall appreciate it, and try and see that they are published from time to time.

Hope to see a good turnout Wednesday, January 13th.

Only a few changes were made on this branch since the last write-up. All three operators of Boyds, "MD," were off during the Christmas holidays. Bros. J. W. Williams and Lewis, and Miss Harrington, a non, being relieved by Operators Remsburg, Fisher and Spaulding.

Bros. Warfel and White, of Barnesville, spent December 19th, in Baltimore City, purchasing toys for the little ones.

I am glad to see so many of the boys forwarding their dues so promptly, and I "13" several nons will make application for cards on January 1st. Let's try and clean out the nons this year, if possible. We are now entering a new year, which has been promised to be prosperous to all. Hope we will receive our share. Did Congress or Legislature ever stop to think, when making laws, what great responsibility rest upon the telegraphers of this country.

First. They work many hours at a time, 365 days out of a year, handling any number of trains, copy hundreds of messages and orders during the year.

Second. If in case of a slight error, probably hundreds of lives, fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers and loved ones are sent into eternity without a minute's warning. My dear reader do you realize these lines to be the real truth, and now don't you realize the grave responsibility of the railway telegrapher; and I dare say they receive less compensation than any other skilled labor upon this earth. I have a proposition to make, or rather suggest, and I trust that every member of our organization will agree with me. And through the efforts of Bros. Perham and Quick this may be taken hold of at once. That is each member assessed \$2.00 per year, for three years, 1909, 1910 and 1911, for the purpose of purchasing four farms and building homes for the old and disabled telegraphers of our organization;

having these located East and West, North and South. Taking our 43,000 members each paying the small fee of \$2.00 per year, would amount to very large figures, \$86,000 for the first year, enough money to buy four nice \$20,000 homes, and then the next two years' fee would amount to \$172,000. Which would support hundreds of old and disabled telegraphers for years and years. In my opinion this would be the most charitable work that any organization ever did. Many of you will throw \$2.00 away each month for some little trifle. Just think what this little \$2.00 a year would amount to, less than a cent a day, how many hearts would be made glad; and I am sure not a member would refuse this insignificant sum of \$2.00 for the great good it will do. You may be one that would in time have to have such a home to go to. Many suggestions have been made through our journal, but they have been passed by. I hope Bro. Quick will take interest in this suggestion, or proposition, and place it before the members of our organization, and have a vote upon same, and start on this good work at once. I trust my efforts in writing this article will not be fruitless.

*Main Line—*

Bros. Shawen and Loeber visited Annapolis one day this month, to march in the Fraternal Parade.

Two new men at Hallofield, J. H. Omahaney and G. F. Hammond; get after them boys and get them in line. Also new man at Ellicott City, keep your eye on him.

*Washington Branch—*

Bro. Hobbs, Relay tower, near Baltimore City, first of December, had a battle with a negro tramp. Bro. Hobbs was beaten about the head and body, and bitten in left arm several times, but captured the tramp after stabbing him in the neck and knocking him senseless.

Wishing you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.  
G. W. C.

*Ohio River Division—*

We had a very well attended and interesting meeting at Parkersburg on December 12th, at Commercial Hotel parlors. Quite a number of visiting membes from Monongah Division were present. In the absence of our local chairman, Bro. Rathbun, who was unable to obtain relief, Bro. H. S. Smith acted as chairman. Matters of interest were discussed and a letter from General Chairman Van Atta was read, giving us some important information. Some two or three from this division failed to show up, and understand they could have attended had they so desired.

Bro. Harpold, agent at Spencer, has been off for several months; relieved by Bro. D. M. Brown. Bro. Harpold was looking after his store during the holidays.

Some three or four of the old standbys have been behind in their dues since last June. However, this is more than overcome by over a dozen new members. Still we need them and they need

us, and we hope that they start the new year in the usual way with an up-to-date card in their jeans.

Bro. Dowell, copier at "RA" Parkersburg, is out learning the road and will soon be a full-fledged dispatcher.

Operator C. L. Edelen bid in second trick message wire at Parkersburg.

Bro. Curtis, third at "MS" Parkersburg, resigned December 20th. Understand he has a position with the A. C. L. Relieved by Bro. Edelen, from Monongah Division, with an up-to-date. We will expect him to line his brother, C. L., up soon.

Bro. Blackburn, of Huntington, second trick, off a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. Townsend, who has been off duty several months on account of sickness.

Bro. C. T. Moore, first trick at Sistersville, is spending the holidays with his parents at Guyandotte.

Bro. H. Parker, Belleville, is again unable to work; relieved by E. L. Taylor. Unable to say whether a brother or not.

Bro. "Bowser" Rankin, at "MS" Parkersburg, is spending the holidays at home with his parents.

Local Chairman Rathbun spent a few days around Letart and on the south end lining up the boys for the new year.

Bro. L. D. Newhart, from Brooklyn Junction third trick to Williamstown first trick. If each of us would get as many new members as this brother, a non would be an unknown animal on the B. & O. system. Understand he now has seven to his credit and another one ready to fall in his basket.

Bro. B. C. Lewis, first trick at St. Marys, is relieving Bro. Williamson, who resigned to try his fortune in the West. Bro. Chapman, third trick at "S," also resigned. Understand he went back to his old love, the C. & O.

Operator Duncan, former member C. & O. Division, is working second trick at Kenova.

Now, boys, don't lay around like drones; because we are enjoying the eight and nine-hour tricks it is no reason we should lose all interest in the journal and the advancement of our Order, which gave us the shorter hours.

Let's get together and do something. Every one that has not a card should make a special effort to get one at once. What I mean is an up-to-date card. There are a few left on this division that have not got one, not because they do not believe in the O. R. T., but because they have carelessly allowed the time for payment of dues to pass by.

It seems to be the policy of some members to drop out of the Order as soon as they get a few good things, thinking that we have got all we can ever get. Now, let me say this is a progressive and growing organization, and we have not yet received near what is due us. Unless you give your support along with the others you are blocking the progress and making it impossible to get what is still due us. Do not be a backslider, but lend your assistance in the future as in the past.

Am very sorry to see some of our members giving the students too much freedom, this should be stopped as they will get you into trouble.

Operator Allen is working New Martinsville, days.

Bro. McPeck is working first trick at Pine Grove, and Operator Myers got second trick by bulletin. They change so often on the Short Line it is impossible to keep track of them.

Bro. Newhart got first trick at Williamstown, by bulletin, and Bro. Hall has resumed his duties on second trick.

Operator Self is relieving Bro. Sid Brown on first trick at Ravenswood.

I think it is about time for our general committee to get busy and get a new schedule, as we have not had a change for two years. Have not even had a meeting for eight months.

Now boys, let's all get together and have a big meeting and let everybody try and attend, that possibly can, so we can talk over with our local chairman what we need and want. Think we should be able to get something soon.

CENT. 595.

#### *New Castle Division—*

We are going to try monthly meetings for awhile, and see if we can work up any interest on this division; it will soon be time for the committee to get together and close up negotiations, and we should be ready at all times and know just where we are at, and the only way to be in a position to do business is for the members to show an interest and help along with the work. We hope to have a larger attendance next time.

Bro. J. O'Connor, third trick at "XN" tower, is off for Xmas; relieved by Bro. Etter.

Bro. Brown, third trick at Ravenna, back on duty. Bro. Barrett who relieved him has gone home a for month,

Bro. Green, first trick at Ravenna, is sick in hospital; relieved by Bro. French. We hope to hear Bro. Green blocking the Peanut run again soon. Bro. French has been holding State Road, days, for some time, but is now on the extra list, as State Road has been closed for the winter.

Bro. Jones, first trick at Newton Falls, has been resting up for a month; relieved by Bro. Post. We are glad to hear that Bro. Jones will return to work the first of the year, much improved in health.

Bro. Needler, first trick at "KN" tower, is off on a ten days' vacation; relieved by T. L. Siering.

Bro. Robinson, first trick at "NC" Junction, is away on his wedding trip; relieved by Bro. Fisher.

We have made a gain of 69 per cent in membership in the last two years, but still have a number of nons on the line, all desirable with one or two exceptions (Ham factories don't apply).

We would be glad if the members would make a great exertion, to the extent of sending in news that we may have a complete write-up of the whole division; one or two can not keep posted

on all that is going on over the division. If you would send items to the local chairman, he will see that they reach the correspondent in time; get them in by the 18th of each month.

To those who are back in their June dues, we would say, wake up and see where you would be at, in less than a year, if none of us paid dues; of course there are times when a brother can be excused for a month or two, but let's have no backsliders, as between a backslider and a non we have but little choice.

Bro. J. J. Kehres, third trick at Niles Junction, now, account Painesville office being closed, and telegraphing at that point being handled by L. S. & M. S. men.

Bro. T. W. McCannon, third trick at Baughtonville, is spending his holiday vacation at Buffalo, N. Y.; relieved by G. O. Cobb. Div. Cor.

#### *Columbus and Newark Divisions—*

We are not dead ones on this division and don't you ever think it. We are not represented in the journal each and every month, but we have not been laying off. Every month brings us one or two new members, and they will come faster than that when the boys see that we mean business. There is no reason on earth why we should not be a solid division, but several reasons why we should be, and every fellow that has any brains at all knows what they are. I am glad to state that some of the boys that allowed themselves to become delinquent are coming back to the fold. Now, ask them why they are coming back. There are some nons on this division who would like to join the Order, they believe it is a good thing, at least they say so, but they haven't got the money to spare this pay day to go in, and others are too stingy to eat three meals a day. We can not expect them to join us.

Bro. Townsmeyer is off a few days to recruit up.

Bro. Smith has returned to "VA."

Bro. McClurg attended the meeting held in Newark, also Bro. Huffman.

Bro. Horch was off a few days to attend a turkey dinner with his father-in-law, Bro. Rustler, at Summit.

Bro. Watson off two days to get a good meal from his father at Trinway.

Bro. Artz filled the vacancy at "BW."

Bro. Rowe is working the third trick at "BR" tower.

Bro. Grutch resigned; he will seek gold in Southern California.

Bro. Lameck has returned to Big Walnut, third trick, after a visit of two weeks with his aunt in Port Washington.

Bro. Gaines is back to the key again, after being sick for a few days.

Wishing you and yours a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Div. Cor.

#### *Chicago Division, East End—*

Operator Morarity, second trick "WN" tower, made a trip to Toledo recently, and was a caller at Mr. Kendall's office.

Bro. E. Renz, of The Bend, was a caller in Defiance, Saturday, December 12th.

Bro. T. J. Eiler, third trick, Defiance, will make an extended trip through the East during holidays.

Bro. Durk, second trick, Defiance, is in his home town, on a regular job now.

Bro. B. A. Miller will spend the holidays with "friends," and enjoy a good old-fashioned Xmas dinner.

Operator J. J. Fleck, who has been doing the extra work in "G," Garrett during the past eighteen months, has bid in third trick at Attica, and is now located at that station.

Operator G. E. Foley, who has been doing the extra work in Chicago Junction during the past ten months, has bid in third trick "G," Garrett, and is now located there.

Bro. Walters, "RX," Chicago Junction, was confined to his home the first part of December, for several days, with the La Grippe.

Operator G. R. Wilson, who has only been on the extra board since July, bid in third trick at Galatea.

We have several nons on our division. I would suggest that the brothers who are working at the stations where these nons are working, get after them and get them in line. There are also a few backsliders, a few pretenders and some old hard shells that might be induced to thaw loose. We must get busy and keep busy on the nons, etc., or we will lose out as an organized division. Thanking the brothers for sending me items, I will close. BILL.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to thank the members and officers of the Cleveland Division of the B. & O. System, Division No. 33, for their kind remembrance, in the form of financial aid, on account of sickness.

We can not find words enough to express our gratitude. It is a Godsend to us. May the O. R. T. receive its full share of prosperity forever, as a reward for its kind and charitable deeds.

"Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble." (41 Psalm, I verse.)

C. A. GOODEN,  
MRS. C. A. GOODEN.

#### Chicago & Eastern Illinois Ry.

##### *Chicago Division—*

Bro. Lanquist, third trick at "BX" tower, has been off since December 2d, visiting his folks at Knobview, Mo.; relieved by Operator C. J. Shotts. When Bro. Lanquist returns he is to relieve Bro. Johnson, first trick at "BX" tower, for a week's vacation.

Bro. Aikman, agent at Bismarck, has been trying to get a rest, but no relief agents on hand at present.

Bro. Smith, from Rossville Junction, was in Danville on business last Saturday.

Bro. Goudy, at Danville yard, third trick, wants to spend a few days loafing, if he can get relieved.

Bro. Worrell, first trick at Hoopeston, is spending his vacation at his home in Indianapolis, Ind.; relieved by Bro. F. L. McDonald.

Operator C. H. Terry, formerly agent at Jamesburg, now permanent at Coaler, second trick.

Bro. W. J. Paddock, third trick at Woodland Junction, is spending a two weeks' vacation; relieved by Bro. F. L. McDonald.

Business is picking up in the last few weeks and we hope it will continue so, as they may have to open some more new offices, thus giving more men work.

Now, brothers, the time is here for paying your dues. Be sure and not neglect it, and get after that non next to you, and have him send in same time you do, and let us all flash a card in 1909.

Div. Cor.

### Pennsylvania Lines West of Pittsburg.

To All Members:

According to Section 69, page 76, of Statutes, we will in February elect representatives and alternates to the convention to be held in Atlanta, Ga., in May next.

It is necessary that nominations of candidates be signed by at least three members. In order that ballots may be sent as early as possible please send to me at your earliest convenience the name of any brother whom you wish to represent you at Atlanta, together with your choice as alternate. Please have two brothers, in good standing, sign nomination with you.

J. W. BURCH,

G. S. and T., Div. 36.

### Erie Ry.

Meadville Division—

Mrs. L. A. Woodin, first trick operator at Buck Tooth, has had to leave the service on account of failing eyesight. She was the daughter of Robert Knight, who was for many years an agent and operator on this division. Mrs. Woodin commenced work on the Erie, November 1, 1888, and was our oldest lady operator, and for a long time the only lady operator on the Meadville Division.

First trick at Buck Tooth and second and third tricks at Red House advertised until December 22d. Have not heard yet who bid them in.

Bro. J. N. Hayes took first trick at Waterboro, bumping Bro. Rexford back to second trick there. This on account of a reduction of force at Jamestown.

Mr. B. S. Lewis, one of the oldest men in the service, formerly agent at Concord, has taken third trick at Falconer Junction.

Jamestown is now one of the busy places since the fourth man has been taken off. Plenty to do there now, with blocking trains at "JN" tower by 'phone, getting train orders and block, and keep messages cleaned up at their own office, and only one man on duty at a time.

Lakewood is making great plans for a big season next year. Things are looking up there at present.

Ashville and Watts Flats have got settled down in new positions on new line, and all is going smooth again.

Bro. A. N. Crane has resigned as agent at Watts Flats, and has gone on a visit to his old home in the South.

Work is progressing on interlocking plants at "NE" and "CM" towers, where the old and new line come together.

Venango has been closed nights and one operator taken off at Sagertown. Geneva, on second division, has also been closed nights.

CERT. 508.

N. Y., S. and N., and W., B. and E.—

Owing to the boys not sending any notes for the last two months our division has not been represented in THE TELEGRAPHER. As this is the first thing our boys look for on receipt of their journal, we should make it a point to see that our division is represented each month.

Now, as it is nearing the time to elect our officers, we should attend the meetings and show our interest by voting for the ones we want.

Much has been said about attending meetings, but the members do not turn out as well as they should; oftentimes an important question comes up relative to your position, and no one there to give the answer or assist our officers in way of information. Remember the Order is what its members make it.

We "13" Bros. Carpenter and Kannaley worked twelve hours each at Beaver Lake for a short time, owing to the third trick man laying off sick.

Bro. Carr is now agent at Maywood, Operator Courtwright being transferred to Campgan.

Mr. Boyse has been checked in as agent at Stockholm, vice Operator Wm. Fredericks, who now is working second trick at Butler. Can not say whether Mr. Boyse is a member or not. We trust some of the boys near him will ascertain, and if not, to tell him the Order wants all the good men.

Operator signing "DO," who worked in "WN" office at Hackensack, a year ago, is now working at Rochelle Park.

Bro. Angle, second trick at Butler, is now working at Pocono Lakes.

We "13" Bro. Rosecrance, at Charlottesville, has been busy handling several hundred cars of ore, which is transferred to W. & N. at his station.

Can't give you much of a write-up, owing to no items being sent me by the brothers. SAM.

Mahoning Division—

R. B. Barrett, of Geauga Lake, was off taking a trip through the Southern States; relieved by E. D. Marvin.

Hiram has been closed.

C. C. Fenstermaker is back at Garrettsville.

"MA" tower has been closed, H. B. Cutlip going to second trick at De Forest tower.

W. H. Ludt, first trick at Leavittsburg, is off on a trip to New York City. This moves W. S. Lowrie from second to first trick; W. J. Holbrook from third to second trick, and A. L. Taylor, third trick at Warren, to third trick at Leavittsburg.

C. W. Mitchell, from second trick at Niles to third trick at Warren, and Extra Man G. W. Hempel working second trick at Niles.

Ray Castor, second trick at De Forest tower, bid in second trick at "VO" tower.

Sam Ridinger bid in third trick at "YO" office at Youngstown.

Bob Bell, at Hubbard, is getting a new depot.

It seems to be a hard matter to get the boys to turn out to a meeting held close to the holidays, as the meeting held at Warren Saturday night, December 19th, showed that even some of the old-timers were not there.

Make a new resolution this year. Resolve to attend the meeting at Warren once a month, and then see that you get there on the third Saturday night of the month. Div. Cor.

### Central of Georgia Ry.

#### *Savannah Division--*

Here's wishing all a Happy New Year and that the few remaining nons will see the right way before the New Year dawns.

Bro. P. T. Reddick, of Gordon, paid a flying visit to Savannah one day the past month, taking his family with him, for a visit to relatives and friends.

Bro. A. L. Thigpen, of Oconee, has been enjoying wild turkey recently.

Mr. Todd, of McIntyre agency, paid a visit to Savannah during the past month.

We are all glad to learn that Bro. A. C. Todd has recovered sufficiently to resume his duties at Toombsboro. Mr. Todd has been off for some time, suffering from an attack of appendicitis.

Mr. H. E. Holland, of Dover, can now be called Bro. Holland, his application having been sent in several weeks ago.

Bro. A. L. Thigpen, of Oconee, paid a flying visit to Macon a few weeks ago, taking his family to see Santa Claus.

Mr. N. C. Arnett, formerly at Millen, second trick, now at M. & A. Junction, third trick, and S. L. Thompson, whose applications were sent in some weeks ago, can now be called brothers.

We understand Bro. Davis, of Millen, first trick, has had a series of bad luck recently, in which he has our sympathy. Bro. Davis lost a brother some weeks ago and immediately after had a very sick child.

Mr. Winburn, of Ocmulgee Bridge, second trick, off on vacation for Christmas, being relieved by Mr. Awtry, of Millen.

Mr. F. W. Schumpert, of Savannah dispatchers' office, working at Millen, second trick, while Mr. Awtry relieves Mr. Winburn at Ocmulgee Bridge.

Some of the boys are a little slow about remitting for January 1 to June 30, 1909. This should not be overlooked, as all will want to visit Atlanta

during the convention period, and the sooner dues are remitted the better.

Bro. J. E. Boyd was out on the line a few weeks ago, shaking hands with the boys and looking to the interests of the convention contribution from this division.

Get right for the convention in May.

CERT. 441.

#### *Chattanooga Division--*

It will be a source of much gratification to the boys of Division No. 46 to know that the Chattanooga Division is in better shape than ever before. While we have not as many men working on the division at present as we have had, we have a larger per cent of paid-up members, I think, than ever before, and we begin the new year with bright prospects, indeed. Keep the good work going, every member get after the man next to him. If a new man comes to the road, find out if he is a member, and if not get him in if worthy, and if he is delinquent get him to pay up. Individual effort is what counts.

Sammons, at Lindale, and Greene, at agent's office, Chattanooga, may be called brothers when you read this. They are both good men and we are, indeed, glad to welcome them into our ranks.

Bro. Murphy has returned to Whitesburg from his vacation.

Bro. Bledsoe, of Sargent, was off a week, going over the road in the interest of our grand convention in Atlanta next May, and here let me add that the boys are doing nobly in helping making the convention the best that ever happened.

If any of you failed to receive a copy of the circular sent out by Bros. Travis and Livsey, will state that each member is assessed 1 per cent of one month's salary to entertain the delegates in true Southern style, and if any one has not already remitted it it is not yet too late to send the amount to Bro. Travis, Route 68, Atlanta.

Bro. Bledsoe was relieved by Mr. Battles, from Moons.

Battles went from there to Brooks to relieve Bro. Wilson for the holidays.

Bro. King, of Trion, was off a few days attending court; relieved by Bro. Housch. Bro. Housch is now relieving Bro. Low, at Bremen, who is visiting his folks during the holidays.

Understand Bro. Jeb Martin, formerly at Raccoon and Fort Oglethorpe, has accepted a position with the Southern.

Bro. C. W. Bolton is relieving Bro. Powell, at Lyerly, a few days.

Mr. Reeves, our chief dispatcher, has been given a trick again, throwing the other two dispatchers back a notch.

We are glad to note that Bro. C. W. Bolton has been working as extra dispatcher and made good, which was as expected.

No card, no favors. Let us do all we can for our friends, but we have no call to help and do favors for those who are continually doing all in their power to pull us down. A man who will train up students to take your job at half your pay can not be called your friend. CERT. 266.

**The Denver & Rio Grande Ry.***First Division, Denver to Pueblo—*

Bro. Brannan, recently Castle Rock, third trick, received third trick Union Depot, Denver, on bulletin, and relieved Bro. Gordon, who will resume second trick, after enjoying a Christmas vacation.

Bro. Cuthbert, agent at Littleton, was off two days recently, on account of sickness. Bros. Dye and Duncan doubled and ran the stations on account of shortage of men.

Bro. Lorton, after being relieved at Sedalia, spent a two weeks' vacation in the East, before taking his regular position at Echo.

Mr. Connors, third trick, Castle Rock, just arrived from Alaska, where he spent three years in Signal Service, and he promises to make good as soon as possible.

Bro. Boavers, of Division No. 128, second trick at Larkspur, relieving Mr. Elliot, who secured Orlando, on last bulletin.

Bros. Kelley and Hoffman, of Husted, drove by one day last week in their "Jackobile," in search of new hills to climb.

Pikeview now continues with Bro. Helber, recently of Huerfano, as regular second telegrapher.

Bro. McCloskey, of the "PA," rides the office chair to destruction, from midnight to 8 a. m.

Bro. Kemp, second trick, Colorado Springs, is enjoying a Christmas vacation; relieved by Bro. Johnson, a new arrival.

Bro. Hatch, first trick, Buttes, was shopping in Pueblo during Christmas week.

Eden recently made continuous, and Bro. Frank Rogers is now the happiest man in the "Garden."

Mr. Deshara, second trick, promises to join us as soon as he meets Mr. O'Conner next month.

Bro. Kearney, third trick, is a new arrival in Eden, and very fond of fruit. Better watch your prize apple tree "Roge."

Mr. Claar, recently of Pikeview, is back in "SB," Pueblo, last trick.

Bro. McCarty considered Pueblo too slow and resigned, to seek a new location.

Dispatcher Woodward has left the south end, and is now working second trick, this district.

"BROWNIE."

*Second Division—*

Business was pretty brisk on this division during the past month on account stock and fruit moving East. The ice plant at Pando is now working full blast. Understand the First District will be supplied with ice from Pando this year, which will cause the work there to continue longer than usual.

Bro. Miller from Paonia to Malta agency, on bulletin. Bro. Miller is right at home at Malta, having presided over that domain before.

Bro. Keck, of Red Cliff, has quit the railroad service, and is going into the grocery business at Grand Valley. Here's wishing him the best of success in his new venture. Bro. Spivy is doing the agent stunt at Red Cliff temporarily.

Bro. Cole returned to work at Avon, letting Bro. J. T. Coffey go to his "Haven of Rest" (Tenn Pass, second trick.)

Bro. Merrill, from "S" office, was off several days sick. Glad to see him well and back to work again.

Bro. Howlett, of Minturn, under the weather a few days, but managed to stay with the office.

A reduction of force in Grand Junction caused Bro. Hickey to ramble. He has been doing the extra stunt in Salida lately.

Received a letter from Bro. C. C. Vaughn, now at New Castle, Wyo., on the "Q." He sends "73" to all the boys.

Bro. Bourne returned to duty at Glenwood, having spent a month visiting home folks in Penn.

Two freights met on the main line near Belleview recently, blocking traffic for a few hours. Am glad to know that no one was hurt, but sorry to see any of the boys lose out over this. This is seemingly a case of an inferior train encroaching on the time of a superior train.

General Manager Ridgway made several trips of inspection over this end lately. Were your floors and windows clean?

The New Year will soon be here. Want all you nons to get out your resolution book and make the first item in it read as follows: "Carry an up-to-date always." Then get the card and start the New Year right. It's the only system.

Wishing all the brothers a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Bro. R. D. Giddings, Echo, First Division, who went to the Salida Hospital a short time ago, with an attack of pneumonia, has returned to work.

Cor.

*Third District—*

Bro. Helber, second trick, Huerfano, bid in second trick at Pikeview; relieved by Bro. J. M. Norris.

Bro. Norris, who was working the new twelve-hour box car job at Orlando, bumped by A. R. Elliott, he getting the job on bid. His papers are made out.

Bro. L. G. Whitney is working the new twelve-hour box car job at Dresden, nights.

Bro. R. L. Beecher, third trick, at Graneros, is laying off for thirty days, to visit home folks in Old San 'Tone, Texas.

Cor.

**B. & L. E. Ry.**

H. L. Hicks went to Coolspring, second trick, after he got through at "VE" tower. Hicks relieved Mr. E. Genske, who went back to Pittsburg, to work at the commercial business.

C. A. Callahan, extra telegrapher, has done the right thing, and will be a member when this item is read. Bro. Callahan worked second trick at "HX" tower, while Bro. P. R. Williams was taking a vacation.

Bro. E. B. Minnis, who worked third trick at Henlein, in the summer, is now working second trick at Houston Junction. Rather lonesome for



a brother around there and Mercer Junction; \$65.00 both offices, too, on the last schedule.

J. C. Clark, who formerly worked at "SA" tower, Pardoe, and later second trick at Houston Junction, has engaged in the grocery business in Grove City.

A. J. Jacobs, formerly third trick at Henlein, is working third trick at Coolspring. Mr. Jacobs worked for the Western Union, and was of the men who went out and stayed out.

D. W. Jones, agent and operator at Annandale, has left the service. Bro. C. L. Campbell, temporary agent at Platea, in the absence of W. E. Wright, bid in the agency at Annandale.

H. E. Rothhause, who was relieved at Houston Junction, by Bro. Minnis, is working second trick at Pittsburg Junction, at this writing.

We hear Bro. C. M. Newell's "fist" quite often on the Middle Division. Cliff is a good train runner, and the men like to work with him.

Bro. C. F. Sahn, first trick at "RX," Albion, was off last month, on account of an attack of malarial fever. Bro. Sahn has had more than his share of sickness, and he has the sympathy of the division. He was relieved by T. R. Keep, a new man from the P. & E. Unable to say as to his standing.

Mr. Fitzmartin, an agent from the Erie R. R. appointed agent at Platea, filling the vacancy caused by Bro. C. L. Campbell going to Annandale.

C. H. Barney has recovered from his recent illness, and is back at work at Summerville, second trick. W. D. Carr, who relieved him, went to Kremis, second trick, filling the vacancy caused by the dismissal of Bro. E. J. Sweigard.

December 11th, Bro. E. J. Sweigard got engaged in a dispute with the notorious non, F. M. O'Brien, better known as "Mickey," and they undertook to settle the matter with a boxing contest; which resulted in the utter rout of "Mickey." Both were dismissed. While it is a relief to have the road purged of the presence of this non, think that it is an injustice on Bro. Sweigard, as he always has had a good record. O'Brien is an old offender, and other men have had trouble with him. A man by the name of McCarney, working third trick at Kremis, until vacancy is filled. Unable to say as to his standing.

Bro. D. A. Reese has returned from Colorado, where he was employed on the D. & R. G. for the past three months.

Bro. Harry Wigton took a hunt in Clearfield County for big game the first of the season.

A rousing banquet is being planned for the February meeting, 25th inst., with one of the grand officers present as speaker of the evening. Arrangements, etc., will be decided upon in due time. It is hoped that all members, and also those of our craft who are not members, will endeavor to be present. This will be a rare opportunity for all, and a time long to be remembered.

December meeting was dispensed with on account of meeting night coming on Christmas eve.

"H. D."

## Southern Pacific Ry.

### Shasta Division—

We were honored with a visit from Local Chairman F. E. Walters a few days ago. Bro. Walters made a tour over the division in order to stir up the nons.

U. L. Hakes, agent at Hilt (a new station just opened), has papers, and says he will fill them out.

S. J. Smith, agent at Hornbrook, says he is going to leave the service.

W. V. Lippincott, agent at Edgewood, has papers and will send them in.

Townes, at Castella, had a card on another division, and was transferred to Division No. 53.

Ager station closed and Bro. Foster goes to Castella to bump Bro. Townes.

The following vacancies are now up for bid: Assistant agency at Cottonwood, second operator at Kennet, agency at Pitt, night operator at Smith-ton, agency at Castella, clerk and operator at Montague, and agency at Hilt.

Was unable to get the write-up of the C. & N. E. branch, but will try to get it in the next journal.

Div. Cor.

### Western Division—

Bro. E. H. Roe, third trick at Elmira, is visiting relatives in New York. He expects to return after Christmas. A. R. Thompson is relieving Bro. Roe.

Bro. L. L. Mullins, second trick at Track, is spending Christmas in Ozark, Ala.

I. W. Heilig, agent at Winters, is very sick and may not be able to return to work. Mr. Heilig is relieved by Bro. G. M. Fowle.

Mr. Gallagher, from Suisun, who was just recently married, has returned from the East, and is again doing his share of the work at "FD." His application is on the way.

Understand Bro. Spurgeon, from Suisun, bid in second trick at Port Costa, and Bro. Nichols, from Tracy, bid in the split trick at "Q," West Oakland.

Bro. P. E. Grady, from Stockton, is acting agent at Dixon, on account of his father being very ill.

Bro. E. M. Sanford, extra at Port Costa, bid in Arsenal nights. Bro. Spurgeon bid in Port Costa.

Bro. C. R. Sillers, who relieved our local chairman, Bro. D. W. Koppikus, when he was on a tour of inspection over the division, returned to Florin, but was taken sick and compelled to lay off a few days, but is now all right again.

Our local chairman canvassed his entire district, except the Mendota branch, and reports that, with a very few exceptions, there were no complaints to offer. He succeeded in gathering in a goodly number of nons, together with transfers and dues, and the balance that were left have promised to come in the first of the year. It is sincerely hoped that every member will constitute himself as a committee of one, and do all in their power to further the interests of the division as well as the Order.

CERT. 2546.

*Los Angeles Division—*

The Southern Pacific System Division, No. 53, enjoys, to say the very least possible, one of the best schedules ever granted to any bunch of railroad telegraphers, and the Los Angeles Division certainly has no cause to be envious of her sister divisions. For this, or at least the greater part, and all recent additions and improvements, we have no one to thank but our little organization, the O. K. T., and yet, although we all know this, I fear that we are not by a long ways as grateful as we could and should be. There are over thirty men on this division, included within the meaning of our schedule, as telegraphers, who are not members of the Order; some lest it will lessen the possibility of further promotion, some for fear that they will not much longer remain in the telegraph service, and some plead poverty. Any one of these reasons is a poor excuse, which, in a case of this kind, I think are worse than none. Just think, boys, over thirty nons, and only two or three of our members doing anything to bring them in. We have not yet arrived at the point where the Order ceases to be a benefit to us, and we can not afford to let it drop like this. Get busy, boys, and help gather them in, or we may lose what we have worked so hard to get. When one turns up who hasn't got an up-to-date, don't let him rest until his application is filled out and sent in. If we all keep after them like that we'll get them. *Don't give up.* COR.

REDLANDS, CAL., December 15, 1908.

I notice in the October issue of the journal an article in regard to MR. Riddle, of Edom, and his little shooting affair last July, in which a Mexican was "perforated" with bullets, which perforations proved to be a slight flesh wound in the calf of the left leg. For this he was arrested, taken to Riverside, and after a hearing, was released without bail until his trial, which is now set for the 5th of January. I wish to say for the benefit and enlightenment of those who are not personally acquainted with Mr. Riddle, that he is not the blood-thirsty brute that this article would lead one to suppose.

On the contrary, he is quite as much a gentleman as one could expect to meet anywhere, regardless of the fact that, on account of his health, he has isolated himself on the desert for more than seven years. Not only this can be said for Mr. Riddle, but also that, although he is not now a member of the Order, he is heartily in sympathy with us, and has openly expressed himself as willing and ready to join as soon as he has cleared himself of the charge which now hangs over him on account of trouble in which he was implicated last July. There has also been considerable misunderstanding in regard to the testimony given by him at San Francisco, prior to the adoption of our present schedule. While it is true that he was called as a witness for the company, his testimony related to nothing else than the weather conditions on the desert, and I do not believe was, in any way, damaging to our cause. For this he has

suffered a great deal of abuse at the hands of some of the members on this division, and for some time after his return from San Francisco found it almost impossible to accomplish any work on the wires. Yet in the face of all this he is willing to overlook all these things, and has promised to join the Order as soon as he has cleared himself of the trouble which he is now in. If he has made mistakes he is willing to apologize, or to correct them in any way he can, and we should certainly be willing to do the same. I, for one, will be glad to welcome Mr. Riddle as a member of our Order, and sincerely believe he will be a good member and one of those on whom we can depend.

(Signed) A. C. GOODALL.

## IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Divine Providence to call from our midst Mr. J. C. Lester, father of our esteemed general chairman, W. H. Lester, of Weimar, Tex., and of Bro. T. C. Lester, of Beaumont, and L. P. Lester, of Schulenburg.

WHEREAS, Our general chairman and brothers sustained an irreparable loss in the death of their father, and

WHEREAS, We, the members of Division No. 53, sympathize very deeply with these, our brothers, and share their loss; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That we extend to them our tenderest sympathy and assure them that we mourn with them; and be it, further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved brothers, and a copy sent THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

HENRY BURR.  
W. J. HADDON,  
J. D. WALKER.  
Committee.

## Northern Pacific Ry.

*Yellowstone Division—*

The recent effort on the part of several members on the division to stir up a little interest among the other members to furnish material for our write-ups, has not been very productive of results. I am writing this on the 24th and, so far, have only received three contributions for this write-up. There has been enough said on this subject, if enough interest is shown by assisting in this matter we will have a write-up each month. If no interest is displayed I fail to see how we are going to have one.

A slight reduction in force again this month, but I believe that nearly all reductions are made now that will be, as the number of positions are very near as low as they can be and have enough left to secure the right kind of service.

Quite a few brothers are taking advantage of the lull in business to go home for Christmas, among whom are: Bros. Paul, Gough, Mars from Glendive, Bro. Pope from Mandan, Bro. Fredicks from Beach, and Bro. Peck from Hodges.

I am advised that answers to bulletins are not received promptly by the chief dispatcher. Whether these positions which are bulletined are not

wanted, or whether the chief dispatcher is expected to do a mind-reading stunt in the satisfactory filling of these vacancies, is not known. If positions are desired which are under bulletin they should be promptly applied for as soon after the bulletin is issued as possible. It should not take over one day to decide whether you care for the position or not.

Two requests for application papers received since issuing my membership list. I think the good showing made thereon surprised quite a number who have seen it.

Let us have all the assistance possible for the biggest write-up we have ever had, in the March TELEGRAPHER. M. A. Smeot, Local Chairman.

#### *Pacific Division, First District—*

The meeting in Tacoma, December 10th, was called to order at 2 p. m. by Bro. Sam Johnson, general chairman, twelve members being present.

Bro. Kingsmill Commander, of Wyuaco, was elected division correspondent for the Pacific Division. The meeting adjourned at 4 p. m.

Bro. D. W. Williams, third trick at Auburn, is taking six weeks' lay-off. He is relieved by Bro. F. L. Kruger, second trick at First street. Bro. Kruger's hours are being worked by Bro. Otto Rockway, second trick at Kanaskat. This puts Rock in his home town.

Bro. J. S. Maddox, second trick at Ravensdale, was away for a few days, but is back again. Bro. R. A. Hamilton is once more working third trick at same place, after an extended vacation.

Mrs. Jones, at Kanaskat, is laying off. Mr. Ampsoker is working first hours.

Second trick at same place, Mr. H. V. LaDow.

Bro. C. V. Eddy, third trick at Palmer Junction, laying off; relieved by a Mr. Wood.

Bro. E. S. Curtiss, at Humphrey, is taking a lay-off; relieved by Bro. J. H. Mazure, of Weston.

Bro. W. F. Kenny, from Borup, bid in second trick at North Portland on bulletin. Finding it an undesirable place to live, he resigned, and is now working in dispatcher's office of Astoria & Columbia River at Portland.

Bro. A. M. Calvert, agent at Easton, is laying off. Bro. U. G. Calvert, first trick at Easton, is handling the agency. This puts Bro. John L. Brimberry, from second trick to first trick there. Second trick worked by Mr. J. A. O'Reilly.

Bro. Schofield, of Elma, bid in third trick at Cle Elum, taking possession about December 9th.

Dudley and Teanaway, which have been operated nights only, as one-man positions ever since March 4th, were closed permanently December 13th, and about the same time Bristol and Thorp were changed from twelve-hour one-man day stations to continuous service, with three men. Mr. Mounce, of Teanaway, and Bro. Owens, of Dudley, took second and third tricks respectively at Thorp.

Bro. Carr, from Lemolo, bid in second trick at Bristol. He was relieved at Lemolo by a Mr. Wold, who was in turn relieved by Bro. Brandon,

who had been temporarily filling in second trick at Bristol.

Mr. E. F. Feldman, an old-timer, formerly days at Bristol, but since resigned, is again with us, working third trick at Bristol.

Bro. Kruger, from Auburn, worked ten days or so in chief dispatcher's office, Tacoma, on account of sickness of Manager Floyd. K. C.

#### *Pasco Division—*

Bro. Riedel returned to work at Fish Trap from a long vacation, and has left again for the East. I "13" he has left the service now for good.

Bro. Johnson is back on west end at Satus. New man at Fish Trap, named J. H. Williams. Don't know how he stands at this writing.

About six inches of snow outside makes old Washington look queer to the old-timers, but looks just like home to the Michiganders.

Bro. Lippold, working at Glade, was up to Lind, November 20th.

Bro. Oliver, at Lind, was a Spokane visitor to meet his sister from the East.

Bro. Fanning was a Prosser visitor. "13" on a land deal. Says Sunnyside land looks good to him.

Bro. Oliver, at Lind, took in the apple show at Spokane; says it was grand.

Bros. Hadsell, Mitchell, Shoemaker and Voigt went to Spokane to make Christmas purchases just after pay-day.

Operators appear to be short again. Operators at Mesa and Glade working twelve hours on account of the sickness of Agent Mesa and Bro. Lippold.

Bro. Farrell, at Hatton, on sick list for a few days. Took in sights at Lind, December 16th.

Bro. Lippold brought his wife to Lind, sick, December 14th. Report says Mrs. Lippold is better.

Bro. Fournier, off for thirty days, now back to work, second trick at Glade.

Mrs. F. L. Bowen and daughter came from Battle Creek the 18th to join her husband, Bro. F. L. Bowen, at Glade, but has been compelled to stay at Pasco until accommodations can be fixed up some at Glade.

Dues for the term ending June 30, 1909, are now due and every member should make an effort to pay up at once, and not have to go to the expense of rejoining later. CERT. 497.

#### *Montana Division, West End—*

Bro. Hoover, at Hoppers, is visiting in the East; relieved by Operator Nicholas, from the Minnesota Division.

Bro. Chambers, third trick at Muir, left for Portland; final destination unknown. Relieved by Bro. Fuller, from Belgrade.

Bro. Fuller's stay at Muir was short. After working two nights he was sent back to Belgrade. Relieved by Operator Howard. Howard was later relieved by Bro. Millikin.

The Staff system is being installed through Bozeman Tunnel between West End and Muir, and is expected to be in operation by Dec. 15th.

Operator Reynolds, third trick at Bozeman, has resigned and gone back East. Understand he headed for the Santa Fe. Relieved by Bro. Winterstein.

Bro. Cranville, second at Muir, was off for thirty days, visiting in Illinois. Relieved by Bro. H. W. Jessee, of Division No. 130.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

#### *Montana Division, East End—*

Yeager now open nights only, with Operator Veitch, from "SX."

Foster, a one-man job, open days only. Bro. Preston, from Yeager, is doing this stunt.

Three men at G. N. Junction. Bro. Smith, from Butte is on second. Do not know first or third men.

Park City is now filled up to three men. Operator Burwell is on second and Bro. Morgan, from Dakota Division on third.

Youngs Point Pit now opened up with one man. Have not learned his name.

Agent Cook, of Columbus, is spending a vacation in Iowa and Missouri. Relieved by Bro. Logan, first trick operator; Bro. Morrow to first and Operator Scott from M. & St. L. to third.

At Springvale Mr. Kesch is relieved by Bro. Winterstein, who has been relieving Bro. Howarth at Central Park. Bro. Winterstein is now at Bozeman, and Bro. F. J. Ball once more doing the second. Div. Cor.

#### *Rocky Mountain Division—*

On December 5th the Manual block system was inaugurated between Dixon and Trout Creek, giving the Rock Mountain Division a complete block service on both of its districts.

Mr. and Mrs. Dimmett assigned to second and third tricks at Olive. Unable to say at present whether they are sister and brother.

Dispatcher Guy Lytle is taking a vacation for a few days. On his return to work, Dispatcher G. D. Pring will take two weeks off.

Bro. Geo. Snyder, who has been East for the past thirty days, will assume his trick on the C. D. Alene dispatching table in a few days.

Bro. E. H. Showalter, who has been working second trick at Olive for the past few weeks, has been appointed second trick operator at Garrison.

Bro. W. J. Cuthbert, second trick operator at Turah, visited in Missoula for a few hours. While there he purchased his winter's supplies for his bachelor quarters.

Bro. Dahl has been installed at Florence to temporarily succeed Bro. Nagle who is ill in the hospital at Missoula.

Ticket Agent Dickson, of the Missoula ticket office, spent a ten-day vacation on the coast.

Operator Burnette has been appointed second trick operator at Bearmouth, relieving Operator Sullivan. "13" Mr. Burnette is off the Montana

Division. Can not say whether he carries a card or not.

Assistant Superintendent of Telegraph Dildine left for St. Paul after spending a day in Missoula. Mr. Dildine is returning from a two weeks' visit on the coast.

Bro. Sorrels, third trick at Missoula west yard, Operator G. A. Ford, of Missoula message room, and Mr. Walter Albreck, stenographer in chief dispatcher's office, expect to leave soon for St. Paul, where they will spend the holidays with relatives.

Bro. Estep, first trick at Nagos, visited in Missoula for a few hours, on business.

Agent C. N. Brady, who has been on a leave of absence for two months, was checked in as regular agent at Deer Lodge. Mr. Brady was formerly at Drummond.

On the morning of December 5th, Operator J. W. Jolly, of Missoula west yard, came very near losing his home by fire, the roof catching fire from a defective stovepipe. With the assistance of Bro. Seifert and a number of switchmen, the fire was extinguished before the arrival of the fire department.

Mr. E. D. Krebs, an old-timer on the N. P. Ry., who worked on the Rocky Mountain and Montana divisions for a number of years, is now employed at Snohomish, Washington, for the Great Northern Ry.

Mr. E. L. Harrigan, general chairman for the B. of R. T., is spending the holidays with his family at Missoula.

Sister E. A. Westberg, White Pine to third trick at Perma, relieving Allen North, a non, who, "13," said he could not join because he promised a particular friend of his on some eastern road that he would not join the O. R. T. Beat this if you can.

Perma office is now solid, with Bro. and Sister J. H. Carr first and second and Sister Westberg on third. Bro. Carr has been off duty for two weeks, attending the Keeley and Mitchell trials at Thompson Falls. Relieved by Bro. L. W. Green.

Mr. G. D. Pendray, agent at Ravalli, is wearing a big smile since they have given him another operator, which gives him an exclusive agency, with H. E. Nelson first trick, H. C. Smith second and W. J. Beck, Jr., doing the third trick stunt. Can not say if these gentlemen are brothers or not.

Bro. A. R. Snyder transferred from Drummond to second trick at Dixon. Operator M. J. Johannes working third trick.

Operator L. R. Crane, of Nine Mile, in Missoula for a few days on business.

Bro. Starkey, who has been working at Paradise, has been assigned as second trick operator at Silver Bow.

Bro. L. B. Mowery, agent at Austin, resigned and will leave for the East soon. "13" Bro. Mowery resigned on account of ill health.

C. T. U. Bro. Brindley, second trick operator at Arlee, off on a ten-day vacation.

Mr. F. C. Thompson, who was recently appointed agent at Austin, was taken ill with diphtheria and has been relieved. He was taken to the company hospital at Helena.

Operator Lowmsberry, of the Pasco Division, is in the N. P. hospital at Missoula, suffering from an attack of appendicitis.

Bro. and Sister J. H. Carr, of Perma, were in Missoula for a few days, doing their Christmas shopping.

Operator H. A. Yowell has been added to the station force at Thompson Falls. This additional help has been granted on account of the vastly increased business at Thompson.

Dispatcher Harry Thompson is off on a two-weeks' vacation.

Agent T. A. Murphy and Bro. F. H. Paige, of Bearmouth, are taking treatment at the company hospital in Missoula. They are supposed to be suffering from typhoid fever. Bro. Johnson was sent from Silver Bow to take temporary charge of Bearmouth, while Operator Stevenson, recently released from the infirmary, will relieve Paige.

Bro. J. Manley assigned to third trick at Dixon. "13" Manley is from the Southern Pacific.

Operator E. P. Malone, first trick at Olive, is in the company hospital at Missoula, suffering from a high fever.

Bro. McCullum and Operator McGill, second and third tricks at De Smet, have resigned. "13" they are going back East.

Bro. E. P. Larsen, third trick at Avon, are off on a vacation.

Bro. Lenderson, second trick at Clinton, to second trick at Missoula west yard, relieving Bro. Sorrels, who is taking a vacation. Div. Cor.

### Georgia Southern & Florida Ry.

The meeting at Valdosta on Sunday, December 20th, was a success. Large attendance and a lot of business handled. Rub up now, boys, and come out to these meetings. You don't know what you are missing.

Bro. L. L. Slaughter, agent at Pinehurst, is laying off on account of sickness. Relieved by Bro. O. H. McWhorter. Understand "PZ" is getting along nicely now and hope to soon see him back at his post.

Bro. R. S. Wilson, from the Central of Georgia, is working second trick at Union ticket office, Cordele, during Xmas, on account of some of the regular force taking a vacation.

Bro. J. M. Wooten is doing the stunt as agent at Jennings, Fla.

Understand Mr. J. B. Austin, agent at Genoa, Fla., was traffic chief with the W. U. Tel. Co. at Jacksonville for several years before the strike.

Opened two night offices over here Dec. 20th (twelve-hour tricks), Findlay and Bonaire. Unable to learn who went to Findlay. Mr. Wilis A. Hair went to Bonaire. Boys, keep your eyes on this fellow; he will bear watching.

Macon yard office opened days again, Bro. Crawford handling the wires. No. 31's copied at "Q" in day-time.

Understand Mr. W. J. Clark, from some point in North Carolina, has been appointed agent at Palatka, Fla.

Those who have not already paid their dues for the next six months will please do so at once. Get yourself a new card—the change will do you good. CERT. 5.

### Southern Ry.

#### Washington Division—

The old year of 1908 is about past and gone, but she will be long remembered by many a twelve-hour telegrapher, that the blessing of shorter hours began in her existence, which is desired to remain shorter and adjusted better at some of the stations.

We are certainly grateful and rejoice to see Bro. A. P. Murphy returned to Congress. He is the man that deserves a great deal of credit and praise. We need more men like him, he has pounded brass, and knows what the life of the telegrapher is and what he needs.

Calverton, second trick, was bid in by Mr. Prince instead of Bro. Sullivan, as stated in last month's journal.

Bro. W. R. Connelly gets third trick at Calverton on bid.

Bro. R. F. Abbott gets third trick at Nokesville on bulletin.

Bro. W. T. Bower gets third trick at Weyburn on bulletin.

Bro. S. H. Jacobs is working first trick at Brandy; Mr. Humphries, second trick.

A good many of the boys have been off for Christmas, and a good many more trying to get off.

We had a snow of about fourteen inches in these parts on the 22d of December, but traffic was not delayed a great deal. It was kind of hard on the interlocking plants, at least the manipulators of the apparatus, pulled the kinks out of the muscles.

Bro. Shelhorse is off sick again; Bro. Newlon is working first trick, and Vaughan second trick.

Div. Cor.

#### Louisville Division—

Business is picking up now a great deal, and we expect things to be in a rush again soon. And with it we must make things "Boom" in the way of organizing, and getting things in condition on this division, so we can take steps in the near future to make an operator's time worth his while over here.

Bro. Watson is making efforts now to get everything solid, but if you are a non he can not do so unless you come in, or if you have let your card run out, it is your duty that you get a new one at once.

Now, boys, do the necessary, and do what you can to get the new men at "VN," "HR" and "FI" lined up.

What about "Ham learning?" Boys, that's worse, and worse ain't it?

Let's all get in line and help the Order, and thereby help ourselves and our profession; read Bro. Watson's letter over and think about it long, and there will no doubt about your coming in.

Our present agent at "HR" was with us about a year and a half ago, when he resigned to take a position on the L. & N., however, we hope he finds his old "stand by" more agreeable than on the L. & N. Div. Cor., CERT. 397.

#### *St. Louis and Louisville Lines—*

Bro. Gibson, who has been off several days with typhoid fever, is getting along nicely, and we hope to see him back to work soon.

Mr. Tyler is still doing second trick at Milltown; Bro. Gibson's place.

Bro. T. M. Fouts is back from the West.

Bro. Miller, third trick man at Huntingburg, went to Princeton to work in the dispatcher's office.

Bro. J. Ellis, the first trick man from English, has gone to Huntingburg to work third place, while Bro. Fouts works first trick at English.

Mr. Head is doing second trick at Huntingburg.

New man at New Albany doing second trick. Have not learned his name, but we hope he has the proper stuff along.

Our agent at Birdseye was relieved of some Christmas money a few nights back; better close his windows at night.

New time card out December 6th, but no great change on east end.

Seems like someone would show what is doing on west end. CERT. 2011.

#### *Murphy Division—*

Bro. Killian resigned as agent at Clyde, N. C., and the vacancy was filled by Bro. West from Canton, who I understand is a younger man than some who bid for the place.

Early in the fall Mr. John Tabor launched his political ship and entered the race as candidate for the office of Register of Deeds on the Democratic ticket. Now, I have no objections to a man being a Democrat, that is his business and privilege, but I have objections to a man who has reaped the benefits of the labor organizations, and would not become a member and support the Order, and then appeal to the men for their support in an election. He was defeated, not because he was a Democrat, but because of the stand he took towards the O. R. T..

Bro. John Delozier has a gravel (?) train now, and all for starvation wages; in addition to his regular work he has about seventeen miles of the new road to handle. He took a long vacation of one day to go home, to see his widowed mother; being relieved by our relief boy, Mr. Woodard.

Bro. G. C. Ward of Almond, has gone to Hot Springs, Ark., for his health. Bro. Ward is relieved by Mr. Tabor.

Bro. McHan had a one day vacation, Sunday, and went to see his parents.

Bro. Bailey Jones from the Toxiway Division, late a part of the Ashe Division, was out on a visit.

How would all the brothers on the old Division No. 59 like to work under the following hours at stations named? Almont, N. C., from 7:30 a. m. to 5 p. m., and from 7:30 p. m. to 10 p. m., without overtime; Topton, N. C., from 7:20 a. m. to 5 p. m., and from 8:30 p. m. to 10:50 p. m., without overtime; Agent at Andrews, N. C., from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m.; Operator at Andrews, N. C., from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m., and from 9 p. m. to midnight, without overtime; Agent at Murphy, N. C., from 6:20 a. m. to 6:20 p. m.; Operator at Murphy, N. C., from 10 a. m. to 7 p. m., and from 9:30 p. m. to 12:30 a. m., without overtime; Nantahala, N. C., from 7:30 a. m. to 5 p. m., and from 8 p. m. to 10:30 p. m., without overtime.

I ask you brothers, in the name of justice, is it right that we be worked in this manner, is it according to the rules, is it according to the law. Will the Commerce Commission stand for it, if taken up and explained?

FAR-AWAY-MOSES.

#### *Q. & C. Ry. (North).*

*All Members Division No. 62:*

Notice of dues for January to June term, 1909, will be mailed to all members of this division on December 10, 1908.

It is probable that several members who have not notified me have changed their addresses and will not receive the notice, and others may lay aside the notice with the intention of remitting "tomorrow." I am, therefore, taking this means of urging you to remit promptly your semi-annual dues of \$5.00 to my address, thus enjoying the holidays more fully in the possession of an up-to-date card with which to start the new year aright.

Wishing all a merry Christmas and happy New Year, I am,

Fraternally yours,

K. C. GARDNER, G. S. & T.

Box 333, Williamstown, Kentucky.

#### *A. G. S. Division—*

Turn over a new leaf and start the New Year, 1909, right by having an up-to-date card. Only costs you a small amount.

I am glad to note the boys on our division have wakened up and are taking some interest in the O. R. T. Keep the thing hot and it will be a matter of only a short time until nons will be as scarce as feathers on a hog. There is plenty of room for all to do good work and always will be. Don't stop when you think you have the wagon moving; it is liable to hit a grade and then it will stop. Same way with this matter.

I find that we have some good O. R. T. men that always had an up-to-date card working in the same office with a non. Did you ever think that this man is getting the same salary you are, getting the same protection, and not putting one penny of his money in the O. R. T. to help the cause? You are keeping your dues paid up to help him.

I believe if you think over this a little you will change your way of living around this man. I know I would. You show him the same favors you do any one else. The man that will accept a favor from a member and accept everything he can grab is nothing but a *hog*. There are a lot of the nons who will join by a little pushing, and I hope they will get pushed good by all of the members. If all concerned will get after them, it will only be a short while until we are solid, as there are but a few left now.

Several changes on the line recently and some new men.

The local chairman advises us that owing to the numerous changes he has lost track of some of the boys, and will appreciate it very much if the boys will give him a line-up on their stations, as to how they are working, and especially give him the name of every non you know of. He wants this in order to get his books straightened up again and keep a record of the nons so they can be looked after from time to time until we get them all. Don't fail to do this now as it is very important.

Operator Platter, known as "P" or "o3," from "SG" office Cincinnati, is working the day job in "BG" at present, and he says it is much better there than at "SG." Hope we can get him lined up soon and help the good work along.

Bro. Grimes, of "A," has been transferred to "SG" agency. He called on the local chairman at "CS" a few days ago and reports everything in good shape. He was relieved by Bro. Monroe, from the Southern Ry., Bingham Division.

Bro. Thompson, of Valley Head, bid in third trick at "HM" and is now working there.

The fact is that the "HD" agency was too hot for any one man to hold and deliver the goods as it should be done. On account of the panic the operator and porter were cut off there and the agent had to do all the work. You know what that means for the agent. However, the matter was taken up with Mr. Baker by Bro. A. B. Willison, G. C., and the porter was put back on. That will help considerably and should be appreciated, as it was very hard for Bro. Willison to show them that there was too much work.

Bro. Thompson was relieved at "HD" by Mr. Keith from Trussville.

Mr. Keith was relieved at Trussville by Mr. Morris, from Springville.

Wish all the brothers in this vicinity would put him on the right road before he goes too far to be saved.

"MC" in "BG" office has been made Mr. Winston's chief clerk.

Some of the boys promised to send me a line-up from the south end this month, but I have not received it. Hope they will not overlook this next month.

Bro. A. B. Willison advises he is having a letter printed to send all members on Division No. 62; also to all the nons. When you receive this don't fail to read closely and act.

Am sorry to say that our worthy General Chairman Willison has been under the weather for the last three weeks, but understand he has about pulled through and is hard at it again, working for the boys' interests.

Div. Com.

#### *Chattanooga Division—*

As good as this eight-hour law is, it has its failings. We can not get together as we used to and have a good meeting. We have too many nons on this pike for us to prosper as we used to. Backsliders and nons, remember that you are not only detrimental to yourselves, but to us as well. Remember that old, but true saying, "A house divided against itself can not stand." Come in and join us and let us unite in one common cause. It has done too much good for us to let it drop. It is so easy for us to drift downward. We will have to push and push hard to go forward in these strenuous times.

I "13" that one of our Winfield boys is going to try his hand at running the big jacks from the North to the sweet sunny South and back again. Home talent and foreign product mixes well and are making us a nice set of dispatchers to work with, and I believe, from the looks of the letter some of the third trick boys got, they are pleased with our goods. The third trick has the sleep trick, but you can not catch them in the hay or on the semaphore these frosty nights, and they keep cut in and adjusted well.

From the looks of that last bulletin we have got to do business. Well, they pay us for working eight hours, and they have a right to demand honest work. When I used to work out on the farm I did not see any newspapers or periodicals, neither did I see any checkers or dominoes, but I kept moving just the same.

Bro. Vallandigham is doing the third act while Bro. M. B. Dungan is on his monthly vacation.

Bro. Gasteneau, of "FS" Cumberland Falls, was relieved for ten days by Geo. Bell.

Bro. D. Gooch has resigned to go into the tie business with his brother. At the present writing can not say whether he is going to tramp, tump, stamp or buy.

C. T. Fisher got the third trick at "SY" Somerset.

Hieatt and Addington went to Danville the other night to bring the division back, but don't think the call boy would honor their requisition.

Bro. Jno. Howe bid in third trick at "UN" Oakdale.

G. I. McCarthy, third at "GF" tower.

C. X. Smith day trick at "KJ" Harriman Jct.

E. P. Allen worked extra on third trick at "EG" tower; Bro. McCarthy off for ten days.

Bro. Jno. Howe was off for the Christmas holidays; relieved by Bro. E. P. Allen.

Bro. Frank McIntire got second trick, relieved by Mr. J. W. Ishmael, who is working third trick until job is bulletined.

Bro. G. W. Sharp, first trick at "RD" Rockwood, off on a ten-days' hunt; relieved by Mr. M. W. McCarty.

Night Towerman J. B. McCartt, "KJ," has sent in the required document and is now a full-fledged brother.

Bro. Fred Carleton, first trick at Emory Gap, has just returned from a much-needed vacation at his old home, somewhere down in Arkansas.

Mr. Gillman is working second trick at Emory Gap.

Mr. M. M. Fitzgerald is working in Mrs. Kirby's place at Lorane. Do not know whether it is Sister Kirby or not, but am hoping. Do not know whether I have got the Mr. and Bro. mixed up or not; but it seems to me that we have too many Mr.'s in our writings. Brothers, we must get after these nons some way. Let us hope that in their New Year's resolutions they will resolve to become true and loyal brothers.

Wishing you one and all a merry Xmas and a happy New Year. CERT. 25.

#### *Cincinnati Division—*

Mr. "Dad" Walsh, agent at Walton, has been confined to his home in Covington for several weeks as the result of a stroke of paralysis. Bro. H. A. Wise is relieving him until his recovery and return.

Bro. H. O. Kirby, who, I "13" is from the Canadian Pacific, in Quebec, is relieving Bro. R. E. True at Blanchet. Do not know where Bro. True goes.

Bro. L. M. Triplett, former third trick operator at Sadieville, has been assigned to "QA" office, Eighth Street, Cincinnati. He is relieved by Bro. W. C. Nelson, from the Southern Ry. in Georgia.

Bro. H. A. Wise, who is at present working in Walton, is relieved by Mr. Dean at "SJ" tower.

Miss Julia McGinnis worked second trick at Williamstown Thanksgiving day, while Bro. Kelly relieved Bro. Gardner. Bro. Gardner went hunting and returned with a full game bag.

These are truly days of prosperity (?). The section men have been cut down an hour's work per day, which means an hour's less pay, effective December 1st. Right here should be an object lesson to every man on this road who is inclined toward non-unionism. Now, why don't every one have to suffer this decrease? You know! the answer is simple; in fact there can be but one logical answer to this question, and that is the principles and foundations upon which the labor union is built, has always stood for and is maintained, viz.: protection, fair wages and recognition; all of which is embodied in the meaning of either. I believe those men will awake to their situation soon, and I long to see the day when they can reclaim that which is honestly and justly theirs.

I regret very much to learn that there is one on this division who would condescend to the position of telegraph instructor or professor. I use the title of professor here merely to explain the position; but really, I do not think that a suitable title for the man that would do such a thing, inasmuch as that a professor should be a learned person, who would have some interest, pride and foresight as to his future, and not degrade himself

in the eyes of his fellow craftsmen by working against them and tearing down that which they have so persistently, yet patiently, endeavored to build upon a higher plane, financially, morally and to a higher standard of efficiency.

In conclusion, I wish to call your attention to that membership blank that you found with your dues card. You got it all right, eh? Yes, I see the smile that played on your face the moment you opened that letter. What did it suggest to your mind? That there are a few more nons that are traveling the road of non-unionism that should be enlightened on the benefit and duty he owes his fellow workmen by joining the O. R. T., did it not?

Bros. Willison and Gardner want you all to do your best to get the nons to join us. So let's begin a bombardment against the nons with renewed vigor, and we will make the convention in Atlanta next May the greatest in the history of the grand old O. R. T.

There is another thing of equal importance that all should consider; that we should every one pay our dues promptly, thereby making a stronger treasury, which means that we will be a stronger body. "SKYGACK."

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Almighty has deemed it wise to take from our worthy brother, R. H. Baldwin, of Arthur, Tenn., his beloved sister, Miss Cardiella; in manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy for our brother, be it

*Resolved*, By the members of Division No. 59 that we extend to the bereaved brother and his family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this sad hour; be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the records of this division, a copy sent to the bereaved brother and family, and a copy furnished THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

H. D. REDMOND,  
V. E. FRAKER,  
O. B. MAY,  
C. B. GRAY,

*Committee.*

#### Great Northern Ry.

*Butte Division, Fourth and Fifth Districts—*

Owing to the fact that I was called upon to do a relief stunt at Stockett for the past two months, I have not been able to keep in touch with the boys, and could not find time to get in a write-up for November and December. However, will be Johnnie on the spot from now on, and wish every member in these districts would send me a few items, along about the 10th or 15th of each month, and I will see that we are there with the candy each month. You can easily reach me by U. S. mail at Lavina, Mont.

I was relieved at Stockett by Earl Ledger. Helper also put on at Stockett the same day I was relieved.

C. W. Lemon, formerly agent at Conrad, bumped E. S. Warner at Cascade.



A. Hopper goes from Stockett to the agency at Conrad.

E. S. Warner is now doing the relief agent stunt.

F. D. Forney, formerly relief agent, has taken the agency at Rainbow, and settled down to the simple life.

Bro. Greene, formerly in the Helena freight office nights, now on days at the Great Falls freight depot.

Major Hamm, working the second trick at Conrad, contemplates trying a different climate this winter.

Herman O'Neal, formerly second trick man at Conrad, is now visiting in the East.

Mr. Whiting, after taking a fall out of the relief agent's job, has bid in the agency at Collins, relieving F. C. Helibaugh, who has left the service.

Bro. C. H. Frame, formerly agent at Vaughn, has also left the Great now and Then, being relieved by a Mr. Matson. Unable to say whether Matson carries a card or not.

The office at Gerber has lately been put on an eight-hour basis. Smock handles first trick, Manley second. Unable to say who has the third.

Bro. Frelick, who has been acting as handy boy in relieving several of the agents and who worked in the Great Falls ticket office last, relieving Elmer Rink, has been assigned to the new station at Broadview on the Billings line.

Bro. W. S. Hunt relieved at Cushman when the new agency opened up.

Judith Gap now has three operators, F. Barrett, H. Cruse and J. A. Hosier. Understand Agent Boulter has a hard time keeping men on the job at the Gap, as \$40 per for board does not appeal to the average ham.

Office at Buffalo closed and agent and operator put in at Windham.

Understand agencies will be established at Hedges and Sand Coulee just as soon as men can be found for the places.

In closing, would like to impress upon one and all the importance of paying up your dues promptly. If you have not a card, get one. I will be only too glad to furnish you the blanks at any time. You all understand the reason we have not better working conditions on this line; simply because we are not strongly enough organized. Get busy and do so at once.

Yours fraternally,

E. C. SKINNER, G. S. and T.

#### *Minot Division—*

Bro. R. R. Patterson enjoyed a few days' vacation at Duluth this month.

Bro. Fred Anderson, at "DX," was sick with the mumps and was relieved by Bro. Patterson.

Mr. N. L. Greer has gone to Tioga as agent; relieving Bro. Peterson. He has also promised to do the right thing.

Ticket Agent Rager was laid up with a rupture for a few days last month, but is back at his post again.

We understand that Mr. W. L. Dodds, ticket agent at Williston, is now doing the stunt alone, they having taken off the baggageman.

Bro. W. A. Post is away on his vacation and also looking after his interests in Texas and California.

Bro. C. W. Hamblin was called home on account of sickness, but has now returned to his old stand at Lignite.

Bro. Ward, one of the old boys, was a pleasant caller the other day while on his way home to South Bend, Ind., where he will visit for a time before going to work again, he having decided to resume work on this division.

Dispatcher Banks has been away on a vacation; relieved by O'Connor.

Mr. M. B. Mathews has gone to White Earth as agent, vice Bro. Farr, transferred.

Parties who belong to the Independent W. U. T. Co. don't seem to be faring very well of late, and, by the way, when you check them up they are all 1905 men who stood pat. Funny, isn't it?

I don't wonder that the G. N. has to trace their letters three and four times for replies, by the promptness I get replies to mine.

Bro. J. E. Probst is doing third trick at Ray, and Operator G. B. Valentine, first trick there. No second trick, as office is closed six hours each day.

We had a touch of real winter weather for a few days again lately, and trains began to be very tardy, especially from the East.

Bro. Smith, at one time manager, was working in "AD" for a while, but has now gone to Everett as manager again.

Agent Caruthers, from Deering, was over to Minot the other night, taking in the sights.

Agent Merritt, of Williston, has gone to the traffic department, being relieved by Agent Du Puis, of Rugby, who was in turn relieved by Agent Blaisdell, he having returned to the operating department.

Bro. Wolf, at Stanley, has left the service; have not learned who relieved him, as yet. C&ST. 61.

#### **Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Ry.**

##### *Indiana Division—*

Second No. 98 and No. 97 met head-on at Anderson's Ferry, December 19th, going at full speed, killing Engineer Wells, of No. 98 and the fireman of No. 97. The error was due to Wells thinking he had eight hours and twenty minutes on No. 97, Storrs to Cochran, when the order read only Delhi to Cochran. Traffic on both the B. & O. S.-W., and the Big Four roads was impeded in consequence, and all wires down for a number of hours. It was one of the worst wrecks in the history of the road. Wells received the fatal order at Cooks tower.

Bro. Perry Kerr, of Delhi, and wife, have returned after a sojourn in Colorado.

Addyston was opened up as an exclusive night office, with Mr. Chapman, from the Big Four, in charge. The job is open to the oldest bidder. There will not be a mad scramble for the office,

which is a lucrative (?) one, paying the munificent salary of \$50 per and work eleven hours.

Bro. John Young, of Cochran office, worked at the wreck at Anderson's Ferry while Bro. Will Johnson and Bro. Will Flanagan—who is relieving Bro. Richardson while he is laying off) doubled up. Bro. Flanagan's regular job is Culloms nights, but as "no one else" could hold Cochran he was transferred there to relieve Richardson. He received a dollar a day extra while at Cochran, which is not so bad, on account of being taken from his regular job.

Bro. Leo Hicks, formerly with this division of the B. & O. S.-W., is working second trick for the B. & O. at Ravenswood, W. Va.

Dispatcher T. P. Flanagan, formerly with this road, is now working a trick out of Harrisburg, Ill., for the Big Four.

Bro. Doran, second trick at New Albany, swapped jobs with Bro. Burton, Osgood.

The B. & O. S.-W. has, probably, fewer three-trick jobs than any other line of its length in the country. They are being maintained only at terminals and registering stations where it is absolutely necessary. All other jobs are "work eleven hours and close one." More offices are badly needed, while the trainmen and enginemen, in the interim, are raking in the overtime by the scoops, much to the officials' discomfiture.

CERT. 7.

#### Minnesota Division—

Business continues to stand some below normal. It is not what it should be, but it is better than was expected, so take it all around we on the Minnesota Division have no kick coming. All the regular night offices are open and have their full force of men at work.

Either the boys are so very busy that they can not hand me anything to write about, or they are too tired. I lay the blame to the fact that there is nothing much going on in the shape of changes, etc.; still, I do know that there is more going on than I hear about, and I do wish some of you brothers would wake up and get busy. I am here on one end of the division and what little I hear is very limited as to its newness.

Zumbrota upon the dock; applications received up to 6 p. m., December 26th. Here is a chance for some older man in the service to get a nice little position for the balance of his life. From what I am told, it is a good job.

Dispatcher Jordan returned to work the first of December, relieving Beynon, who goes back on first side table job. Rice relieves Kohlhasse, who goes back to second at Sleepy Eye. Was unable to learn what kind of a move was made at Sleepy Eye following this shake up.

G. F. Boyce, first trick Rochester, enjoyed a few days' vacation this month, being relieved by H. Sorenson, who in turn was relieved by A. McDonald.

F. W. Mosher, first trick at Mankato, relieved by A. F. McCarty for a few days in December.

T. C. Ferris secured Owatonna, third trick, by bulletin, and took charge the first of December.

J. W. Kneer was to be heard at Sanborn while Brockway was away on a visit. Understand Kneer has gone to Eau Claire for a few days, but expects to be back to get in some of the holiday relief work.

D. J. Brockway relieved G. P. Skeels, second trick at New Ulm, for a few days, while Skeels rested up.

Operator Boomer secured Eyota, third trick, but later landed Lambertson, third trick. Second trick at Lambertson open and up for applications. G. W. Hunt, being somewhat under the weather and unable to stand it any longer, retired and returned to Winona the second week in December.

R. H. Krause, agent at St. Peter, was on the sick list for a week; relieved by F. C. Evans, regular third trick man at Sleepy Eye. A. McDonald filled in at Sleepy Eye.

G. F. Goodmanson was absent a few days from Springfield; relieved by A. F. McCarty.

Second trick at Lambertson and third at Eyota now on bulletin.

O. Ellert, who has been at Janesville for the past few years, has resigned and entered the railroad mail service. Understand J. P. Banks secured this position by bulletin.

Telegrapher Middaugh, who has been working second trick at Sleepy Eye for some time, has resigned and departed for greener fields in the far West.

Operator Daskoski, formerly of Whitman on the C., M. & St. P. Ry., gets Minnesota City, second trick, by bulletin. Operator Alleman, who has been working second there for some time, goes back to his own trick as third telegrapher. Bill Zepp takes one step up the ladder, and is working in the ticket office at C., M. & St. P., Winona. These are all Milwaukee positions, but as they are a joint office there, no doubt such news will be of some interest.

Just received notice to pay up again. No doubt by the time this is seen in print all the brothers will have paid up. *Don't forget it.*

There is not much doubt but what the time is near when we will do all our handling of trains over a telephone. Don't let this worry you in the least. The Madison Division are using it now and, while I don't think much of the system, I will say it works, and better than that, it works good. Of course mistakes can be made and more of them will be made over a telephone than over the telegraph. As long as they have old telegraphers handling the train work everything will run smooth, but as soon as inexperienced men get hold of it there is going to be trouble; can't help it.

What is the matter with Bro. A. P. Murphy, of Missouri? G. W. C., Div. Cor.

#### Dakota Division—

Bro. G. J. Berry, of Blunt, took a month off and visited relatives in the State of Washington. On his way out he took a side trip to Northern Wisconsin, to look over some timber land which

he owns. Bro. Bert Laity, who has been off the division for some time, returned in time to relieve him.

Bro. A. F. Daugaard, who has been with us for the past two years, resigned from the service and left for Omaha, Neb., where he visited with relatives a short time, and then went to the Northern Pacific to accept a position there. Art had been thinking of leaving the C. & N. W. for a year or so, but it was hard to break away.

Third trick telegraphers have been taken off at Balaton, Arlington, Centerville and Sioux Valley Junction. Second tricks have been discontinued at Highmore and Lake Benton.

Some of the Eastern men who have transferred to this division seem to think our semi-annual dues are too high. They may be, but after taking everything into consideration, I do not think they are. For instance, our semi-annual dues are \$5.00, and we have a \$52.50 minimum. One Western road has a \$45.00 minimum, and its semi-annual dues are \$4.00; an extreme Western road has a \$70.00 minimum, and its dues are \$7.00.

The Douglas Shoe Co. had been making parts of shoes in the union factory, then taking them to a non-union shop and finishing them in the union shop, and demanding the label on them. Under an agreement that the shoe workers had made with the Douglas Co., they did this, but took it up with an arbitration board, but no settlement could be made and as the contract expired November 1st, the shoe workers refuse to label the shoes with the union stamp. The union stamp has done a great deal for the Douglas shoe, and the Douglas shoe has helped the union workers, and it is hoped that the agreement will be renewed.

Bro. E. A. Nohlgren is enjoying his vacation in New Mexico. He expects to return to Estelline about the first of the year. He says that although the wages are much higher down there, he hasn't seen anything that will keep him there.

Bro. E. A. Wagler found it necessary to take a trip to the hospital. Mr. Duderey relieved him.

Bro. Holbrook is now holding down Verdon.

Bro. A. N. Spradling returned to work at Iroquois, third trick, after spending a few weeks in Sparta, Wis., with his mother.

Walter C. Gordinier, of Arco, Minn., is now a member of the Order.

Bro. J. T. Carl, of Wessington, is now agent at Clark, to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Evans being elected to the office of Treasurer of Clark County. Bro. Bert Laity relieved Carl.

G. F. Stow, of Tyler, second trick, took a few days off and visited relatives in Wisconsin. Bro. Klingelhofer, of the Omaha, relieved "FS."

B. E. Donley received Broadland on the bulletin, and Bro. House took charge of Verdi, until the bulletin for that station is settled.

Night telegrapher in Huron dispatcher's office has been taken off, and Bro. Holmes went to Doland to relieve Bro. Moriarty, who is proving up on his claim. The day telegrapher in Huron will also be taken off about the first of the year.

Jno. Callahan, a C. T. U. A. brother, is holding down Sioux Valley Junction, second trick, relieving Mr. Joyce.

Undoubtedly "there will be something doing" before this reaches its readers. The committee intends to go to Chicago as soon as the nons are lined up. The Eastern Divisions are holding the game just now, but it is thought that the telephone operators will be lined up before 1909. We are now stronger than ever on this division, and with the applications in sight and the transfers of foreign members, we will be very close to the goal for which we are working, 100 per cent solid.

H. A. STIMSON, L. S. and T.

### Chicago & Northwestern Ry.

#### Madison Division—

Bro. J. H. Meirer has charge of tower "EA," second trick, vice Mr. J. A. Richardson, who is taking a vacation at the request of our official.

Bro. C. B. Adams, first trick at Caledonia, is on a vacation, visiting relatives at Trempealeau. Mr. M. M. Zeches is relieving him.

Mr. B. S. Mitchell was called home by the death of his sister. Mr. R. J. Starry relieved him at Leyden.

Bro. E. F. Luckfield, second trick at Afton, was called away on account of death in his family. Mr. Browne relieved him.

Bro. A. E. Johnson, cashier at Evansville, makes Sunday visits to Oregon.

Bro. "Nic" Charlson has established a record, by making a flying trip to Evansville the past week.

Bro. E. H. Durkopp, third trick at Madison, has been off enjoying a fifteen days' vacation. Bro. Duprey relieved him, and R. J. Starry relieved Bro. Duprey, third trick at Oregon, until he had the misfortune of having a trunk drop on his foot, which laid him up for a few days. Mr. A. C. Elkington, a 'phone operator from Devils Lake, then had charge of Oregon until Bro. Duprey resumed work.

Bro. M. H. Hansen and wife, of Evansville, took in the sights of Janesville before Xmas.

Bro. C. R. Fisher, agent at Oregon, was off, enjoying a vacation and visiting relatives at Spring Green. Bro. Elsner had charge of the station meanwhile.

Bro. Cain, second trick at Oregon, took a trip to Evansville and Janesville to see his folks. Bro. Duprey relieved him.

Mr. J. T. Gething, for many years agent at Madison, is sick and in the hospital. He has resigned, and Mr. Reid M. Worthman has been appointed ticket agent, the position Mr. Gething resigned.

Mr. G. D. Brandt has been appointed agent at Galena, vice Mr. Worthman, and Norwalk agency is now on bulletin.

Bro. J. J. Schleck, third trick at tower "PD," was off on a vacation, going to Dodgeville, Mt. Horeb and Milwaukee. Mr. E. J. Adams, who hails from St. Paul, relieved him.

Bro. J. F. Gannon, agent at Mendota, was called to Waunakee, by the death of his wife's brother. He was relieved by Bro. Meirer.

Bro. Meirer went to Wonewoc, second trick, and relieved Bro. Rucker, who was off a few days.

Telegrapher Starry held down Mendota, third trick, vice O. C. Evans, for a few days, and was then relieved by Huebble, a 'phone operator.

Bro. D. C. Babcock is at Kendall, third trick, at the present writing.

Telegrapher M. M. Zeches went to Reedsburg to relieve Bro. Crogan, who was called away by death in the family.

E. R. J. Heiners is now holding down the third 'phone trick at Devils Lake.

Bro. Cottingham is relieving Bro. Lippolt, at Cuba City. Henry is getting along nicely with his broken leg, and expects to be back on duty in the near future.

Bro. Main is at Benton, vice Cottingham.

F. E. Warner, of Baraboo, "B" office, has been perambulating part of the time in Jefferson, Madison and Dane.

Bro. C. C. Hinners has been holding down "B," while Warner was on the cross line, and on his vacation.

Telegraph wires have been cut into the superintendent's office at Baraboo, the call is "SD." Mr. V. R. Harding is holding down this position, taking care of the over, short and damage messages.

Bro. P. M. Keffe is on the car tracer job, vice Harding.

We can see no reason why the nons here (all of them enjoying benefits through the O. R. T.) can not be added to our lists as up-to-date members. If anyone is in your office or next to you, just find out why they object to the O. R. T. Maybe we can explain the matter so they will see it in a different way.

Most of the exclusive telephone men are now up-to-date members; this is what we have been trying to get before our committee goes in. As they, as well as other new members, will be called upon to pay local dues, we will say this is an assessment made on the members on the Madison Division; this money is to pay local expenses, such as hall rent, flowers for deceased members, postage; the local chairman and local secretary and treasurer also get \$5.00 a month salary; and we can state from the experience on this division that if every division on Division No. 76 would do likewise, we would soon see where the membership is benefited.

Since these officers have been placed on salary, the members have a right to look to them to do something; the result with the co-operation of the members, we have nearly a solid organization on this division, that means that where we formerly paid into our general treasury our semi-annual dues, we only had a small amount in it, and every time our committee was called in it was necessary to make a special assessment. Now with our large membership we have a treas-

ury that is in splendid shape, and it will not be necessary to make any special assessment, but if other divisions will get in the same shape as our division is, it may not be long before they may be reduced, although there is no investment that we have made that has given us as large returns as the money we have put into the O. R. T. This we should remember, especially at this time when we are called upon to remit general and local dues. Remember the O. R. T. is effective only as much as the members make it. If you do not like the way things are run, and think you could do better, now is a good time to show it, as we will have an election of local officers in February. I am sure our present officers would not object, but would be glad to have someone else try it awhile. But do not fail to pay your dues. Drv. Cor.

#### *L. S. Division—*

Since the big storm of a week ago we have not been sure when we came on duty whether we would have a wire to work or be without. We have had to patch three wires together in order to work at all. The company has had a large force of men working between Sheboygan and Manitowoc, making repairs, and expect within a few days now to see them in good condition.

Since the last write-up the following positions have been bulletined: Second trick at Port Washington secured by Bro. Tidke; second trick at Gillette secured by Bro. Holland.

At last the two third tricks at Calumet yard and Montrose Junction have been bulletined. This has been a grievance for months but has been straightened out at last. The time for the bids to close is December 26th, so do not know who secured them as yet.

We have a few nons left yet, but it is not because they have not been invited to join, and the most of them time and again. It is the same old story, "no funds," but we are inclined to think it is simply a "hog-it-all" system. I want to bet my little wad though, that of anything should occur, that we would lose our present schedule, they would be the first ones to holler. Some of them put up the spiel that they are not going to stay at the business long, but each time you go by you can see them doing business at the same old stand; in fact they have no intention of quitting or joining, and the sooner the membership learns the names of these men the better it will be, so every non may expect to see his name in THE TELEGRAPHER next month, showing the stand he has taken and the different excuses he has offered. This may enable these fellows to see themselves as others see them.

Bro. Rindt is again back at work after a three weeks' vacation, and while he was away we see that his position was advertised by mistake, but there was no trouble about it. He bid on it and went back to work.

Bro. Mierswa, we understand, keeps a year ahead of the game. That is the way to do business. Wish we all could do that act.

It was but lately that we heard that Bro. D. M. Larsen has been sick and not working.

Bro. R. L. Wall is about to take a two weeks' vacation.

Bro. Provits has at last got his helper.

Bro. Willard laid off a few days this month, on committee work; relieved by Bro. Nelson, formerly from the P. Division.

Bro. O. J. Early, who was in our midst for a few days, has transferred from Division No. 91.

Bro. Smith is back with us again after spending a few days at the hospital.

Wish the branch line boys would send in a few items. It does not take but a few minutes to send in a few, and we can not tell what is going on up in the wilderness unless we hear from some of them.

The south end boys have not got so much to do since the street car line has been built and now perhaps can manage to get out to the meetings better than they could formerly. CORNER.

#### *I. & M. Division, North End—*

Have you got your tariffs all filed? If you have not, you had better get busy, for that three thousand dollar fine will be rather hard for some of us to pay on our limited salaries; and they are so short of men we could not get a lay-off to go to the pen, so it begins to look as if we would have to get busy and fix them up as the only way out of the difficulty.

We got our checks two days earlier this month (December). It was highly appreciated, and all shot in, in my case, before Christmas.

A few of the night men change once in a while. Holbrook got Welcome on bulletin, and Evans gets Triumph. Engelmann got Triumph, but went back to What Cheer days.

I see they have soaked Mr. Gompers with a year's time and a fine because he is sticking for his rights as an American citizen. It is getting pretty fierce when a paper can not be published and run as the owner wants to run it without sending him to jail. However, they can not make us buy their scab goods by injunction just yet, although that will be about the next thing they will be trying, I suppose.

Freight business seems to be dropping off a little up this way. Guess most of the range stock has gone in, and there is not much grain moving. The express business has been good, though, and there seems to be good ticket business. CERT. 476.

#### **C. St. P. M. & O. Ry.**

##### *Wisconsin Division, Northern District—*

The month of December not only marks the closing of the year 1908, but also marks the close of another year in the history of the railroad telegraphers' organization. It has come to stay, brothers, and is the only means whereby the craft can better their conditions and secure better compensation for their labors. I think it is needless to say why all should be members of the O. R. T., the telephone operators, as well as the station agents and telegraphers, because I am satisfied, if we will

look back to the time when the O. R. T. was not in existence, we will all have to admit that organization has been the only way of advancement of all railroad men. The fact that our craft has been divided into classes, namely, the station agents, telegraphers and telephone operators, should not be looked upon as a change that will weaken us, but should convince us of the absolute necessity of thorough organization.

Business is daily improving, and with the heavy crops in most all of the localities it is reasonable to believe that business will be better than the ordinary on our system, and prosperity to our employers means the same for the employees; so let us now make efforts to bring our organization to the highest possible state of efficiency and continue the onward march toward better conditions and wages for all station employees represented by us.

The time for semi-annual dues is at hand and I trust that all members will give this matter their attention.

Let us enter the new year with the firm resolution that we will better our services for our employers and co-operate with our organization to increase its membership. By doing this a prosperous new year is certain to be ours.

Following is the result of the November bulletin: Valley Junction, third trick, E. B. Jacobson; Merrillan, third trick, C. W. Wahlquist; Hudson, third trick, F. C. Kotke; Solon Springs, second trick, A. B. Crowell; Chippewa Falls, second trick, F. Gray; Elmwood, agent-telegrapher, J. A. Mull-holland.

Wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year, I remain, your  
Div. Cor.

##### *Wisconsin Division—*

A great surprise was handed the employees of this railroad on December 1st, when notice was received that Mr. S. G. Strickland had left the service of the Omaha to become assistant general superintendent of the C. & N. W. at Chicago. Mr. Frank R. Peachin comes to St. Paul as general superintendent of the Omaha. Mr. Peachin was formerly superintendent of the Wisconsin Division of the C. & N. W. While we are all heartily pleased to see Mr. Strickland go to the front and wish him a full measure of success in his new field, we feel somewhat depressed at losing one of the best friends the telegraphers ever had on the Omaha Ry. He was a man to whom we could always go with our troubles and were always sure of a sympathetic listener and a speedy adjustment of our troubles. He was one of our own and we certainly hate to lose him, but now that he has gone, we will dig in and give our earnest support to his successor, Mr. Peachin, and put forth our best efforts to keep the Omaha Railroad up to the high standard it has maintained in the past.

The following are the assignments on the November bulletin: Valley Junction, third trick, E. B. Jacobson; Merrillan, third trick, C. W. Wahlquist; Hudson, third trick, F. C. Kotke; Solon Springs, second trick, A. B. Crowell; Chippewa

Falls, second trick, F. Gray; Elmwood, A. T., J. A. Mull'ollam.

The regular time for the biennial election of officers and delegates is now approaching and every member should realize the importance of placing our very best timber in the offices.

The period of depression is now passing away and it will be only a short time until we are again asking for consideration at the hands of the officials. How soon this time will be rests entirely with the members themselves. When they evince a disposition to act, the committee will be glad to carry out their wishes. If, however, the membership feels disposed to remain apathetic and allow the nons and delinquents to work with them without making an effort to secure their membership, the hands of the committee are tied. It is all up to the individual member, and this includes YOU. A word to the wise is sufficient. Remember, we want the telephoners as well as the telegraphers.

Div. Com.

*Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Ry.—*

It can not be said that Xmas will be celebrated this year on bare ground—the old earth is now covered with about eight inches of the beautiful, which makes sleighing very good.

We received a few notes last month, just after we had sent in the items, and will give them below. We are thankful for them and hope some of the boys will take pattern by them, even though they were a little late.

Mr. R. C. Harrington, a new man at the business, is doing the stunt at Blakeley, Bro. Brady having gone to his assigned position at Brewster.

Bro. G. H. Schneiderhan relieved Bro. Levering at Windom a few days the early part of December.

Telegrapher Schulte, lately from the G. N., has severed his connection with the Omaha, leaving for parts unknown.

Bro. Schneiderhan relieved a few days at St. Peter, allowing Bro. Deiterman an opportunity to go to his assigned position at Pipestone, later going to Blakeley to wear the official cap, vice Bro. Klingelhofer, who was laid off.

We understand Bro. Klingelhofer has taken work with the C. & N. W. Ry., and is at present located at Huron, S. D.

Bro. Sudmeyer, late from the I. C. at LeMars, but now a member of Division No. 76, is relieving at St. Peter.

Bro. E. E. Stolte relieved a few days at Northrop on account of Bro. Crandall being called to Wisconsin on account of his father's sickness. Later, Bro. Watson, of Fairmont relieved him, and Bro. Stolte was rushed to Hartford to relieve a few days, Mr. Chenoweth being called to the sick bed side of his parent.

We beg to correct an error in last month's items, in which we said that Bro. Burdick had left for a few months' visit in a warmer climate. Bro. Burdick and wife left on Saturday, Dec. 19th, for Seattle, Washington, where he expects to be for a few months. Bro. Jansen has turned the official cap over to Bro. Tabbert, who fills that office now.

A new night office has been opened up at Carnes, Iowa. Mr. Hagerty, of Mendota, is the present incumbent.

Bro. Liddane was called to Chicago on Dec. 19th to confer with President Perham, General Chairman Troy and G. S. and T. Kempkes.

Mr. James Harum, of Minneapolis, a brother-in-law of Local Chairman Tenney, is visiting with Bro. Tenney.

The Windom meeting, Sunday Dec. 13th, was not very largely attended, but those present thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and it was a very enthusiastic meeting, and it is safe to say that much good will result from the gathering.

Bro. R. A. Westbrook is temporarily relieving Bro. Robt. Jamieson, at Beaver Creek. Bro. Jamieson has been ailing for some time past and has at last deemed it best to take a vacation.

Bro. Tenney was absent from his position the week commencing Dec. 14th, which time he put in looking up delinquents and soliciting new members. He reports the delinquents, with the exception of one, all in line, and has received a good number of new applications. Bro. A. P. Jamieson relieved Bro. Tenney, and Bro. C. R. Williams relieved Bro. Jamieson, later going to Madelia for a few weeks. Bro. Lourie is taking his vacation.

We are pleased to report that the two children of Friend Christenson are better. We made mention in last month's items that they were sick.

On account of—we don't know what—the bulletins were late this month, and presume the assignments will necessarily be late.

Our old friend, "Ted" Hale, we understand, is working for the C. & G. W. and at present is located at Rochester, Minn.

It was clearly demonstrated at the Windom meeting that these fraternal meetings were the life and light of the Division, and each contribution that you make in the way of your local assessments are a great boost for the organization; so let the good work go on, and if you have not yet done so, you should remit your quarterly dues of 50 cents to the custodian, Bro. W. A. Wagner, Garden City, Minn.

We are pleased to learn that we can now properly speak of W. J. Ross, of Heron Lake, and J. H. Meyers, of Westbrook, as brothers.

At this writing the eldest son of Bro. C. H. Cooper, of Currie, is quite sick with pneumonia. We sincerely trust he may rapidly recover.

Tariffs, tariffs, tariffs—if there is anything, the boys claim, that will drive a man to drink, it is the continual juggling of these tariffs. If we call a man long and ask him why we can not get him, his answer is, "I've been trying to get my tariffs straightened out." We believe, after we get our tariffs in their proper pigeon-hole now, though, we will have them better than heretofore.

Bro. Turnbull has just returned from Rochester, where he underwent an operation. He is regularly assigned as brakeman on Currie Line, but keeps up his membership in the O. R. T.

Station Agent Smith, of Bingham Lake, was absent from his office a few days the early part of December. He was relieved by Bro. E. E. Stolte.

Bro. Morrison, of Worthington, transacted business in the Twin Cities the 21st inst.

The hospital-pension meeting that was to be held at Lake Crystal Dec. 6th did not materialize on account of Mr. McCabe being unable to attend. About fifteen interested parties were unloaded at Mankato, and while waiting to return on No. 4, we understand expressions which would not look well in print were quite frequent.

Bro. Vincent, of Merriam, was absent a few days from his office; relieved by Bro. Westbrook. Bro. Vincent returned the 13th.

Bros. Wagner and Tenney were at Mankato the 18th and incidentally called upon Bro. Kehrner for a few minutes' chat.

Bro. Himley, of Magnolia, says he has a plan that beats batching all to pieces. He has his sister staying with him this winter.

Too much stress can not be placed upon the dire necessity of paying your dues and assessments at this time and keeping your membership up to the highest notch. Now is the time to take active steps in this direction and start the new year right.

Wishing you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

CERT. 251.

#### Nebraska Division—

Changes have been coming thick and fast, and it is nearly impossible to keep the correct run of them, so if your name does not appear, if you have made a change, do not be disappointed, for I will do my best to get them all.

Positions bulletined in November as follows: Second trick at North Yard, Bro. C. K. Hutton; second trick at Blair, Bro. L. S. Wise; day telegrapher at Tekamah, Jas. Mathews; second trick at Oakland, Bro. W. L. Wright; day telegrapher at Lyons, Otto Kragoscow; third trick at Emerson, Bro. Dygert; day telegrapher at Wayne, Bro. B. E. Crouch; agent at Jackson, G. W. Smith.

Positions bulletined December 10th, and filled as follows: Agent at Hubbard, W. D. Whitaker; agent at Coburn, Bro. B. C. Buchanan; agent at Fordyce, Bro. L. S. Wise; first trick at Emerson, J. T. Hallisey; second trick at Emerson, Bro. R. B. Hatcher; third trick at Blair, Bro. D. B. Thompson.

Bro. Dygert relieved Bro. Crouch at Tekamah, while the latter moved to Wayne.

Operator Mathews, days at Tekamah, spent a few days on his claim near Underwood, S. D., relieved by Bro. Thompson.

Bro. Whitaker, agent at Newcastle, was off a few days and relieved by Bro. Wright.

Bro. Hedges, second trick at Wakefield, took a vacation of a couple of weeks and was relieved by Bro. Foutts, of the G. N. Division, who will transfer to Division No. 76.

Bro. Hedges took a trip to the West.

Bro. Schruppf, agent at Laurel, was off a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Operator Mathews.

Agent Anderson, at Winside, is taking a vacation of a week or ten days, and Bro. Hutton, formerly of Coburn, is doing the busy act there. He then takes up his duties as second trick at North Yard, where he has a happy home.

Bro. Jones, days at Bloomfield, visited over Sunday at Coleridge.

Bro. Mike Halpin, agent at Sholes, was shopping in Wayne one afternoon and took home enough bundles to fill a wheelbarrow.

Bro. Coyle, agent at Claig, was sick a few days recently and was relieved by Operator Crinklaw, from Pender, who in turn was relieved by Bro. Thompson.

Bro. McGuire worked at Oakland, second trick, until Bro. Wright could take the job off his hands.

We understand Bro. Wallahan, formerly day telegrapher at Wayne, is now working for the Burlington at Emerson, Iowa, second trick, and is well pleased with his change.

Hope all will be prompt in remitting the semi-annual dues and getting one of those new cards. They are the proper thing to have, and all should be proud of them. Send me any items you hear of. I will see that they are taken care of all right.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, with lots of prosperity.

Yours fraternally,

Div. Cor.

#### Detroit, Toledo & Ironton Ry. Co., Ann Arbor Ry.

We used to see the brothers of this division represented in the journal every month, but lately we hear nothing from them. Why don't you wake up and let others know we are awake and want to be among the live ones.

Now, boys, come to yourself and see if you can't assist in making Division No. 48 one of the first.

As long as we pay our dues we are paying for something that is beneficial to ourselves as well as the telegraphers at large.

Every month I look for the A. A. Ry. items and find none. Where is our regular correspondent? If he has laid down, why don't he say so and let some others take it up?

Why can't we get together again and enjoy another meeting? These meetings are the whole stay of the O. R. T.

The agency at Durand is open.

Agent at Coñoctah off on account of illness.

Bro. Geo. Wright, operator at Howell, was the wise guy at that station during the absence of Agent J. D. Hamilton.

Bro. F. F. Randolph, who is second trick dispatcher on the D. & M., north of Bay City, was in Owasso for a few days, calling on old friends.

J. S. Geaghan, our new chief dispatcher, is doing finely.

Let each and every one have a word for THE TELEGRAPHER to start the new year.

Take one evening and write a few words and every one will feel that we are awake.

Understand the baby of Bro. A. J. Herrick, agent at Vernon, was badly scalded.

Bro. R. A. Bates is doing the stunt of day telegrapher at "DI" office, Owasso.

Mr. Healy is now at Ampere.

We have several nons on the road now. Why can we not land them in the fold?

Understand there is a man on the D. G. H. & M., between Durand and Owasso, who is teaching students. Gets \$10 per month from them to teach them telegraphy. Such men are below the intelligent class.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
YOUR UNCLE DUD.

### Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Ry., Chicago, Lake Shore & Eastern Ry.

How many of you try and assist in getting news for the journal. From appearance, I believe they are few. Boys, get your pen and, if it is only a line, it will help to make our space look as if we were really in earnest.

Do not forget to pay your dues for 1909 next pay-day, before you go bankrupt again.

A few months ago we spoke of Bro. Riche, formerly from the G. N., as being the second trick man at "X." We regret to say that this man, although he wears a button and spreads a lot of soft soap, is not a member. He should either get up-to-date or discard the emblem.

Business has decreased in the past two weeks.

Ridge sand pit closed December 10th. This puts Bro. McGowan out of a job.

Griffith was the scene of something almost equal to the C. T. U. of A. strike. The Erie lost three of their best men when the agent tried to give them some clerical work, so as to allow him to look after his saloon and pool room. Matters are not settled, as yet, but the boys are showing the right spirit and the boys of the G. T. and E., J. & E. and C., L. S. & E. are watching, so there will not be any non slip in and spoil the job.

Bro. Gary, a victim of the C. T. U. of A. strike at Chicago a year ago, is now working the bug on the second trick at Cavanaugh.

Several new offices have opened up on the New Gary High Line. Unable to say whether they are equipped with "air" or not.  
Zoa.

### North End—

Bro. C. R. Weaver has resigned as operator at "WA." and has accepted a position in the freight office as rate and bill clerk.

Bro. Lewis returned to Waukegan ready for work, November 16th, after being home, sick, for several weeks.

Operator Schwarm, at Waukegan, for a few days, discharged.

Bro. J. P. Malone, a new man from Pennsylvania lines, holding down third trick at "WA." at present.  
CERT. 455.

### Coal & Coke Ry.

Some of the boys on this line have failed to pay their dues for the current period, and say they are not coming back in until we "do something." Now, brothers, this will not do. You all know that we have to hang together to "do something," therefore, get busy and send in your dues.

Since the death of Bro. Skidmore, Mr. H. E. Woodley has been assigned the agency at Gassaway. Mr. Woodley was formerly on the dispatching force.

An extension is being made to the station at Strange Creek, which will provide living rooms for Bro. Holt.

Bro. L. S. Moles, since being closed out at Blue Creek, has been doing relief work on the Southern Division. Bro. Moles took a vacation in November and spent three weeks at his home in Kentucky. He is now back on relief stunt, at present handling the joint work at "BC," Dundon.

Bro. Arthur, at "CH," Clay, enjoyed a short vacation this fall and filled in the time hunting.

Mr. Park, non, formerly at "WD," Upper Leatherwood, has been released from the service, being relieved by Mr. W. L. White, operator from "GY" office, Gassaway.

Bro. J. H. Clemmer, Cert. 1192, is now doing the owl stunt in "DI" office, Charleston. You will recall an article in a late issue of THE TELEGRAPHER that Bro. Clemmer wrote, headed, "A Warning." We are glad to see Bro. Clemmer back in the service.

Mr. Carpenter, day man at Charleston, promises to fill out the papers the first of the year, and necessary blanks have been sent him by Bro. Arthur.

Bro. J. Moles passed down the line Wednesday on the way to his home in Kentucky, for a short vacation, being relieved by Mr. Moore, from Crawford.

New man in "GR" office, R. C. Junction. Have not been able to learn his name.

Bro. Shawver, at Walkersville, off first week in December on account of sickness.

Hardly any news from north of Gassaway, as the boys have failed to send me any items as per my request the 1st of the month. Boys, send me a few items about the 15th of each month and let us have a write-up each month.  
CERT. 11.

### Bangor & Aroostook Ry.

"13" the boys up Aroostook way are kept pretty busy now billing out the "Aroostook spuds." It is not an uncommon sight to see seventy-five or eighty cars of potatoes roll into Northern "ME" Junction in one train, hauled by one the "hogs."

Considering the frequent falls of snow, business in all the commodities ought to pick up pretty fast.

Remember, boys, that your dues are now due, pay up and keep in line, and all lean the same day, towards thorough organization, and get every member you can. That's the only way.



Bro. J. Lorin Clark, for a number of years dispatcher in Bangor, "WB," office, has left the service and accepted the secretaryship of the Bangor Y. M. C. A.

On account of Bro. Clark's resignation, Bro. Cutler is now handling the first trick berth on dispatching District No. 1; with Mr. Parker, second, and Bro. Curtis, third.

Bro. Connelley is back at "G" tower job at South LaGrange again.

Bro. Heal is doing the third trick at "G" tower.

Bro. Snowman has "GO" office at South La Grange, all to himself.

Mr. H. S. Hall is relieving at "HI" now.

Bro. Buchanan is running the whole thing at Milo Junction, at this writing.

Bro. Ingalls, from C. P. Ry., is doing second trick at Northern Maine Junction, at this writing, although Mr. Kelley has bid it in.

Bro. Harper, second trick at West Sebaais recently, has left for parts unknown.

Messrs. Robertson and Wilson doing second and third tricks there now.

Bro. M. W. Flynt is now doing the operating in "CD" office, Bangor, under former Bro. J. H. Cavanaugh, who has been appointed car distributor.

Bro. Kearney is doing the operating in "DA" office and spare dispatching.

Bro. Newcomb, local chairman of Div. No. 1, spent a few days hunting, the first of December.

Who knows where Bro. J. P. Whitmore is? And why Stockton and K. I. Works have not been up for bid?

Bro. Bond has left the service, and has gone into the potato and starch business, with his father, at Goodrich, Maine.

Bro. Leighten, at Stacyville, is at the old stand again, after being off three weeks on account of illness (December 15th); Mr. Burnett (?) relieved.

Bro. E. N. Tapley is doing the third trick at Ashland Junction.

Bro. McKay from Presque Isle to Ludlow agency.

Bro. Van Allen has taken up his duties as agent at New Limerick.

Bro. Crocker, at Schoodic, recently received a card from Bro. Whipple, at Bay Point, N. Y.

Bro. Eli Bartlett is doing the operator stunt in "HF," Houlten, and filling in at "OX," while "JN" is taking his time out.

Bro. Gerrish, at Greenville, spent Thanksgiving with his parents at Brownville.

We would like to see business pick up, so we could have our committee go in this winter and get us a few things.

Well, brothers, why not send your correspondent a few notes each month, so that they will reach him by the 22d, or send them direct to Bro. L. W. Quick, so that they will reach St. Louis before the 28th of each month.

With best wishes for the future.

Mr. L. W. Quick,

G. S. and T., St. Louis, Mo.:

Dear Brother Quick:—I note in the November issue of the magazine, from our correspondent, that they are running a Ham Factory, at the dispatching office of the Northern Division. I have made due inquiry, and find that Bro. Crocker has been misinformed. It is to be very much regretted that such a thing should have been sent to our correspondent, for publication. The facts are these, as I have been able to gather from investigation: Our Superintendent Mr. McMann, hired a young man, who claimed to be something of an operator, and asked the boys at "KX" office, days, to allow him to copy from the wire, and assist him in becoming familiar with the office calls, which I believe he had a right to do, at least the dispatchers would not be justified in refusing the request of their superintendent. I am told they did as requested and nothing more, for a short time; the young man now holds a position on the road, and could not have learned the business in so short a time, even if the write-up were well founded. I trust this will be accepted by the brothers in "KX" office, as sufficient apology, for the unfortunate, unintentional injustice done them, for they are brothers of the Order, and we can not afford to offend in this manner.

Fraternally yours,

A. W. SHERBURN,

General Chairman.

### I. C. Ry.

#### Freeport Division—

The following positions were bulletined in the last thirty days: Third trick at East Junction; agency at Red Oak; agency at Kerrick; agency at Buena Vista; second trick at Haldane, nights, and Blanchardville agency.

Bro. Peterson was the successful applicant for third trick operator at C. G. W. Crossing.

Bro. B. E. Melloan, who has been visiting a few weeks in the South, at his home, came back, and relieved Bro. Peterson on second trick at C. G. W. Crossing, while the same was on bulletin.

Bro. Steele received C. G. W. Crossing, second trick, on bulletin, the transfer has not been made at this writing.

Bro. C. W. Knapp is at present holding down the agency at Cloverdale, relieving Bro. Wilson.

Bro. A. H. Brodeur, Coleman, third trick, is taking a thirty days' vacation.

Bro. Westbrook and Mr. Morrison are running a lunch counter, at Coleman, on their tricks; serving hot coffee, sandwiches, doughnuts and pie to the traveling public and railway employees.

In railroading, as well as any other business, there is of course a good many unjust decisions in regard to reprimanding and dismissal of employes, but one of the most unjust dismissals that has come to my attention for some time, was the case of the deal at East Junction, where Bro. Wm. R. Keister was taken out of the service. As there has been all kinds of stories circulating as

to the cause of this dismissal, I thought that it would be proper to give you the facts regarding the case; on the morning of November 5th, Bro. Keister lined up for No. 5, or as far as he knew he lined up for them as soon as they were reported by Evarts (Evarts always reports all trains in to us, so we can be prepared for them), but for some unknown reason the board failed to come down, and of course No. 5 stopped, and Mr. Bridenbaugh, traveling engineer, came into the office and asked Bro. Keister what the trouble was, and he told them nothing, that he was lined up for No. 5 as far as he could tell. Bridenbaugh then told him to give them a high-ball and they would go, so he did, but in the meantime, Bro. Keister had a "31" order for No. 5 to wait at East Junction until 5:30 a. m., and at 5:33 a. m. Bro. Keister filed this order without the proper annulment from the dispatcher. No. 5 not arriving until 5:38 a. m.; he was first called on the carpet some time later for the stopping of No. 5, and a statement made to the superintendent by Bridenbaugh to the effect that Bro. Keister was asleep when he came in the office, and after going over things it was found impossible to prove that he was asleep, they then took up this deal of filing the dead order and dismissed him from the service for this.

We are all aware of the fact that the filing of the dead order was against the rules, and aware also of the snapping you get from the dispatcher if you ask him for an annulment of a dead order.

Bro. Keister is at present working for a grocery house in Chicago, having taken the local managership, and if any of you brothers are in need of groceries of any kind, I can assure you that Bro. Keister can sell you them at a saving of 10 cents on a dollar, on anything you wish to buy; just call up this brother on the second trick at "CG," and he will see that you get particulars regarding the system.

Bro. W. C. Boldt, a new man on this division, relieved Bro. Keister at East Junction, while the same was on bulletin.

Bro. Lynch, of Red Oak, has left the service.

Bro. Maske, of Buena Vista, was the successful applicant for Red Oak on bulletin.

Bro. Collins, of Panola, is laying off for a few weeks, being relieved by Mr. Campbell (non).

Mr. Fluor, of Kerrick, resigned; he was relieved by a Mr. Schrader, a new man.

Bro. Layton, of Minonk, has made an observation coach, and an electric engine; he has it displayed in the window of one of the leading drug stores at Minonk. The one coach and engine is 6 feet in length, the price asked for it, is good evidence of the workmanship (\$75.00).

Bro. Aufdenspring has been "Courting" in the interest of the company. Special Agent Healy captured some thieves that have been busy around Minonk for the last year; one of these thieves was certainly a "whole soled, well heeled" fellow, who didn't propose to go pegging through life

on his "uppers;" he only had twenty-eight pairs of shoes concealed at his home.

Bro. Leavitt, of Blanchardville, was killed while helping a freight crew spot a car for him, December 8th, 1908. This was a very sad accident, and the Order sympathises with the bereaved family. Bro. Leavitt was always a good member of The Order of Railroad Telegraphers, doing everything in his power for the good of the Order.

You are all probably aware of the fact that your semi-annual dues for the coming current term are now due and payable, and from my last report I was very glad to see that a good many of the boys had already stricken out this debt by remitting at once.

Brothers at stations where nons are located should be sure and leave their TELEGRAPHER where the non will get a hold of it, for he is sure to look up the Freeport Division if it is around, and he will more than likely get an idea of what others' opinion of him are.

I will close this write-up, hoping that the year of 1909 will bring as many more advantages to the telegraphers as has the year of 1908. Wishing you all a Happy New Year. "SHORTY."

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst, our highly esteemed and beloved brother J. W. Leavitt; be it

*Resolved*, That we thus express our high appreciation of his long service to the cause of truth and right, his sterling manhood and kindly disposition, qualities that endear him to all; and be it

*Resolved*, That we extend to his bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this, their hour of sorrow, and point them to the true source of comfort in affliction, our Divine Creator, as their strength and refuge; and be it further

*Resolved*, by Freeport Division No. 93, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that a copy of this memorial be spread upon the minutes, a copy sent to the bereaved family, and a copy to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

F. E. LAMBOLEY,

W. KELLY,

*Committee.*

#### Louisiana Division—

During the second week in December the International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes held their convention in New Orleans. Delegates from all parts of the United States and Canada were in attendance and the Crescent City gave them a warm welcome. Several of the prominent labor leaders, notably Bros. Perham and Quick, addressed the convention, and they were enthusiastically received; they were also royally entertained during their brief stay.

Our regular monthly meeting was held at McComb, Sunday night, December 13th, with a large and enthusiastic attendance. We are very glad to see so many of the boys turn out to these meet-

ings, which is evidence of their interest in keeping this division almost solid. However, there are quite a number of old-timers who have not attended a meeting in months and one or two who have never attended a meeting. Should some of these "dead ones" put in an appearance there would be several cases of heart failure.

After an absence of two years or more, Bro. W. I. McFatter has returned from a tour around the world, and is now performing at Gwin, Miss., third trick. "ND" is going to settle down now and settle up. Sister Maggie Rivers is first trick at Gwin, and Bro. H. A. Nickel is second trick.

Mr. John J. Ott is off on leave of absence, spending Christmas at dear old Houston. As "OT" only "takes the money," we trust he will extend his leave of absence to six months twice a year.

The position of agent at Summit, Miss., has been assigned to Bro. H. P. Hungate, permanently. Sister Julia Cuming is day operator and clerk at Summit.

Bro. J. J. Fitzgerald has resigned and accepted a position with the wireless company on the steamship *Rosina*, plying between New Orleans and Central America. Joe says no more os-ing for him. His former position at Harahan Junction is filled by Bro. Ed Norton, late of the S. P.

Mr. A. P. Guntharp, agent at Hammond, La., does not object to taking the \$10 raise the O. R. T. secured for that position. He says the O. R. T. is a good thing, but——. But in case of doubt just take the money.

The glad hand has been extended to J. H. Benbrook, third trick at Hammond. It is now Bro. Benbrook.

While out hunting, December 20th, Bro. W. D. Stanley, night operator at Manchac, La., dropped his gun while crossing the railroad and was seriously shot in the ankle. He was brought to New Orleans and is in the hospital.

Bro. Max Schrader, "M" in Chicago "X" office, was a visitor in these parts during the holidays. Says the Sunny South, especially the Crescent City, is one bright spot.

The many friends of Bro. L. H. Witherspoon, who was manager at "JD," Jackson, Miss., for a number of years, will be glad to know he is taking life easy on his farm at Tougaloo, Miss. He reports plenty of good things to eat and prosperity in the harvest fields.

Bro. Albert Gray, "AB," who has been the whole works at Greenville, Miss., for several years, has resigned and is now visiting his parents and recuperating at Bay St. Louis, Miss.

Mrs. Summers, formerly of the W. U. at Atlanta, is now working extra at Yazoo City. "AD" is a first-class operator and a true blue unionist. She will have one of those pretty O. R. T. cards as soon as the ghost walks.

Bro. J. E. Hoyt has resigned as agent at Roseland, La., and is relieved by Bro. W. E. Kelley, from Arcola, La.

Bro. Louis Grebenc, late of the Rock Island, is working extra at Canton, Miss., while Bro. Hearon is off during the holidays.

Sister Belle Foster, "FO," has been assigned to third trick at Brookhaven, Miss., on bulletin.

There are only three of our members who have not paid dues for the term ending December 31st. Two of these are enjoying substantial increases in pay, besides shorter hours, and unless they do the needful, promptly, we will have to give their names in our next write-up.

Let us all get together and make the year 1909 the banner year for the grand old O. R. T. Let each member make himself a committee of one and look after your neighbor. Show the nons what "no card, no favors" really means. Insist upon the union label at all times. Cok.

#### *Chicago and Champaign Districts—*

The local division held their regular monthly meeting at Kankakee, Ill., on Friday evening, December 11th. About fifteen members were present. Various subjects were discussed, and among them the question of discontinuing the meetings at Champaign, Wis., was brought up. After fair consideration the members voted to cut these meetings out at Champaign, as the members from the south end did not attend same when they were held there. Hereafter the meetings will be held in Kankakee and Gilman. They are both good places to get to, so please try and make it a point to attend these meetings, as they mean a great deal to all of us.

There are a lot of nons here who are taking money every month that the O. R. T. boys worked hard to get, and if they have not got principle enough about them to come in and do their share everybody should know who they are.

In the February journal will appear the names of those who have not paid up their dues for the last half of the year 1908. There is no excuse for this. Brothers, please pay up, as now is the time when we must stand together.

Mr. J. F. Schneiderjon, who was relieving Bro. J. A. Brown at Alma, has taken up his regular stunt at Neoga nights.

Since last issue we have the following new members on the Champaign District: L. P. Cailey, Hayes; J. F. Schneiderjon, Neoga; L. L. Basley, Tolono.

Bro. J. F. Schneiderjon, of Neoga, was let out for reasons unknown at this time. Bro. Schneiderjon provided himself with an up-to-date card December 2d, and was let out the next day. A Mr. Russell, of Pesotum relieved him.

Bro. J. C. Broom, of Kimmundy station nights, was off a couple of weeks in November; relieved by Mr. Harahan.

Since the last issue the following positions were opened permanently; Odin tower, second trick, November 26 to December 6; Doranus, day position, December 11 to December 21; Otto tower, third trick, December 10 to December 20; Neoga nights, December 5 to December 15; Aetna, day position, December 16 to December 26, and Cooksville, December 19 to 29.

Second trick at "HA," Champaign office, was opened permanently, on bulletin October 28 to November 6.

Third trick at Effingham was opened temporarily, October 29 to November 7.

Bro. Kepner, of Laclede, was off a couple of days during the first week of November. Mr. Russell, of Pesotum, relieved him. Bro. Kepner's brother died suddenly of blood poisoning.

Bro. J. A. Broom, of Alma, was off a couple of weeks in November. J. F. Schneiderjon, regular night owl at Neoga, relieved him. B. Pelstring relieved Mr. Schneiderjon.

Bro. Crannell, from Tolono, relieved Bro. Zimmerman at "HA," Champaign office, while Bro. Z. was moving his table to that place. No boarding house for "Z."

J. R. Billingsby relieved night operator at Belleflower the second week in November.

Mr. Russell, of Pesotum, relieved Mr. Pestrang, who has been relieving Mr. J. F. Schneiderjon, regular night man at Neoga.

B. Pelstring relieved H. T. Bradbury, Tuscola nights, for thirty days.

Champaign, third trick, was open for applications, November 7th to 17th.

Bro. Zimmerman, third trick, ran in second trick at "HA," Champaign office.

Bro. R. L. Mulberger, of Edgewood, was off a couple of weeks in November.

Cables have been placed in all offices on the Chicago Division in order to install 'phones.

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#### *Mississippi Division—*

On account of heavy business and the boys having so much work, it was thought best not to hold a meeting at Grenada this month, but hope to see a big crowd at Durant the second Sunday in next month. All the good brothers should ask for transportation and make special efforts to attend this meeting.

Our local chairman, Bro. J. E. Bull, was over the division the first of the month, shaking hands with the brothers and after those who have no card, also those that are behind with their dues. How nice it would be to see the old Mississippi Division lined up solid. Let us all get together and make it so.

On account of the increase in business a third operator has been put on at Coffeetown, Duck Hill, Vaiden, West and Pickens, also day operators put on at several of the smaller stations, where an agent had to go it alone during the summer months.

At Sardis, Bro. E. H. Shomette, and at Coffeetown, Bro. W. C. Smith, both from the M. J. and K. C. Division, No. 80.

Bro. N. T. Bowles, from Mo. Pac. Division, No. 31, is now doing the telegraphing and also clerical work at Kosciusko.

Bro. J. E. Johnson, of Division No. 2, relieved Bro. Bull at Grenada or a few days while he was out on the line. He also relieved Bro. Ross, at "UC," while he was off on account of his mother's death, but he is now doing the "OS" at Vaiden, Bro. Ross having returned to his post of duty.

Bro. B. W. Robertson, for several years at Pope, is now agent at Courtland, and Bro. W. M. McLeod is now looking after the company's interest at Pope, both places having been advertised.

Bro. R. C. Jarnagin is now back at Goodman, after a ninety days' leave of absence.

On account of Bro. J. H. O'Brien, of McCool, being sick, Bro. W. M. Hale, who was off on his honeymoon, was called in to relieve him for a few days, but is now located at Starkville, his first love.

Bro. F. R. Kern, third trick man at Durant since last March, has resigned and understand he is now in Cuba.

Bro. L. M. Lindsay, a new man on the Mississippi Division, but an old-timer in Division No. 93, is now doing the second trick stunt at Duck Hill.

I understand Mr. J. N. Rhew, agent at Torrence, has filled out application blanks and will be Bro. Rhew before this goes to press.

Everybody get busy and let us line-up what few nons we have.

Mr. D. C. McMahan, agent at Batesville, Miss., has resigned, and "13" he is going on the road as traveling salesman.

Bro. W. C. Buford, at Vaiden, while out driving a few days ago, let his horse run away, throwing him out and spraining his ankle. Not serious, but understand it has put him on one side for several days. Had it been nearer Christmas it might have caused suspicion. CERT. 540.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

On November 18th the Fraternity on the Y. & M. V. was inexpressibly shocked and saddened by the sorrowful news that the pure spirit of Mrs. Rosa Moore, wife of our beloved General Chairman W. P. Moore, of Lula, Miss., had winged its way to a better world. Death is sad at all times, yea it seems cruel at many times, but coming as in this instance at the very zenith of life and usefulness, when the struggle for existence had been made and life's difficulties overcome, when the future seemed a vista of peace and enjoyment; and rest from labors faithfully performed, then it is that its sting is deeper and grief harder to bear. By reason of Mrs. Moore's close association with General Chairman Moore, and the keen interest always manifested by her in the affairs of our Order, and the help she gave Bro. Moore in his work, she had become endeared to all of us who were fortunate enough to come within the circle of her personal acquaintance, and aside from our sorrow at Bro. Moore's loss, we feel a personal bereavement in her death. She was a familiar figure at all of the sessions of the Grand Division recently, and many times accompanied Bro. Moore to the meetings of our general committee, from whose future gatherings she will be sadly missed. Coming from one of the first families of Mississippi, Mrs. Moore combined in a marked degree those attributes of cordiality, gentleness and modesty, which distinguished the women of her race while

they ruled the homes of the flower of Mississippi's manhood in ante bellum times, and whose ancestry antedates Colonial days. She was a gentlewoman, pure and simple, and any life with whom hers has been entwined, has been made the richer, the nobler, the grander, by the association. Not having been blessed with children, the affection of Bro. Moore and his wife was undivided, the love of each was all to the other. At such times the gentlest, softest expressions of condolence seem harsh; when chords of love and affection have been torn asunder, the bleeding heart quivers from the tenderest touch. And yet, in our loneliness we turn instinctively to our friends for encouragement to help us bear our burden.

The membership of Division No. 93 desires to express, through us, their profoundest sympathy for Bro. Moore, in this the darkest hour of his life, and extend to him that love and esteem which as brothers fill our hearts. Time alone can bring solace to his wounded spirit, but he can comfort his aching heart with the sweet assurance that in her life he was a tender, loving companion, and that in her death the remembrance of her pure life should be as a precious legacy, to be held in trust for yet more noble purposes.

T. D. HOWELL,  
R. S. PARKER,  
R. P. WALT,  
R. L. MONTGOMERY.

### Chicago Great Western Ry.

#### Northwest Division—

We are in receipt of a letter, from one of the boys who keep within close touch with the progress of the O. R. T. on this division, and he states that the expectations are that this division will be solid on the north end from State street to West Concord, by the time this reaches the press. Now that sounds good and should induce us all to make an extra effort to gather in the nons.

Operator Bailey, of Nerstrand, second trick, has been relieved by Telegrapher G. F. Thomas, a C. T. U. of A. man.

Operator J. W. Armstrong, second trick at Hampton, is dangerously ill. Telegrapher C. Judd is relieving him. We hope that Mr. Armstrong will enjoy a speedy recovery and soon be back at the key.

Bro. Pete Stenslin, second trick at Randolph, has taken an extended vacation, and has gone to his home in Iowa. A Mr. Jordon is relieving him.

Bro. McElrath, who has been working third trick at Randolph, has resigned to manage his father-in-law's farm. He is being relieved by Mr. O'Brien, a commercial telegrapher from Chicago.

A Mr. A. C. Demerick, from Minneapolis, is relieving Operator C. Judd, at Hampton, while Mr. Judd does the second trick stunt.

Bro. C. E. Norris, agent at Inver Grove, is taking a few weeks' vacation; being relieved by Bro. C. Rafael from Division No. 72.

Operator Holmes, of Renova, has left the service, and is at present relieved by Mr. R. Carter.

Bro. J. Larson, who has been working first trick at Randolph for some time, has left, and a new man, Mr. Craig, is relieving him.

Not very many items coming in this month. Everybody busy with their Christmas shopping, probably.

Agent G. A. Smalley, of Randolph, was absent a few weeks. A Mr. J. M. Locke relieved him.

Bro. Berisford, who it will be remembered has worked on this division at several different times, is at present working third trick at Hayfield.

No news from the south end this month. They are probably "stacking-up," and we can expect an enormous write-up from them next month.

By the time this reaches you it will be rather late to be extending to you all the Christmas "blessings" and New Years "wishings," but nevertheless, I hope you all witness a jolly Christmas and a brilliant and prosperous New Year.

C. H. K.

#### Southwest Division—

With the aid of generous contributions from Bro. Scott, of Blockton; Bro. Sandmier, of Peru; Bro. Falkner, of Shops, and our Local Chairman Bro. A. L. Coleman, of Kansas City yard office, we are sending the following items for the January number:

We are glad to note that Sister Van Sandt, second trick at Leavenworth, is back again after an enforced vacation, caused by being quarantined with her little girl, who had scarlet fever. Sister Van Sandt is local organizer for the Southwest Division, or any other division where she can find a non, and should be complimented for the good work she has done to keep this end well organized.

At Kansas City yard office we find our hustling Local Chairman Bro. A. L. Coleman on first trick, who is always busy, but can always find time to hand out an application blank.

Bro. E. B. McCarty, second trick, Kansas City yard office, has been off with an injured hand.

Bro. R. V. Redlingshafer drew third trick at Leavenworth on bulletin No. 40, and relieved Bro. E. A. Bertholf, who went to Blockton to relieve Bro. M. G. Smith, who was off two weeks visiting relatives and friends at Winterset.

Bro. G. T. Scott, second trick at Blockton, was off ten days the first of December, to assist his brother at Shannon with a stock sale, which he says was a success. He also took a trip to Ft. Smith, Ark., before returning to work. Bro. Smith relieved Bro. Scott, and Bro. Bertholf remained on third trick. Bro. Bertholf is a new member, to whom we extend a hearty welcome.

We understand Bro. Fluke, second trick man at Afton Junction, traded jobs with Mr. A. D. Nye, at Athelstan, and on account of Mr. Nye being elected treasurer of Taylor County, this will give Bro. Fluke, Athelstan regularly, without having to bid for it. We don't believe this is

exactly according to "Hoyle," but guess there will not be any very strenuous kick on it in this case.

Bro. H. Gee, agent at Valeria took a few days' vacation, and was relieved by Bro. J. R. Wright, second trick man of same place. Bro. Gee took in a foot ball game at Kansas City, and made his folks a short visit at Savannah. Miss McIlhon relieved Bro. Wright, and a new man named Carroll relieved Miss McIlhon. Miss McIlhon is a C. T. U. Sister, and says she is going to be an O. R. T. Sister before long.

Bro. A. L. Coleman and wife attended the funeral of Bro. A. M. Gray, of DeSota, Kan., November 13th.

Bro. Harry Nelson, agent at Sheridan, contemplates making a move about the first of the year. We understand he has accepted a position in the superintendent's office, at Des Moines.

Bro. Summers is relieving Bro. Fluke at Afton Junction, until new bulletin is closed.

Bro. A. S. Sandmeier, from the Rock Island lines, relieved Bro. C. H. Everett, on third trick, at Peru. We understand Bro. Sandmeier intends to bid in on this trick.

Bro. Chas. Tilp, agent at Peru, was off for a week, taking a stroll up into Wisconsin, looking for a good farm. Operator Edwards, regular second trick man, did the agent stunt during his absence; Bro. Sandmeier was shifted from third to second trick, and Bro. McGinn relieved Bro. Sandmeier.

Bro. J. R. Wright, second trick man at Valeria, is off for the holidays. He will visit friends and relatives at Knoxville and Washington, Ia. He was relieved by third trick Operator Sister McIlhon, who was relieved by a new man named Allen.

Bro. Gibson has returned from a six weeks' sojourn in Old Mexico, and reports a fine trip, but says the Old United States looks awful good to him after being down there. He has resumed his duties on the south end in the dispatcher's office. Bro. McIlhon who was relieving him has gone on nights, which is his regular job, and Bro. Hunter has gone back to his regular job on first trick at South Des Moines.

We were all very much pleased with the outcome of the November election, in which Col. W. P. Hepburn, representative from the 8th District was defeated by W. D. Jamison, of Shenandoah. You will all remember that Mr. Hepburn bitterly opposed the Telegrapher's Nine-hour Bill.

Bro. M. T. Falkner, agent at Parnell, is off for a thirty days' vacation, but cannot say where he will spend it. Bro. Simons, regular owl man, is doing the agent act, and Bro. A. C. Crabtree is doing the owl act.

Bro. Hoyder, formerly of this division, is working for the Wabash, at Gallatin, Mo., at present.

Bro. F. W. Christy, agent at Arispe, was off a few days on account of sickness of his wife. He was relieved by Bro. C. H. Everett, who drew the night job at Fairbank, and is now located there.

Operator L. A. Howe, who was working third trick at Reinbeck, and is a son of Bro. Howe, of Green Mountain, resigned to accept a position in a bank, at Liscomb, Ia. He was relieved by a new man named Routt, who hurt his back the first night, hustling baggage and had to be relieved.

Bro. E. J. Stimm, third trick man at Marshalltown, has accepted a position as chief clerk in the trainmaster's office, at Des Moines, and was relieved by Mr. J. H. Lucksinger.

Dispatcher Vail off one day sick, and Dispatcher Baikie off two days on business. Both were relieved by Bro. H. S. Boyce.

Bro. Rokey, of Diagonal, is taking a holiday vacation, and was relieved by G. C. Perkins, a new man. Didn't learn whether he has a card or not.

Sister Jessie Smith, the night owl at Rea, is off for the holidays, and will spend them in Eureka Springs, Ark. She was relieved by Operator H. F. King, a new man.

O. O. Mullen, cashier and operator at West Waterloo, spent the holidays with his and his wife's folks, at and near Nevada, Ia.

Bro. L. Rice, third trick operator at South Des Moines, has resigned. Understand he goes to Delhart, Texas, where his folks live. His father is chief dispatcher for the Rock Island there.

A third operator has been put on at Gladbrook. This makes three operators besides the agent, and will give the agent a better chance to handle the large amount of business done at this station.

Bro. H. S. Boyce, north end operator in dispatcher's office, and wife, and his Bro. H. E. Boyce, day ticket clerk and operator, at Marshalltown, and wife, ate Xmas dinner with their parents at Shannon, the Sunday after Xmas, on account of being unable to get off Xmas day.

Bro. H. M. Thatcher, agent at Cummings, is also laying off during the holidays, and was relieved by Operator E. D. McClelland, the regular night man.

Bro. D. W. Smith, who has been working second trick at Shops, drew that trick on bulletin 43.

Bro. R. V. Redlingshafer drew third trick at Peru on bulletin 43, and is at home in Des Moines, until after the holidays.

Don't forget to send in those news items, if you want me to stick to this job. "BO."

### Hocking Valley Ry.

#### River Division—

Bro. C. F. Moore is back again on first trick at "BI," after being away a few days on account of the death of his father.

Bro. G. W. Fultz worked first trick at "BI" during Bro. Moore's absence.

Bro. Rife, first at "CK," off for a few days on account of the death of some relative.

Bro. Lay, second trick at Logan, was off for about two weeks, being relieved by Operator O'Leary.

Bro. D. E. Huntley, first trick at Wellston, is back again after a two weeks' vacation.

Operator Goodrich is working second trick at Kanauga.

Brothers, get up and be doing something. If you know of any nons, go after them good and strong. Try and show them where they are wrong and prevail upon them to come in. It is a shame that bright, intelligent men can't see any farther than their nose and persist in staying out in the cold. I know when some of them were working as much as sixteen hours a day for \$10.00 and \$15.00 less than they now get, and still, when you go after them, it is always "wait until next month," or "I am broke now." What would they be if they were still drawing the old salaries?

See the ham factory at "OX" is still grinding away as usual. Can't "13" it. The mills of the gods grind slowly but sure, and this professor will get his one of these days, and get it hard. One or two other places along the pike where you can hear the hams sending in "OS" of trains. Will publish them later on.

Wishing all a happy New Year. CERT. 302.

### Seaboard Air Line Ry.

#### *Fifth Division—*

Owing to various circumstances, quite a time has elapsed since a meeting was held on our division. However, our local chairman informs us that a meeting will be held the latter part of January, and it is urgently requested that members make every effort to attend this meeting.

In the meantime our affairs seem to be running smoothly. Few changes and very few delinquents.

Mr. Griffin, at Hagan, has promised to "get right" and again become up-to-date.

While few men are entering the service on our division, yet attention has been called to the fact that applicants have been recommended for membership and admitted with little regard to their competency and worthiness as a member. No brother should recommend an applicant who, in his opinion, is not capable of discharging his duties as agent or operator satisfactorily to the company and with corresponding credit to the Order. Our Order is far too strong to need or accept the application of unworthy would-be members.

Semi-annual and mutual benefit dues are now due and no member can make a mistake by remitting to cover these important items at once. Do not delay this matter, but obtain an up-to-date card without necessitating the G. S. & T. begging and imploring you to "come across."

CERT. 147.

#### *Atlanta and Birmingham—*

I am just in receipt of a letter from our local chairman, Bro. Ewing, Atlanta, saying he has the promises of seven or eight new members the first of the year.

Agents and operators have considerable to do with the shaping of public opinion as regards the railroads of our country and their management. Railroad officials are beginning to take notice of this fact and to treat with us accordingly. The time is about passed when a railroad agent or operator is to be considered as a nonentity so far as the making of business for the company is concerned. We are rapidly rising above this idea and are actually about to get into the class of business men and establish ourselves as real citizens of the community in which we live. Our officials are actually asking our opinion about the things concerning our respective stations.

Let us always stand ready to do our work for the railroad company in the best manner possible. Let us all stay with our organization and show the companies that union men are the best men.

Miss "RX" has resigned the agency at Tredigar, Ala., and same is filled by Bro. Sewell.

Here is hoping a merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all.

The professor's students have about "squintulated" and no doubt will soon be crowding some of us "hams" out of our jobs. Am sorry our last letter so offended the professor. Am told that he swears he will lick the fellow that wrote him up—so, boys, I have to request that none of you tell him who did it, as I do not wish to get licked.

CERT. 646.

### Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry.

#### *Winnipeg Division—*

Have you secured one new member within the last thirty days? If not, better get busy on that non next to you and try and get him in line. We certainly have a live bunch now on the Western Minnesota Division, the way they are going after the nons, also the transfers, certainly pleases your officers. They have turned in five or six applications, also seven or eight transfers within the last month. This is what counts, so, brothers, keep up the good work.

There are a few who have not paid their current term dues as yet, but most of them have promised to send them in December pay day. A good idea is not to put this off too long, but remit them at the beginning of the semi-annual period and you will always have an up-to-date card to show the brothers.

President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, has recently been sentenced to serve a term of one year in jail because he told the members not to patronize a scab article. This more forcibly brings us to the one point, that we should always ask for the union label; not only ask for it, but see that the goods we buy bears the union label. Brothers, if you do not do this you are working directly against your own interest. In the future demand the label.

Bro. J. O. Johnson, agent at Henning, has taken a three months' leave of absence and gone to Colorado for his health.

Bro. Bogen, of Detroit, resigned and went with Bro. Johnson, but we understand that he has returned on account of not being able to find a suitable location, but principally because his experience as a railroad telegrapher was of too short a duration.

Bro. Lija relieved Bro. Bogan at Detroit nights.

Bro. T. E. Crandall, local chairman on the Wheat Line, took a short vacation. We are unable to say where he went, but he is back in the harness again as agent at Bisbee.

Bro. Suprey, agent at Brooks, we understand, gets Plummer on bulletin.

Bro. Taggart, agent at Plummer, has resigned and set sail for the Far South. We understand he has a position down in Louisiana on the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Line.

New man filling in at Plummer. Unable to say if he carries the necessary up-to-date or not at present time, but if he remains on this division he had better get in line with the rest of the brothers.

New man also at Callaway. At the present can not say if he is in line or not.

Nons are a very scarce article on this division. We want to again call your attention to the fact that the nons are entitled to no favors whatever after they have been given a chance to join us, and trust all the brothers will so treat them by remembering that a man with no card is entitled to no favors whatever.

We have one or two nons that have been repeatedly asked to join us and up to date have failed to deliver the goods, although they offer no excuse at all. In our next we will give you their names, unless they come across and do the square thing, for we believe that the brothers should know who this class of people are and where they are located. In the cases we have reference to they have been benefited by shorter hours without any reduction in pay, but still they are willing to take all these benefits and not contribute one cent to the organization that brought them about; so look for their names unless they come across with the necessary. CERT. 212.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the brothers on the Winnipeg Division who so kindly remembered us on Christmas day, and assure them that we appreciate their kindness very much and value the presents very highly.

Fraternally,

G. W. LEWIS, *Gen. Chairman.*  
F. C. PAINE, *G. S. & T.*

#### Minnesota Division—

There has been a cut in the force at "XN" office. Have not learned the names of the remaining soldiers.

S. H. Carey, agent at Bowbells, is doing the heavy act alone days.

Bro. W. B. Conger, formerly from Lanona, is working second trick. Office is closed for part of the day.

Bro. C. H. Baker transferred from first trick at Bowbells to "RI" office third trick, relieving Bro. I. H. Munt, who went to Harvey to take the graveyard trick there.

Bro. J. P. Dutton relieved a Mr. Cunningham at Kenmore, who left for parts unknown.

Bro. J. Thorn, first trick at Minot, off the B. & O. and Bro. R. C. Crow off the G. N.

Bro. M. D. Spriggs, of Division No. 53, relieved Operator Johnson at Valley City, Johnson having relieved Operator McIntire.

Bro. Mallison, at "FH," is laying off for a couple of weeks.

Everybody try to have something to say next month, so we can make a big noise in THE TELEGRAPHER'S columns. COR.

#### Toledo & Ohio Central Ry.

Bros. Ward, Holder and McDowell have repaired their residence (the box car) at Hickox, and intend to stay there after the weather gets bad. Bro. McDowell appointed cook.

Bro. Chandler, third trick at Whitmore, spent Thanksgiving at Merrill.

Bro. I. B. Underwood, third trick at Bowling Green, visited one day at Thurston.

Bro. Burdick, of Luckey, bid in first trick at Fostoria, which places Bro. Shellhouse back on second trick and leaves Operator Rinehart, who has been working second trick at that point on the extra list.

Operator Beightler relieved Bro. Alspach and Gordon first and second trick at Bowling Green for a few days, after which he went to Thurston to take charge of third trick there.

Dispatchers Harrod, Hollycross and Dudley went over the Western division and St. Mary's branch on a freight train, learning the road.

Operators Eisman, of Woodside nights, and Burke, of Morgan nights, are passing the long winter nights playing checkers by wire. The Bucyrus Evening Telegraph states this is something new. It may be for these youngsters, but not for us old heads.

Operator Rein is relieving Operator Young as copier in Bucyrus dispatchers' office; Operator Young dispatching while regular dispatchers are taking three days each learning the road.

Third trick at Clemons bulletined.

The position as relief agent is bulletined.

Agency at Ridgeway and Millersport bulletined.

Bro. Shellhouse, Fostoria second trick, was at Toledo Dec. 19th, doing his Christmas shopping.

CERT. 64.

#### Wisconsin Central Ry.

##### Third District—

A good many changes have taken place on this district since the last write-up and although we can not give all of them, will do the best we can.

Quite a little changing about in the Abbottsford offices, both in the yard and side-wire offices, on account of some of the men laying off for different reasons.



At Curtiss, Bro. Friesner is laying off a short time, Bro. Van Alstine relieving him.

Bro. Harsh, agent at Owen, laying off on account of being on committee. Mr. Rindt is acting as agent in his stead.

Bro. Cox, agent at Albertville, laying off also, he being on the committee; relieved by Mr. Hilson.

Moore, agent at Jewett, laid off a short time; relieved by Mr. Rindt, Rindt later going to Owen.

Bro. Van Alstine, formerly third trick man at New Richmond, transferred to Curtiss as agent; relieved by Mr. Wotruba.

Both second and third tricks at New Richmond were on bulletin, but to date there has been no change on the second trick. Bro. Seldon is still holding the position.

Bro. Hunt, formerly night operator at Somerset, has left the service; relieved by Operator Ohlson, who worked a few days at Glenwood some time ago, and was later laid off. Can't say why Bro. Hunt left, but understand he did not want to stay at Somerset any longer.

These are about all the changes I have been able to find, although there are undoubtedly some others, but no one seems to care enough to see a write-up to report them.

Since the eight-hour State law has been declared unconstitutional the boys are working nine hours or longer. All stations, except five, on this district are now telegraph offices, Withee, Boyd, Albertville, Downing and Jewett being non-telegraph offices. All the one-man telegraph jobs are working eleven to thirteen hours. Nearly all of the jobs where more than one man is employed are split tricks—some being split as much as four hours. This makes it very bad, not only for the men who work these tricks, but for trains and also the dispatchers.

The committee, consisting of Bro. Barber, from the Southern Division, and Bros. Harsh and Cox, from this division, are in session. Can not say for certain how they did make out, as at this writing they have not returned, and have not heard anything from them. I know they secured quite a few applications though while going over the line, and that helps, for if we ever expect to get a good schedule we must have a good membership.

CERT. 82.

### C., R. I. & P. Ry.

#### *Colorado Division—*

Mr. A. P. Michell, extra dispatcher, is working during the absence of J. S. Jones, and was working third trick in place of Dispatcher Creighton, who was holding down the night chief's chair while W. A. Inwood was visiting in Canada and Eastern States for a few weeks.

Bro. M. E. Strain, Peyton, off on a two weeks' vacation, is relieved by a man named Divinity, from the Colorado Midland Ry. Unable to say whether Divinity is a brother or not.

Bro. Reichard, at Ramah, off on vacation during holidays; relieved by Bro. Allen. Through lack of information we mentioned Bro. Allen as Mr. in our last month's journal. We wish to apolo-

gize for this mistake, and would only be too well pleased if all the boys on this division were as true and worthy as Bro. Allen is.

Bro. Annuson is back at Bovina, after several weeks' lay-off.

Bro. Winnegar to Burlington for a week or ten days, relieving Bro. Falb, who has gone back East to eat Christmas dinner with the folks at home.

Bro. Riggs, at Flagler, relieved Mr. Pence, second trick. Mr. Pence, after being relieved, started in to clean up the office, we understand, but Bro. Riggs was too much for him.

Bro. Demar returned to second trick at Selden, after a week off; relieved Bro. Fugate, who relieved Mr. Hughes on third trick.

Mr. Suefert (C. T. U. of A.), Goodland, off for a few days; relieved by Bro. Townsend, who is doing the extra work at Goodland.

Mr. F. Blakeman spent a few days in Denver, while the boys at Stratton doubled up and worked his trick during his absence.

Mr. Joe Quinn, from Colorado Springs, ate Christmas dinner with his folks at Flagler.

Bro. Brown, our general chairman, was over the division the first of the month, shaking hands with the boys and urging them to get in line, and has got the promise of nearly every one that is not up-to-date to do so at once and start the new year right. Now, boys, let us not make it necessary to have Bro. Brown make another trip over this division, as this is unnecessary and is very expensive to our worthy brothers.

Bro. Archer is working third trick at Norton.

Calhan is open for bids. Unable to say where Bro. Boyd is going, but hope he is not leaving us.

CERT. 186.

#### *Cedar Rapids—*

G. W. Tripp relieved Bro. A. A. Varner, of Kalona, on November 30, for a few days' vacation.

Bro. D. C. Sterrett was relieved for a couple of days December 1st, and attended court at Iowa City; relieved by G. W. Tripp.

We are glad to report that W. S. Cocayne and A. C. Akers, of Mediapolis, have sent in the necessary papers and will hereafter be recognized as brothers. This makes Mediapolis "solid O. R. T.," and I want to thank Bro. P. H. Willem, assistant local chairman at Burlington, for his good work. There are some more offices that have a few nons, and we hope the brothers working in these offices and those around them will keep right after them. Some nuts are hard to crack, but we can cinch a lot of them with some help from a near brother.

Bro. G. W. Hunter, at Barnes City, has made a couple of trips to What Cheer the last month, having some dentist work done; being relieved by some ex-operator.

Occasionally some brother calls us up on the wire and wants to know where to send correspondence for our write-ups, so I wish to again state that any matter for our correspondence please send it to J. A. Gunderson, Montezuma, Iowa, and we will see that the write-up will be as interesting as you make it.

We have all been very busy around the holidays, and must close, wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year, and must ask each brother to make a resolution to be of some assistance to our Order. We are closing a prosperous year, but every one's help makes that much more for us.

CERT. 897.

#### *Iowa Division—*

Bro. J. A. Christison, agent at Moscow, has greatly improved in health, and is again at his post. He lost his father, November 10th, and it seems that troubles never come single. The brother has our sympathy.

R. O. Clark, who has been braking for the past six months is back in the telegraph service again.

Mr. C. M. Peasley, third trick at Shelby, off a couple of days; relieved by Extra Telegrapher H. E. Peer.

Bro. G. B. Ohle is away on an extended leave of absence. Bros. Stephen, Edwards and Walker doing the stunt there now.

Bro. Peters, regular third trick at Van Meter, off on a short vacation.

Mr. G. A. Bentley, who was extra on this division a while, is now working as extra dispatcher at Indianola. Bro. E. F. McGinn, who worked on this division a while, is now working for the C. G. W. at Diagonal, Iowa.

Now you see it, now you don't. What is it? Answer: A telegrapher. This is the way it has been working on this division of late. What is the matter? Don't you know what you are going up against before you take the job? If the shoe fits you put it on. I am heartily disgusted with it.

Agent Wright, at Colfax, has returned from his vacation and relief agent has gone to Stuart. Mr. Wright thinks he will go farming down in Oklahoma before long.

General Chairman Brown was over the division a few days ago. He says it looks pretty good.

Understand Bro. E. A. Chittenden has quit rail-roading and gone into other business in Des Moines.

Bro. Yates, at Newton, had a round-up with a bold, bad stick-up man a short time ago, and was relieved of about \$50 in cash. Seems to be easy money these days for the crooks, as there has been several cases of this kind lately.

CERT. 290.

#### *West Iowa Division—*

Mr. C. S. Meyers, a new man from the Burlington, is doing the third trick at Avoca, extra, until same is assigned on bulletin.

Bro. Ohle, agent at Walnut, is at present laying off, and Bro. Edwards is acting as agent.

A man named F. Stephens is working second trick at Walnut on account of lay-offs. Can not say if Stephens is an Order man or not.

Operator W. G. Tobin is holding down third trick extra' at Anita.

It seems the fellows are afraid to give out one bit of information as to the changes. You boys all enjoy seeing a good, newsy line-up to let the world know we are not dead, but when you have to

beg for news it is a hard proposition. If every brother would take a cent and drop the local chairman a postal card on every change we could have this kind of a line-up each month.

One other thing, while getting this line-up I called two brothers on the wire and asked regarding an extra man at that station, also a regular man at the other station. Neither of these brothers knew if these extra men had a card or not. One brother replied that the operator in question "used to carry a card," while the other brother "did not know." Now, boys, when an operator comes to your location "find out," and if shy the card, if he is desirable, try to land him. At least be interested enough in the O. R. T. to find out if they carry a card.

Bro. E. W. Stuart, third trick at Atlantic, goes to Brooklyn, second trick, on bulletin.

Bro. R. E. Burnes, agent at Wiota, lands Brooklyn, first trick, on bulletin.

Bro. F. C. Walker, third trick at Stuart, goes to Walnut to be checked in as agent until the regular agent, Bro. G. B. Ohle, returns from his vacation in Oklahoma. Was informed a new man, named H. E. Patterson, was sent to Walnut to work second trick extra. Do not know what this change means for Bro. Edwards, regular second trick at Walnut, and Operator F. Stephens, extra second trick at this place.

Operator F. Peters, third trick at Van Meter (do not know if brother), away on account of the death of his sister; relieved by a new man named H. E. Patterson. Patterson also relieved Bro. Peasley at Shelby a few nights. CERT. 2061.

#### *Oklahoma Division—*

We have passed another mile post of time. Can we all say that we have made the best of every opportunity that presented itself during the year, if not I hope there will be some good New Year resolutions made.

We have gained ground in 1908, but we want to do more during the year of 1909, and make it a record breaker for the O. R. T.

This can be accomplished very easily, simply by each member being wide awake, and taking hold of every thing that he sees needing attention, and not waiting for his local chairman, or some other officer of the Order to handle, they may never know anything about it.

It is very important that you keep your chairman posted on all these things, no matter how small they may seem; by doing this we can keep everything in first-class shape. I hope each of us will realize that by doing this we will have a grand and noble Order, that we will all be proud of. Boys, make some resolutions the first day of January, and stick to them.

Our General Chairman Bro. Brown has returned to work after his vacation. He is looking hale and hearty, and intends to jump into the harness and pull as hard as usual, which is doing about all any one man could do. I fear there are some that do not realize how good a man we have in the person of Bro. Brown,

or there would be more done to help him out in this work; but he never gets discouraged, because he failed at some certain undertaking, but goes at the next one with more energy than before. He is now on the Oklahoma Division, getting a line-up for the local chairman. Boys, this looks mighty bad, just to think that the local chairman cannot get any one to take hold and help him get a line-up of his division; this is our work and should not be thrown on the general chairman, who has more work of his own than he should be compelled to do.

We have a new chief dispatcher on the Oklahoma Division, in the person of Mr. R. C. Scofield.

Mr. F. N. Korn, ex-chief, has been promoted to train master on the south end.

There has been a big change in the Oklahoma Division. That part of the line from Shawnee to Geary being put into the Panhandle Division, and added to the line from Chickasha to Waurika, and Waurika to Anadarko via Lawton to the Oklahoma Division; making this division much larger than formerly, and as yet I have no line-up on the parts added to this division. Can't some of the good live brothers on the south end volunteer to help me out, by acting as assistant local chairman? Don't all speak at once.

Bro. H. F. Murphy has been reinstated as operator at Rush Springs, after being relieved by the company for some trifling charge, some time ago; thus you see the good work of the Order constantly going on. If he had not been a member of the O. R. T. he would have had to hunt new fields.

Bro. C. C. Snodgrass has given up the agency at Garber, and is now working operator at "RO."

Bro. Lee Boyd is off on a vacation, going to the Rose Bud land drawing. Suppose he will come back with a farm in each pocket, and start in the real estate business. He was relieved by Bro. Earl Hoover.

Bro. J. D. Steele, of Okarche, resigned, and has bought a general merchandise store at Reed-ing, Okla.; relieved by Bro. B. R. Crouch, late from Rush Springs.

Bro. Wagonseller is back at his duty at "KR," after being off on sick leave. He was relieved by Mr. M. T. Ausherman, who is now relieving Bro. L. R. Parker, of Medford, who is away on a vacation. Did not learn where he went.

A Mr. Cornett, who did relief work at Ninne-kah, is now relieving Bro. Varney, at Wauko-mis, who was called to Seymore, Iowa, on account of a sick sister.

Bro. Dusch, of Renfrow, has bought out the Lyle Mer. Co., of Lyle, Okla., and may quit the road to attend to his stock.

Mr. Marsh, formerly of Bucklin, Kan., and later of the Panama Canal, was over the division a few days ago, he says the canal wire work is all right, but he would not advise any of the Rock Island boys to quit their jobs to go down there.

Bro. Casey, formerly relief operator, has quit the road, and is visiting his parents at Tunnel Hill, Ill.

Bro. Dusch, of Renfrow, laid off a few days, to look after his store. Bro. Meador, Jefferson, nights, is relieving him; Bro. Thompson, formerly second trick at Enid, is relieving Bro. Meador.

Bro. Kappenburg, of Hennessey, off for a few days; relieved by Bro. Bullis, night owl there. Did not learn who relieved Bullis.

Salaries at the new Waurika yard office have been adjusted, and it is now \$65.00 instead of \$57.50; something more like it should be.

Some of the boys are advocating monthly meetings again, nothing would please me better than this. What do you think about it? Please write me your opinion, if you think we could make it go would like it.

You know the nine-hour law will not permit a man doubling, and if we can get out the crowd we will have them.

Bro. T. F. McPherron is at this time very sick at his home in Enid, stricken with nervous prostration, brought on by sorrow and worry over the death of his son.

The night office at Jefferson is closed and day office opened, making some train order work for Bro. Hill. Bro. Meador went through here today on No. 23, hunting a new field of labor, can not say where the chief will land him.

Medford telegraph office closed days and opened nights, this puts Mr. Ausherman on a night trick now.

Boys, did you see the report of Commissioner Love, of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission? He said he had just been over the Rock Island lines, in Oklahoma, found the agent and operators a very generous and accommodating set, and attending strictly to their duty, and that he also found a very large amount of improvements being made by the company, and that when this was completed the Rock Island would be the best line in the Southwest. I hope we deserve this compliment.

The agencies at Addington, Ninnekah and Temple are open on bulletin, also the position of operators at Chickasha, Kingfisher and Marlow. You boys that are not satisfied should get your bid in on some of these.

Well, will cut this out this time and try and have a better one next time.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year, I am,  
Fraternally, W. E. JACKSON, L. C.

#### *El Paso Division—*

Kingsdown, Kan. to be opened with an operator and agent; bids should be sent in at once.

Bro. M. E. Holliday has been appointed agent at Plains, Kan., vice S. R. McCammant.

The hours of the operators at Texahoma and Narvisa have been changed.

H. E. York and E. J. Kelly, of Hutchinson, Kan., sent in their applications this month. Let the good work go on. There are several more on this division who should send in their appli-

cations, and several who have failed to remit their dues for the last half. Boys, you should look after this at once and keep in line.

Bro. T. O'Connel, of Texhoma, off on a vacation, having business to look after in Kansas City; is being relieved by Mr. Bilton.

S. F. Mowyer, our old-time friend, is now working at the key at Bucklin, Kan.

There has been very few changes on the El Paso Division in the last six months. Bro. Brown, who was down over this division a short time ago, called on the chief dispatchers at Pratt and Dalhart, and was informed that they had the best set of men on the division now, that they had ever had. This speaks well for this division, but he says there are several who have failed to remit their dues for this last half of the year.

I hope that the boys along the line will try and take enough interest in our journal, and the El Paso Division, to drop me a few lines of news each month, so that we can have at least a few items of news in each month; other divisions have these and there is no reason why we should not be able to do as well as they. I hope to hear from several before the next issue, so that we can make a showing and a fair start for the coming year. Let us all start in on the New Year with the right foot, and by this time next year we will be able to make as good a showing as any of them.

Wishing you all a Prosperous New Year.

E. L. M., *Local Chairman.*

#### *Des Moines Valley Division—*

A word further in regard to Bro. C. W. McCarty, Auditor, Wapello Co., Iowa, who was re-elected to that office in November. It will be a pleasure to the members of this division to learn that Bro. McCarthy is doing the Auditorship work, with the same efficiency that characterized his work in the railroad service. His work passed through the state office without a correction, and he has been congratulated from that high source for his exceptional neatness and thoroughness.

Have you paid your dues for the current term?

As predicted in these columns last month, Bro. Brown is now agent at Manson.

Bro. Stanley, late of the Iowa Central, has been appointed regular agent at Douds. Bro. Stanley will transfer to this division as soon as possible.

Bro. Chas. Copp is agent at Rossie.

Hartley is on bulletin. Cannot say who will get the position.

General Chairman Brown was over the south end of the division just before Christmas. He was enroute to the Northern District.

Bro. Warner is getting out some fine Morse by the aid of his new "Masheen."

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#### **C., B. & Q. Ry.**

As I write, this year is nearly at a close, setting like the evening sun, to rise on the morrow, as it were, to bring all a new year.

It is natural for one, at the beginning, to look back over the past year with a retrospective glance to ascertain what has been accomplished, then commence to set stakes in the new year for a more resolute and progressive undertaking. It is then that we first realize that we have not done all we could to get all there is for us.

The year has been a most prosperous one for the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, especially so on the Burlington; therefore, we must congratulate ourselves that, notwithstanding the greatest panic of the age, we have accomplished a great deal, with great things in the future within our reach.

The man who says I am with you in spirit, but will not do anything to help you, and can not join you, is like a man who is holding back while pretending to help you carry a load. There is no middle ground in this business; you are either with us or against us.

It is the combination of strength that brings results. Can we realize what a pitiful condition we would be in today were it not for those who could see a good thing and help it along? There are many who pretend to see no benefits in organization, even to this day, because they do not want to contribute to the movement, still they are quite willing to face the pay car each month and take all we have given them without a murmur, and say, "I would have got it anyway." They are like the fellow that dropped a nickel in the contribution box and took out a quarter.

It matters not what your position is—agent, telegraph operator, telephone operator, leverman, towerman or signalman, you should unite with us for the betterment of your own conditions. You can not afford to work for \$25 to \$50 per month. Living expenses have nearly doubled in the past ten or twelve years and wages have only increased slightly. Unfortunately there seems to be no immediate prospect of a decrease in your living expenses. You are growing older every month and year. Have you nothing better in sight than a mere living, as you are now earning? How about old age, the rainy day, sickness and the many drawbacks to this life? Is a scant living from hand to mouth all there is or should be in this world for the man who toils and earns his daily bread by the sweat of the brow, and finally ends up with nothing for old age, whilst others build up massive fortunes out of your labor and live in all the luxuries of the day, simply because we have neglected all these years to unite in our demands for a fair and just return for our labor. No man is more justly entitled to a decent living than the man who does the manual labor which builds the fortunes of the investor. There is mighty little consolation in this life if one has to work hard all the best days of his life and then when old age overtakes him he finds himself without proper means to sustain life the balance of his days. True it is that it matters not how much

some might receive, they would never have a dollar saved up when old age overtakes them; but the great majority of men try to save up a little to keep the wolf from the door when the time comes.

It has been asked: "Why is it that railroad men, as a rule, do not save any money?" This is very simple. It takes all he earns for living expenses. Do not wait with the expectation of your salary being raised unless you first demand it. It is thus through organization that just demands are made for a better wage. It must then behoove you to join the craft that has been the means of bringing about the little increase you are now receiving.

A peculiar thing about the 'phone system is that it does not expedite station work. It will not juggle freight, load baggage, make reports, and do all the thousand things there is to be done about a station, hence is there a sufficient reason for a slash in salary? Why should a man who is using a 'phone work for less salary than a man who has the telegraph in his office?

The idea that doing a little telegraph work each day and doing two men's work in other station duties is just reason for reducing salaries \$2.50 to \$20.00 per month, and sometimes more, is too unreasonable to think of. The telegraph work about a station is a mighty small part of the duties required. It requires the same amount of responsibility to operate trains with a 'phone as it does by telegraph; but the idea of using school boys and young girls, as some are doing or will do, may end disastrously to some one.

I would advise all concerned to not fight the telephone. If it is a good thing, let it come, we will all receive benefits from it.

If the railroads benefit by it, we will share in its good just as sure as the companies need men to do their work. They can not operate railroads without men; and let me say to you that their most valuable men at all times are the station agents. They are the men who get the business for them and handle the station accounts. The operator does his part in the operation of the railroads. We do not wish to take anything from him, but it is the agent who is the valuable man. Do not let this be overlooked. We have been getting the membership of more old agents in the past year than of any other class, which shows the tendency is in the right direction. During the past the agent has not been given proper recognition, but in the future we are going to look more to the agents than heretofore.

As a matter of justice to all concerned let us get together in the movement for better things. It is through organizations' just demands that you have got what you have, and you would be working yet for your old wage were this not true. It matters not if you are an exclusive agent, your interest is identical with ours, and your position is not so secluded that you should not be a member of our union. It is right where you should be and where everyone will eventually have to be, in order to build up the salaries as they should be. I know of a great many large stations that are not

paying what they should by at least \$20.00 per month. Think of a man working at one station eighteen or twenty years and now getting the great sum of \$88.00 per, and in a large station at that. A man can make that much out on a street corner vending peanuts and not have to work on Sunday, either.

The essential things to a good railroad are: good men, good work, everything done according to the latest instructions, prevent accidents, keep stations in good order, don't be back numbers, be progressive, do not wait for the auditor to tell you to clean up—do it without being told; keep things slick. The essential thing to bring about all these things is good wages—good living wages—that enables one to lay aside something for the rainy day and the wife and babies after the father has departed from this vale of tears.

We don't want the lion's share, but we want our just share. We are not getting it. Who will make a start?

M. J. JOHNSON, *General Chairman.*

#### *Sterling Division—*

Several new members added to our list this month leaves but few nons on this division.

Among the renewals and new members this month are Bros. J. H. Cuddy, of Mitchell; R. E. Cozad, Bertrand; C. L. Friddell, Wallace, and Bro. Thornbrugh, of Grover, transferred.

Bro. Thornbrugh, holding down Grover, comes from the U. P.

Since the recent changes on the High Line, there are two good men over there not yet lined up. Understand both are ex-members, and no doubt their names will soon be on our list. Write them a line on the subject.

Mr. L. B. Lyman, our division superintendent, has been given a well-merited promotion, going to the Wymore Division, being relieved by Mr. W. M. Weidenhamer.

During our recent absence on committee work four different agents undertook to do the work at Mercer, neither one of them held a card and, judging by the work they did, only about one of the bunch was worthy of one.

Several of the boys have asked about the new schedule and I hope by the time this reaches you something more definite will be known. There is no question but that some raises should be given to various points on the Sterling Division, and the only way it will ever be done is for each one to present his case in a way to show its merits. Keep up an active interest in the Order from year to year and see that others do the same. There is no other way to gain the needed increases.

J. T. MADDOX.

#### *Aurora Division—*

By the time the January TELEGRAPHER reaches us we will be fairly started on the new year. Let us strive to make the new year one of great revival on the Aurora Division. This division should rank first, at least in point of numbers.

If it were not for the better condition on the balance of the system we would fare poorly, in-

deed. When discussing the conditions with a brother from over the river, he remarked: "I think you will find a different class of men entirely west of the river." Is that a fact? Well, so it would seem, from the manner we have let that "telephone night-mare" play havoc with us. But they, too, have the telephone and are meeting the proposition like men.

It has taken a great deal of hard work to secure the advantages that we thus far enjoy, and it is going to require as much or more to maintain them, let alone acquiring better things.

We will get whatever we, as a whole deserve. So it is up to each individual employed on the division to do his part in developing the whole.

The managers of railroads are alive to their interests and are to be commended for that interest. Why should we not take an active interest in the market wherein our labor is disposed of?

Business is business, and employers are not going to make concessions for which the employed make no demands, no more than would you pay fifty cents a pound for butter that you could buy for half that sum.

If we are to get prosperous we must adopt the methods of the prosperous.

Wake up, everybody! Get into the harness!

#### *C. and I. Branch—*

Bro. Schaffer, second trick telegrapher at Rochelle, is in a Chicago hospital at this writing, undergoing an operation.

Bro. Ostewig, who has been a wanderer since the telegraphers lost out at Shabbona, is relieving Bro. Schaffer at Rochelle.

Bro. Heath, first trick telegrapher at Flag Center, has resigned and was relieved December 15th.

Another lady's voice is to be heard on the 'phone at Sugar Grove, making three lady 'phoners on the C. & I. Unable to say at this writing who the young lady is. Usually the ladies are not slow to discover the advantage of carrying up-to-date cards, and we hope this case will not prove an exception to the rule.

Bro. Mades is working first trick at Flag Center since Bro. Heath resigned. Have seen no bulletin of the position, as yet, so can not say who will get it regular.

Bro. Hemingway is back working first trick at Oregon, after enjoying a few days off. He was relieved by Bro. Ostewig.

All the telegraph instruments have been cut out on the C. & I. branch, except at Rochelle and Flag Center. These are left on account of the Rockford branch, where, as yet, the men are not bothered with the 'phone.

Including Oregon and all offices west, the North American wire is still in commission, as our friend, Mr. W. W. Ryder, was unable to get it taken out. Only sorry that the North American does not cover the whole system.

A new 'phoner is working at Chadwick, and is having his troubles.

We had music on the 'phone the other night, furnished by the 'phoners at Big Cut. It was fine.

The 'phoners working on the C. & I. branch seem anxious to join the Order. We should get busy and line them up.

While waiting on the 'phone the other evening for an opportunity to "OS," I heard a 'phoner ask the dispatcher what a "19" order was. This, with several instances of the kind, has me wondering as to how some of them ever passed the "required examination?"

Bro. C. F. Horn, first trick telegrapher at Rochelle, took in Chicago after pay-day.

By the time this appears in print we will be able to see the results of the visit of the Grand Division organizers on the good old C. & I.

#### *Streator to Wenrock and Mendota to Walnut Branches—*

Bro. H. R. Whiting, day operator at Tampico, has been on a vacation the past three weeks, spending most of the time about Denver, Colo., and Kansas City, Mo. Ray Ness has been holding down the Tampico stunt.

We learn that the Kasbeer depot was robbed last Thursday night, December 17th. They got a couple of card tickets. Kasbeer to Ladd, and relieved the agent of his shotgun and a box of shells.

Since the nine-hour law went into effect and the tariff proposition so great, some of the boys on the Mendota branch find that their hours are too short for the amount of work they have to do and the insufficient help. Remedy, more help.

Helper J. A. Miller, from Walnut, now has a 'phone job at Chadwick. Bert Dunn took helper's job at Walnut.

On account of the new electric road building into Tampico, and that city putting down a great amount of new pavement, the company had to store Tampico dead freight in the yards at Walnut and Denrock, because of the blockade this caused in Tampico yard.

#### *Fox River Branch—*

Mr. Ray Ness has now returned to Sugar Grove since relieving Bro. Whiting, of Tampico.

Mr. W. L. Hendricks, of Sterling, visited relatives at Oswego during the early part of December.

Want to do a little missionary work with the good folks on the Fox River branch in the near future. Hope Bro. Pahaly, of Oswego, can render assistance with those we are not acquainted with. However, Bro. Pahaly has no trouble in finding occupation for his time since he is handling the station alone.

#### *Main Line—*

Rumor says a new tower at South Aurora in 1909. I suppose a new machine would be acceptable to the boys at "RO."

Operators at Montgomery are still letting trains onto the main line from the Fox River branch by hand switch. It has long been a mystery as to why there is no tower at Montgomery, as the peculiar conditions and general make-up of the yard there demands. Perhaps this is one of the several reported to be slated for the coming year.

Bro. Carley, of Bristol, relieved Bro. Brundage, of Somonauk station, a couple of weeks in December. Bro. Carley was relieved by Mr. West, of Sugar Grove.

We are not out to get the 'phoner, but to get him something. To place him in a position where he will not get us, and thereby finally get himself. Once the reduction starts there is no telling where it will end. History tells the safeguard against long hours and reductions.

Bro. Stein, of Sandwich, relieved by Bro. A. J. Johnson for several days this month on account of sickness. Glad to report him back in good health.

Bros. Todd and Noack are still on the job at Sandwich. From all reports this station is outdoing her former records, notwithstanding the general business depression.

Bro. Brundage, of Somonauk station, is still on his vacation at this writing; relieved by Mr. Johnson, of Princeton.

Mr. Johnson made a hurried visit to his home Christmas night to enjoy a few hours with a brother who was home for the Christmas festivities.

Bro. Dillon, of Somonauk Cabin, is the possessor of a nice, new piano and a violin.

Hope the committee will be successful in making the proper arrangement of hours and other conditions for the boys at "D," Mendota. They are receiving instructions for the handling of trains by telephone in a manner of greater importance than the average block station. There seems no reason why this does not come under the jurisdiction of the nine-hour law.

A. J. Johnson bid in third trick at Zearing.

W. L. Crossett, from Zearing, third trick, to Altona, first trick. H. A. Abrahamson off on account of sickness.

C. E. Hade is back to Wyanet, third trick, from agency at Flag Center.

B. E. Jones, from third trick at Wyanet to third trick at C., I. & S. Junction.

Think A. W. Butterfield, formerly of Earlville, is now agent at Flag Center.

W. L. Crossett, Altona first to Buda third trick, relieving Fred Landon, who was off on ten days' vacation around the holidays.

It is now up to each and every member to get on his fighting clothes and go after those nons, operators and 'phoners alike. If you "come clean" all they can do is to sign up, and they are doing so right along. One or two can not do it all. Wake up and brace them!

Wish to hereby thank the several brothers on the different branches who have so kindly furnished items of news, and so generously given their time for the answering of questions, etc. If this spirit is continued to be manifested we should make some great progress in the near future.

CERT. 125.

#### *Sheridan Division—*

Another year has passed and a new one begun with prospects and prosperity never any better for the agent and telegrapher, and we should wake up, realize the fact and make it a year that will be

put down in history as one that no book can cover. There is quite a pile of work before us, and we should start early and get it cleaned up. The telephone has done no harm to us on the Sheridan Division, and I believe it will not.

The first thing you should remember is paying your dues and assessments in the M. B. D., and save a lot of work for the secretary. His address is W. A. Henry, Fairfield, Iowa. The dues are \$5, besides your M. B. D., which you remit to L. W. Quick, St. Louis, Mo.

There have been several changes made since the last write-up and I doubt whether I am posted on them all or not.

Bro. F. M. Reed, from Division No. 76, relieved Mr. Sriver, who went to Crow agency.

Bro. G. E. McPherrin, agent at Toluca, relieved Mr. Duke at Upton, who resigned. G. E. was relieved at Toluca by Bro. Seaton, who has been moving around considerable the last two months. Seaton relieved at Gillette by Mr. Pollard.

Bro. M. J. Fox relieved Mr. Pollard at Oriva.

Mr. Jackson sent to Osage on Sister Shaughnessy's return to Arvada.

Bro. C. W. Wright, Clearmont, third trick, has tendered his resignation, going back to Iowa. He was relieved by Operator Feldberg, from Wyola.

We can extend our welcome to H. V. Cooper, Cambria, and Miss Ada Norton, Ralston, back in the Order again.

A Miss M. R. Moore is doing the second trick at Upton, and J. B. Faulkner third trick.

Bro. G. B. Frederick and wife are holding down Osage days and nights.

Bro. E. M. Richardson, third trick at Moorcraft, transferred to Newcastle as cashier, relieving Bro. J. Vacek, extra agent. Richardson was relieved by a Mr. Ryan.

Bro. Sam Kelley, nights at Clifton, was relieved by Bro. C. P. Wilson.

A Mr. W. H. Powers is doing the night stunt at Dewey.

Sister Ollie Haatvedt is stationed at Frannie, second trick. She comes from the G. N.

Mr. O. A. Roode, nights at Verona, refused to fill out our information blank. We have lost quite a bit of sleep over it (?).

See how many nons you can scare up for this month.

No cards, no favors.

Cor.

#### *Beardstown Division—*

Bro. H. F. Martin, who worked at Sesser for some time, and who was always an active and worthy member of our Order, is now in the general merchandise business at Brighton, Ill., and prospering.

Rouse these nons up and get them in line. Before this reaches you we expect to have a new schedule, in which all 'phone positions are shown, and also have a great many things corrected that have been unpleasant in the past few months. On December 7th the general committee met in Chicago, and on December 12th presented their proposition to the company, and the meeting time has been set for January 5th. We certainly wish

them the best of success and hope for many better things in this schedule.

Bro. C. K. Hanks, first trick at Hagener, is now laying off for about fifteen days. Mr. Fundel, of Alsey, relieving him.

Bro. H. L. Schaffer, first trick at Astoria, was off a few days the first of this month, having his eyes doctored in Chicago. We are pleased to learn that they are now much better, but he has to wear glasses and be very careful of them yet.

During Bro. Schaffer's absence Bro. F. C. Haist, regular third trick, took first, and Bro. R. L. Keating, third trick.

Bro. Keating is now third trick at Browning.

Bro. Schwartz, of Arenzville, was off a few days the first of this month on account of the illness and death of his grandfather at Astoria.

Bro. R. O. Willette, formerly of Adair, has resigned there and Mr. A. D. Hale is working as agent.

Now, get after those nons and show them their folly, foolishness and selfishness in not joining the Order. This is no time to quit working; we have much to gain and must keep after things and keep them moving. Now get after them and do not stop until they are all lined up.

Whenever there is any news, however likely you think I am to get it any way, please drop me a card and I will be thankful I assure you. Please try now and help me have a write-up each month. Wish, particularly, some one on the Jack Line would take upon themselves the task of giving me the changes down there.

Whenever you know of a place that becomes vacant and a bulletin is not issued at once, please tell me, and I will have same bulletined. I do not know of all these places and can not notice all the changes that are made, but must have your help.

There are a great many good promises for new members during January, and when we get our new schedule we must go after the nons harder than ever. Please go after your neighbors and work on them hard.

All that have not paid dues for the present term should do so at once. This is something that can not be neglected. We can not hope to get better wages and better conditions unless we support the Order that gets them for us. Those new cards are nice ones and are being issued rapidly; they are white and very nice to have. Am pleased to note that quite a few have them now, December 26th.

W. A. S.

#### *Brookfield Division—*

Bro. Chipman, first trick operator at Monroe, off a few days.

Bro. Withers, third trick operator at Hunnewell, working as agent at Withers Mill.

Bro. Skinner, agent at Anabel, has resumed duty after a short vacation.

Unable to learn who gets the three new tricks recently created at Brookfield. Understand the salary is to be \$60.00.

Mr. W. F. Theihoff, superintendent of the Ottumwa Division, spent a few hours at Hunnewell, Christmas day, visiting home folks.

Bro. T. D. Freeman is working second trick at Chillicothe. Bro. Freeman is a first-class station man, and is kept pretty busy doing the relief work. Understand there is to be a regular relief agent appointed about the first of the year. Suppose Bro. Freeman will stand a good show for the position, as he has done the relief work for several years.

Bro. H. S. Fullmer, is spending Christmas with home folks in Iowa.

Mr. C. W. Carroll, of Carrollton, Mo., is working third trick at Hunnewell, during Bro. Wither's absence.

Mr. G. N. Little, of Sumner, Mo., is working third trick at New Cambria, during Bro. Fullmer's absence.

Mr. R. B. Jordan, agent at Chillicothe, spent Christmas with his wife's parents, near Hunnewell.

Bro. Taylor, first trick operator at South Park, is spending a few weeks in Colorado, for his health. Mr. Parrish is filling the vacancy.

On account of being away we are unable to get all the news this time.

Why don't some of you moss-back kickers take the time to send me a few items? I haven't received an item of any description from anyone this month. You must not expect a thorough write-up, unless you lend a hand. Hope some of you will take pity on me, and help out with this work next month, if you don't, don't blame me if the write-up is short. L. C.

#### *St. Joseph Division—*

It is Bro. H. C. Birch, at Quitman, his application being turned in to us this month.

Bro. W. L. Bivins, at Block 36, transferred to this division also this month.

Applications are not coming in very fast lately, there is plenty of material left, boys; don't let up until they are all lined up. You that have not paid for the next term, should do so as soon as possible. Let's start off in good shape this year, and see how many of the nons we can land.

Bro. R. L. Haley, at Curzons, off a few days; relieved by Bro. H. E. Millen.

Relief Bro. P. B. Kenneth worked one night at Hintons, being called to St. Joseph, Mo. Mr. D. A. Whitmore is working relief now.

Mr. D. A. Whitmore, now relief at Hintons, gets first trick at Parkeville on bulletin.

"13" Relief Operator F. O. Boyle draws Hintons on bulletin.

First trick operator at Parkeville to get agency at Nebraska City Junction on bulletin. Parkeville open.

Bro. Henderson, second trick at Bigelow, taken ill December 12th, and has gone to Kansas City. A man by the name of Seller doing relief.

Mr. J. P. Renfrow returned to Watson, December 7th.



Bro. P. B. Kennett, from Watson to Hintons, as relief; Bro. A. E. Finch, Hintons to Craig, and Mr. R. R. Fields, Craig to Rushville, the latter two taken on bulletin.

Bro. O. C. Wallace returned to Parkeville, December 1st. Relief Operator Boyle going to Halls, to relieve agent.

Mr. D. W. Henderson, formerly agent at Nebraska City Junction, to second trick at Island Park, on bulletin.

J. R. Walters, agent at Beverly, has resigned. Can not say where he is going.

Now you illustrious nons, that chance to read this, January 1st, 1909:

*Resolve*, If you can not set the world on fire, you won't be a wet blanket. In other words a "knocker." Get one of those little paste boards that come so cheap, and then see that you always keep the proper pass-port. CORRESPONDENT.

#### Ottumwa Division—

Business seems to be getting pretty good, and as an indication that it is, second and third tricks have been opened up at both Cameron and Woodburn. Heretofore these have been twelve-hour positions, since the 4th of March.

Bro. Keck bids in Middletown, bumping Bro. McBride. Unable to learn where Bro. McBride went.

Bro. L. A. White, of Lacona, relieved Bro. Keck at Avery, and unable to learn who landed Lacona.

Mr. W. A. Schellmer is now located at Lockridge, second trick, permanently.

Bro. F. A. Sense was off for a week or ten days, on petit jury service; relieved by Bro. L. S. Grabow. After through relieving at Fairfield, Bro. Grabow left for a visit with home-folks in Chicago. Understand when he returns he takes Batavia, third trick.

Mr. Z. K. Sennet relieved Bro. Grabow at Afton, third trick.

Mr. Dan O'Connel, night wire chief at "CW," Ottumwa relay office for past several years, is now working days in same office as operator. Relieved by Mr. Brist, formerly second trick wire chief at Creston. This move bumped Mr. J. E. Gillespie, who has taken "UK," Ottumwa yard office, first trick. Mr. E. P. Wright taking the second trick. Mr. M. A. Swanson, in turn, bumping Sennet at Chariton.

You that have a non working with you, it is your duty to see that they make application at once.

Have received no notes from any one, and the above is what has come to my attention.

CERT. 283.

#### Alliance Division—

B. A. Darrow, at Mason, returned to work on December 19th, after a vacation of three weeks. Bro. Triplett relieving during his absence.

Extra Agent J. W. Thompson, from Broken Bow, where he was relieving Ed. Powell, to Dun-

ning, the 22d to relieve I. Allstatt, on account of sickness, I understand.

R. L. Miller, an old extra agent, Alliance Division, late from cashier, Newcastle, relieving E. A. Chambers, Custer, on vacation.

Operator Cox is transferred from Alliance telegraph office to dispatcher at Deadwood.

F. M. Vincent, at Hill City, is off 30 days, went to Valentine. "13" he will make a change to the east end when he returns to work.

Deadwood line is equipped with the automatic telephone, it works pretty good; the call or gong rings continually until answered, and will wake the dead two blocks away. It will be hard on the "old-timers" (who are bald-headed), in summer or fly time on account of having to take your hat off and adjust the halter around your neck, over your head, etc.; and some arrangement should be made for a third hand, as an operator (?) cannot push the buttons, hold a stylus, a "31" and the various other accomplishments all at the same time. He also needs a strap attached to his foot, so the can throw the board. The machinery would do credit to a central telephone office or an electric light plant.

Bro. C. F. Cheadle, at Sweetwater, returned to work after three or four weeks' vacation. A new depot has been put up at "SR," suppose "CF" didn't hate to move out of his old home—three box car bodies. Cheadle has the distinction of being the first, last and only agent at Sweetwater, with the exception of Bro. Williams, extra agent, who relieved him while away on his vacation.

Understand Prettyman, of Hyannis, is figuring on a two or three weeks' vacation, in the near future.

"Bad Order" Jordan, at one time an operator on this division, is now in United States Signal Service. He called up some of the "old heads" from the W. U. "CM" office, the other day. Says that "Uncle Sam's" jobs look pretty nice on paper, but when you commence holding them, they are something different. He thinks he wants back to the road for his.

By the time this appears in print, we shall have heard from the committee, in regard to the revision of our present schedule.

Understand there will be a meeting held in Omaha, or vicinity, in February or March, for the purpose of selecting a general chairman and secretary of the division, by the local chairman of the different divisions. The time is also near at hand when we will select a delegate to the convention, to be held at Atlanta, Georgia, next May.

Members are paying up their dues in pretty good shape, and we have the promises of quite a number of applications, and have received quite a few already; from appearances now, unless some of the "old heads" drop out, we will be nearly solid by February 1st.

This space has been blank in several of the past numbers, and will be so again, when no items are contributed. "Too busy," is a mighty

poor excuse, tell the truth; the best contributor we have works in a "roast." It don't take but a couple of minutes and a one cent postal card to write two or three news items, and they make pretty good reading. I'm told by the fellows who have gone to other parts, so "tighten up and come through" next month.

Time for paying dues is here again, and the great majority have already remitted for the new card, but there will be a few who will wait until the last month in the term before they remit. Boys, you shouldn't do this, it causes extra work; you are not up-to-date in case of trouble, and it costs no more to pay it right on time than it does a little later. Every organization, whether labor, fraternal, church or political requires money to advance the interests of those they represent, and the same with our own, every dollar is spent in a useful cause, and more could be used. So, boys, don't delay, please get the new card, and be among the first. Don't forget the Mutual Benefit Department dues, if those are not kept up, you will lose the benefits gained by remitting your local dues.

Mark A. Miller, night man at Orella, is a new member, also W. R. Keaton, night man at Whitman; and "Baldy Brown," of Hecla, has been reinstated. That shows a few know which side their bread is buttered on, and will start in the New Year right. If we keep up at the rate we have past month, we will soon be the banner division of the system, which we were for some time. But the Alliance Division has been losing ground the last few years, until recently.

#### SLEEPY IKE.

#### Ashland Division—

Bro. W. E. Snethen, agent at Dakota City, off a few days last month, taking a trip up to the sand hills, looking for a King Cade farm, but found nothing that looked better than the railroad work, unless the 'phones get too thick; relieved by Mr. W. F. Byerly.

Bro. Byergo, at Burnswick, is back from his vacation. Mr. Smith, who was relieving him, went to York to work third trick.

Bro. Krudson, of Goowin, off on a vacation; relieved by Mr. Droel, can not say where from.

Mr. W. W. Key, second trick operator at Gretna, is relieved by Mr. L. C. Kimball, agent at Chalco, for thirty days' vacation.

C. A. Simmons, a new man from the Union Pacific, relieved W. W. Key, second trick at Gretna.

J. C. Janak, Cert. 1696, St. Joe Division, is at South Omaha.

Bro. R. Saul, second trick man at Havelock, on a fifteen day lay-off. Bro. Martin is filling his place during his absence.

Bro. Vany was a Lincoln visitor on October 22d, and intends to make trips twice a week in the near future, to take music lessons.

Harry Likewise, third trick man at Platts, is off on a vacation; relieved by Mr. McGowen.

Ray Abbot, first trick man at Ashland, was a visitor at Greenwood last week.

A lineman once said that every operator that was cut out by the 'pones, it would take an extra lineman as they are always out of order.

Mr. W. Clements, first trick at Platts, off for a few days; relieved by Bro. Aultz.

Bro. W. E. Aultz, second trick operator, has left the "Q." Last heard of working for E. J. and E. at Chicago Heights. Mr. Howerter is now heaving the levers in his place.

Mr. E. MacMullin, third trick at Gretna, is back at work, after a month's vacation.

Bro. L. E. Kimball, agent at Chalco, is back at work, after a month's vacation.

Bro. Mayfield, second trick, at Platts, is acting as cashier during the absence of the regular man. Bro. Mayfield relieved by Mr. Simmons.

Bro. Puryear, of Winslow, relieved by Mr. B. C. Prescott.

Bro. Puryear, formerly of Winslow, is now located at Harington, Neb., running a pool hall.

Bro. "Red" Miles, formerly of Division No. 130, is now operator for the C. N. W., at Nickerson. He spent a few days at Germantown visiting friends, and at Gretna visiting relatives.

Now, brothers, jar loose and let us always have a good write-up. If there has been nothing doing, do something to cause a little excitement and a good write-up.

I wish to thank Bro. H. D. Glock for his notes.  
COR.

#### Hannibal Division—

Greetings to all members.

I wish to congratulate the members for making this division the stronghold of the Order on the C. B. & Q. Ry. Much thanks are due to the old heads on this division, for this good condition of affairs. This division, with a very few exceptions, is solid.

A non has lately been let out at "K" (a "FO" student, for taking too much "close eye" on duty; being relieved by Mr. Bush, an up-to-date settler from California. I am sure our Chief Mr. T. J. Lowrie knows the difference.

Bro. Dempsey, of "RU," layed off a few days last week, on account of his brother having been accidentally shot. Though Mr. Dempsey was in a serious condition, am glad to say he is now out of danger and recovering O. K.

The noted cartoonist H. Harry Manuel, lately from the Frisco, is now doing the relieving at Clarksville, on account of Operator Blum taking to the tall timbers.

Dispatchers Sargent, Herring and Moore are doing the manipulating in "DI" office. These are all good men, and the boys ought all try to give them the best of satisfaction, by attending strictly to business. They recognize the difference between a non and an O. R. T. man.

What's the matter with Bro. D. C. McCall, our worthy local chairman? I say he is allright, and I do not doubt every brother says the same.

Wishing all the members and officials of the grand old Order, of which we are so proud, a Happy New Year. P. C.

#### *La Crosse Division—*

We are sorry to see that some of the boys failed to fill out the information blank and return it to the local chairman, as the blanks would have been a great help to him when at Chicago; but we were thankful that so many were as prompt as they were.

Notices are out for another six months' dues. We trust the boys will try and pay up at once. If you could only realize what it meant to do this you would make no delay.

Bro. J. H. Rogers, Jr., our local chairman, was called to Chicago as a member of the general committee. They met at the Lexington Hotel on December 7th and went over the proposed schedule, which was presented to the general managers, who asked for thirty days to consider the changes that were made.

Bro. C. E. Dyer, of Alma, bid in the third trick at De Soto, Bro. Marks going from third to second.

Bro. C. E. Dodge, of Galena Junction, received the day trick at East Dubuque, Operator Groff taking the job at Dubuque "BU" office.

F. S. Clinton, who held the position for the past fifteen years as agent at Prairie du Chien, resigned on December 1, to accept a nice position in the bank at that place. Mr. O'Brien, of Hastings, was appointed to the agency. This being an exclusive agency, it was not shown in the schedule, so the right man had a poor show of getting it. Mr. O'Brien has been in the service only about five years.

A number of the boys have promised to come across the first of the year. We trust that they will remember their promise.

Bro. Chas. Bright is working second trick at Ferryville on account of the sickness of Operator Kincaid.

Some of the night operators are working nine hours instead of eight, making a lap of one hour with the agents in order to help with station work. This saves the company putting on helpers.

Bro. Burns, of Bay City, secured Alma third trick on bulletin.

Bro. Wehrman, of Prescott, spent a few days' vacation in the Twin Cities.

Bro. A. F. Retzlaff, our assistant local chairman, secured the second trick at Cochrane on bulletin, Bro. Rediske, of Stockholm, taking the third trick there.

Bro. Heitman, of Lytles, secured the third trick at Nelson on bulletin.

Operator Strache is doing the owl act as third man at Bay City.

Bro. Heinman, second trick at Trevino, bid in the third trick at Stockholm.

No doubt the boys will be glad to see some items from the north end and we trust that we will receive more from up that way for the write-up next month. If the boys would mail the news

to our local chairman, it would save so much repeating, as was done in the write-up for November.

Bro. Kimball, working extra at Marcus, has gone to Curry to work for a while.

Bro. Rupp is working second and Bro. Kemp is working third at Oakland.

Bro. J. W. Ragatz is still with us. He is working at North Yard. He was on a lay-off for a few weeks, visiting with friends in Minnesota.

Glad to see that the boys are getting interested in regard to holding a meeting in the near future and trust that we can arrange for one soon. Most all that have taken it up are in favor of holding it at La Crosse.

Bro. G. L. Dederick as agent at Victory while Bro. Rogers was in Chicago, his son holding his place as second operator.

We trust the brothers will send in all the news they can for next month.

Jobs on the bulletin at the present time as follows: third trick at Maiden Rock, second trick at Grand Crossing, third trick at Diamond Bluff, and the agency at Hastings. Have not heard if any of them have been bid in at this writing.

Last, but not least, is this advice to all brothers: Pay up your dues at once and carry an up-to-date card. "UNION MADE."

#### *McCook Division—*

Bro. H. W. O'Donnell is now agent at Akron, Colo.

Mr. Frank Purvis goes from Bartley to Alolbrook.

Bro. Art Beezley, of Henley, bid in Wilsonville.

Bro. C. M. Ketler, from cashier at Minden to Bartley.

Mr. Jimmy Boldman, of Indianola, is off on a leave of absence; relieved by Mr. Murray, of relay office.

Mr. Bowker, nights at Orleans, bid in Hendley.

Bro. Howard has finally shook the dust off his feet and left I'raer, having bid in Herndon.

Bro. W. C. Congers, operator at Franklin, was assigned Eckley station.

Bro. O. A. Kellogg, Jr., day operator at Alma, is located at Denver Stock Yards for the present.

Bro. I. D. Hatton, who did the night stunt, is now working days at Alma. E. G. CARTER.

#### *Galesburg Division—*

That storage battery that will work when the dynamo that gives the power to feed the hungry is laid up for repairs is a certificate of membership in the O. R. T.

Bro. Sample, of Graham tower, has bid for a vacation during the holidays.

Mr. Greenwalt, "B" "GT" office, spent Christmas in Michigan.

Bro. Kost relieved Bro. Adams at Barstow. Did not learn who relieved Bro. Kost at Terminal Junction. I "13" he has been away from Terminal Junction nearly two weeks now, and as yet I have not received any bulletin of that position. But I suppose the bulletin will be out in a few days.

Bro. Adams went from Barstow extra to Plum River tower extra, but did not learn who he was to relieve there.

Since Bro. Fling left us from Barstow there is no one on the north end who seems to think we should have a write-up each month, therefore, we get no items from there, only just what we are able to pick off the wire. It does seem like some of our brothers could send us a few items any way.

Fraternalism is the best trust in the world. No rebates, no discounts, highest interest, perfect safety and value received in all transactions.

Mr. Swisegood has landed Plymouth, better known as "HF." He has the trick from 4 p. m. to 12 m. This still leaves Plymouth a solid mass of nons. Mr. Swisegood evidently had more than he could handle at Prairie City, as he said he didn't have time to fill out an information blank. You all know about how long that takes (about three minutes). I will bet he was busy when he used to work twelve hours.

Bro. Harlan relieved Bro. Graves at Abingdon a few days this month.

The operator who was working extra at "HF" Plymouth, when relieved by Mr. Swisegood, went to Prairie City extra.

Bro. Harland, from extra at Abingdon, laying off at home, later to Yates City a few days, relieving Mr. McCleary. Upon his return he went to Galesburg, and later relieved Mr. E. E. Johnson as agent at Lindon, where there are no wires.

Mr. Paugh, from 4 p. m. to midnight at Peoria yard "SY" office, bid in first trick at Galesburg yards "YD" office, but on account of sickness at Peoria yards, Mr. Fuller states that the transfer will not be made for two or three weeks yet.

Bro. Errickson is now extra at Galesburg yards. He made a bid for the position there, but on account of Mr. Paugh being two days older than he was, he lost out.

The per cent of men financially unable to negotiate a small amount of fraternal insurance is insignificantly small compared to the per cent able to safeguard those of their blood. The range of amounts to be taken up is sufficient to cover the poverty of the poor man and the richness of the rich man. Many poor men are poor because of self-indulgence, and not because of adverse circumstances and conditions. Their self-indulgences make the circumstances. Self-indulgences profit a man wisdom and lose to him standing and respect, without which the wisdom is useless. Boys, let's everybody get busy and see if we can not line up a few of the nons that are on every side of us.

Bro. H. P. Boyes, of Division No. 96, is relieving Mr. Colville at Rio.

You will be surprised to know how greatly interested so many of the men on the Division are in their welfare, but our local chairman certainly had an opportunity to observe their interest when the blanks were sent out for information to be used by our seventh general committee, who met

in Chicago at the Lexington Hotel Monday noon, December 7, 1908.

Mr. Taylor, agent at Gilson, off a few days, relieved by Bro. Hendricks. Understand Taylor was not feeling very well, as the reason for his vacation.

Mr. G. E. Moore off a couple of days, attending court. Relieved by Bro. Hendricks.

Bro. M. J. Johnson, our general chairman, stopped off at Galesburg on December 6th, and spent a few hours with Bro. Malone, when on his way to Chicago, where the committee met on December 7th.

The man who delays payment of dues until the last day is generally the man who makes his wife wear her last year's hat. So, boys, let us all keep up to date and cut out this delinquent list. It is useless.

When you feel like swearing at this hard, hard world, go out and hunt up a new member. Your powers of eloquence in behalf of unionism are more forceful then.

Mr. T. R. Whray, first trick at Augusta, off a few days; relieved by Mr. Lewis, from Plymouth.

Bro. E. Adams, who has been working extra on the north end, spent a few days at Camp Point last month.

Bro. Halran from extra at Lyndon to Graham tower, relieving Mr. Jolly.

Now, last but not least, boys, I want this to be a personal notice to every one of our brothers. Let us pay up, keep off the delinquent list and keep ourselves in good standing. Every time your general chairman or general secretary or your local chairman has to write you in connection with your being delinquent, it takes a two-cent stamp, a little time and some stationery, which I think is uncalled for. We all know what the organization is; we all know what it has done for us, and we all know what there is still in store for us, and we know certainly if we all drop out, hang on the delinquent list from one six months to the other, our grand old Order can not accomplish very much. Let's keep our division to the front, and the only way to do this is to be prompt and keep your dues paid up. Remember, this means every one of you.

I sincerely hope this will be our banner year. Let us try to make it so anyhow.

I wish you all a prosperous New Year, hoping that good luck and prosperity will be yours today, tomorrow and always.

Div. Cor.

#### A. C. L. Ry.

##### Jacksonville District—

Operator J. W. Dickens is relieving Bro. D. M. Bedenbaugh at Winston.

Bro. J. O. Redhead bid in Orlando ticket agency vice Mr. D. Sasser, who bid in Green Cove Springs agency.

Operator Smith is filling in at Tampa, vice Bro. V. C. Campbell, who has bid in first trick, vice Bro. Redhead.

This is all the changes that have been reported.

Bro. H. D. Corbet, of Carters, had a thrilling experience some time ago at Lakeland. He was on a visit to some friend at that point, and in some way accidentally discharged his revolver or, rather, his Uto steel-jacket shooter, the ball striking him in the side just below the heart, and as good luck would have it, his hide or something was too tough for the bullet to penetrate and he got off with a slight flesh wound.

The local chairman has received one more application. That is not very much, but "every little bit helps."

I have not received a single item from any one this month. Now, boys, if you want and expect me to give you anything like a decent write-up each month you all must help me out, as I am located way down on the south end, and it is almost impossible for me to secure the little happenings all along the line that serve to make a good write-up for us.

"13" Mr. Smith, at Seville, has been let out on account of getting gay with the dispatcher while on the wire.

Twenty-eight boats were cleared from the Winston and Bone Valley branch in the month of November, averaging 2500 tons per boat, which, in rough figures, amounts to 70,000 tons, of phosphate rock. This is moving some rock from this old State, and if the present output is kept up for the next thousand years it looks as if the State will be shipped away. CERT. 1206.

### C., C. & St. L. Ry.

#### Cairo Division, North—

Business is picking up on the division. Hauling lots of coal now, but there has been no offices opened up yet.

Our division covers 260 miles of track and to think there is not get-up enough about us to have a write-up of some size.

Let's get a move on us and bring Cairo Division up to the point where it should be.

Bro. Cochran, first trick at St. Francisville, was off a few days sick; relieved by third man, Bro. Ball. Operator Gilkison, second trick man, held down third trick, and second trick was filled by Bro. Curry, who hails from Division No. 31.

Bro. Woods, of "DG" office, Mt. Carmel, was off a few days on account of a painful "pet" on his neck; relieved by Bro. Rogers, of "GV."

Operator Cottam, first trick at Marshall, is serving thirty days; relieved by Bro. Foley, third trick man, and Bro. Foley, in turn, relieved by Bro. Berry, who just recently sent in his application and is now carrying the little piece of pasteboard.

Bro. Dix, third trick at "ON," was off a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Operator Ford.

Operator R. L. Davis has been transferred from "GV" to Lawrenceville depot.

The third trick at "GV" was bid in by Operator Mike O'Neil.

Operator Hal Terpening, who has been working first trick at "NY," Danville, for the past two months, has gone back to his old job, "DN," Dan-

ville third trick, on account of Extra Dispatcher Tucker having left the service.

Bro. Guy Byrd is working first trick at "NY;" Operator R. B. Hill is working second trick, and third trick is on bulletin, but is being held by Operator Fred Tingley, awaiting results.

Boys at "RS" doubled over for a couple of days on account of the wife of E. S. Pritchard, third trick man, being sick.

"13" Operator Ford has resigned on account of letting a train by a "31" at "NE."

R. W. Miller has resigned from first trick at "WG," Danville, to become repairman of the plant there.

First trick at "WG," Danville, bid in by B. D. Turpening.

Who is our division correspondent now?

CERT. 1050.

#### Chicago Division—

We are now launched upon a new year. What have you done toward starting the new year right? Each new year is a time for resolves. What better resolve can you make than to resolve to labor toward but one goal, "The betterment of the conditions of the telegrapher?"

To you, brother, I would say this means an awakening to the fact that you not only are to pay your dues promptly, but put forth every effort in assisting to bring about thorough organization. Do not do in this year as some did in the last, pay your dues and think that you are a good Order man. I am very, very sorry to say that the past year was not a very encouraging one for the local chairman on the Chicago Division, as we certainly had the very greatest of discouragements, some of which were, not paying dues, upon writing to a brother failing to receive a reply, and a great many others.

Now, brothers, you might just as well put this down in your old corn-cob pipe and smoke it: "If you do not intend to keep your shoulder to the wheel something is going to drop and drop hard." It is certainly getting in a bad row when the brothers do not take enough interest to give their chairman the courtesy of a reply to a letter. This can be excused in a non, but in a brother, never. I would rather see you a confirmed non than to have you so disinterested, as then I could think there was some excuse, but when you pretend to be a member and then refuse to take the least bit of interest, you are doing the Order mighty little good.

Wake up! I am doing all I can to try and better things for you, but, as I said, it is certainly discouraging when the brothers take no interest at all. One man can do nothing. Possibly you think that the local chairman is purposely to see that everything goes in first-class shape. This is true in part, but, brother, you are just as essential as any officer of the Order, and the future of the Order depends entirely upon you, so let us have some live ones and stir up some enthusiasm and not have the dead division we had in 1908.

Now for the hasbeens. Have you been doing any serious thinking? If not, it is about time.

Quite a few, I believe, neglected the dues for the last half of the past year. Is it that you think the committee did their work the first part of the year and would not need you again until the next occasion arises for negotiations to be opened with the management, or were you dissatisfied with the present schedule. Supposing that we all dropped our cards each half year, where do you think you would be? You know pretty well without me putting up any argument on this, if you will but give your mind the privilege of acting. I have just a few words to say to you hasbeens and they are these, "You had better keep an up-to-date in your pocket." A hint to the wise is sufficient.

Trusting that a few nons will get hold of this I will just spend a little time with them. A majority of the nons working on this division know what changes have transpired during the past few years in the working conditions of the telegraphers on the Big Four, hence there is no need of me citing them again. Non, what is your excuse with the beginning of this, the new year? Have not you about run out of excuses? First of all, among the line of excuses, I believe is the "Shortage of long green." You know this is no excuse. Did we not put you on a salary of \$55 per the first day of January, 1906? Have there not two years expired since that time? I believe that two years at \$55 per month would be about \$120 in excess of what you would have received if it had not been for the Order. Now, this does not include any meal hours received. I know some of you received at least \$6 per month for meal hours last year. Upon giving this careful thought does it not seem pretty cheap to give \$20 of that \$120 to \$150 you received to those to whom it rightly belongs? No one can say they can not afford to help support us, for no one can deny that they received \$120, which they know as well as any one they would not have received the past two years if it had not been for the Order. So please do not let us have any more of this ignorant excuse.

I know of some single men who say they can not afford to join owing to hard times. For the benefit of a few of those would just like to say, I noticed they had enough each pay-day to assist a beautiful jag. Who does you the most good, the brewery or the O. R. T.?

Would just like to say to some of the brothers that I notice some of them seem to, every once in a while, have a small grievance, or at least think they have, and, instead of investigating as they should, they go and do their squealing to some other operator.

Probably you do not realize it, but, brother, you are doing a great deal of harm when you do this. Any non, or possibly brother, hearing your version of an incident which you think is not just right, may take what you say all in good faith, and you may be the means of keeping several out of the Order through thoughtlessness. Now, brother, if at any time there is anything you do not understand in the bulletining of a job, or any other act of the Order, or the chief, please write me or the chief and find out the particulars before squealing, and in no case give out your

version of the affair before thoroughly investigating, as there are a great many things that can be very easily misunderstood and look altogether wrong to us, unless we know all the circumstances connected with the affair.

Bro. Carter, at "CD," off a night or so.

Sister Van off a couple of days, presumably laying in a supply of Christmas happiness.

Bro. Dupps, at "BY," off a couple of days on a hunt.

Bro. Lang, at "WN," off a day or so, giving thanks.

Bro. Adams, at "MY," off a few days.

Now, as business is starting to prosper, we all feel better and trust that all nons may see their way clear to come over with the goods, as nearly all of them are securing regular jobs, so there should be no further delay. I have talked to several that have recently joined and think it certainly does some good to keep the matter on their minds. So, brothers, pitch in and give Bro. "B" some assistance. I shall do my share.

I thank Bro. Schaf for the interest shown and trust that the other brothers will try and do likewise.

Am unable to secure a write-up from the west end this month, but understand there have been few changes made.

Would like to thank Mr. Borchers for his prompt postings of the changes, which are certainly a great help.

All you that had an old card get a new one, and you that had none, get one. Don't forget that after sixty days you are not in good standing, and it costs no more now than in two months; hence, therefore, it does not pay to take any chances.

Brothers, the future of the Order is up to you, not your general committee, but *you*; so you may expect just what you serve.

W. O. BRINKMAN.

#### *St. Louis Division, West End—*

Bro. D. E. Rowe, "NO," Hillsboro, is laying off. Bro. Gibson, from Cairo Division, is working first trick in Bro. Rowe's absence.

Bro. Gibbons, from "NO," Hillsboro, first trick, to "MX," Mattoon, second trick.

Bro. Rowe is back at work after a short illness.

Bro. Arkabuer is back at "FR," Witt, first trick, after being off on account of a sprained wrist. Operator Welch is back at third trick. Did not learn where Operator Glaze went from Witt.

Operator Featherston, at "RI," has changed tricks with Bro. Fitzpatrick, "SO." Bro. Fitzpatrick is working first, and Featherston is working second tricks.

Bro. Arkabuer, of Witt, first trick, is off a few days, on account of sprained wrist; relieved by Ex-Bro. Welch, third trick man, who in turn was relieved by Operator Glaze, recently from the Terminal.

Bro. Logsdon, who used to work at Witt, is back among us again.

There is some talk of holding another meeting at Hillsboro in the near future. Let's all

see if we can not fall in line and try to have one at Hillsboro at least once every sixty days.

We should get after that non working beside us, and get him in the Order. Anyone who can secure a member and will let the writer know, I will gladly send you a set of application blanks.

Operator Fitzgerald is working second trick at "DG," 12th street, while Bro. Cross is off a few days.

Ex-Bro. Logsdon is working third trick at "JA," at account of Operator Fitzgerald going to 12th street, Mattoon.

Bro. James Linch is working second trick at "DI" office, in Sam Howell's place. Mr. Howell is off sick.

Bro. Arkabaur, at Witt, is off a few days, visiting at Livingston; relieved by Operator Hart, who after Bro. Arkabaur's return relieved Bro. Wycoff, who is laying off sick.

Bro. Hill, at Windsor, third trick, is laying off; relieved by Operator Crawford of Gillispie.

Received items from only one brother this month. If you want news you will have to send me a few items. As I am unable to find out all the news without some help.

Operator Sam Howell is back in "DI" office again, after an absence of about forty days.

Operator Crawford, of Gillispie, relieved Ex-Bro. Montoyne Pana, third trick, for a few days.  
CERR. 668.

#### *St. Louis Division, East—*

Business is some better than usual.

The joint meeting held at Terre Haute, on the night of October 20th, was a grand success. As early as 9 o'clock a. m. members began to drop into town and assemble at Filbeck's hotel. At 7:30 p. m. quite a crowd of brothers had assembled, from Divisions Nos. 27, 34 and 138 furnished one of her old-time big crowds.

Bro. Philips, general chairman of Division No. 34, called the meeting to order about 7:40 p. m., and as he was on the floor he was the first speaker, and he spoke over an hour. His talk was highly appreciated by all. After Bro. Philips finished his talk a short recess was granted, after which the house was called to order by Bro. Edw. Whalen, general chairman of Division No. 138. A council was held among these present, and it was decided to give a banquet on the night of November 19th. And thirty-four plates went on record as sold, before the close of the meeting. The following Bros. E. A. Smith, Division No. 138; W. L. Sheckle, Division No. 27, and C. C. Brown, Division No. 34, were appointed as a committee to make special arrangements for the banquet, and it was decided to hold the bids for plates open until November 17th.

Bro. G. C. Stokes, second trick at "MA," has been off on a vacation. He was relieved by Bro. Hungale of Division No. 2.

Bro. H. A. Willson, of the C. & O., has been doing the stunt on third trick at Reno. This being his first wire work for almost a year, but he carried his card just the same.

Bro. J. F. Gress, agent at Reno, has been off on a few days' vacation. He was relieved by Bro. D. B. Levy, a C. T. U. of A. man.

The interlock plants are being rushed along as rapidly as possible. Several have been placed in service at the present time. Of course, this means additional work for who? The operator.

Div. Cor.

#### *Cincinnati-Sandusky Division—*

We still have some nons with us, too many, in fact. Quite a few have promised us their applications for the first of the year, and we hope to start the new year with the division in better shape than any time heretofore.

Brothers get together, get a list of the nons from your chairman, and go after them. Let's make the division solid.

Every member should notify the local chairman of any nons working at their stations; also if any members belonging to other divisions, and help your chairman to maintain a solid membership. He will furnish you with blanks and any other information you may need.

You should realize that it is very up-hill business for a local chairman to keep all these things up without the support of all the members. Above all things, do not forget the O. R. T. is in existence, and if you see any one without a button, find out "why."

We find that a few of the brothers have not come up with the coin for the current term. To these, I would kindly say that this is something that you should not neglect.

If you have a non working with you, try your best to get him to join, and if you fail, remember our motto, No Card, No Favors. And give him to understand that he can not expect any favors from you.

And above all do not double with him, as this is a violation of the law.

Would just like to make mention here of an instance on this division, where a non was working, had been on the division about four months, did not have a card and no one took the trouble to find out why. My first letter brought an answer, couched in the following words: This is the first time I have been asked for my membership. Please send me blanks and I will be with you January 1st.

Now do not let it be said again that we have men working in our midst, without some brother soliciting their membership.

Do not take the hard luck tale any more. That is an old sore. I have in mind a non, who says he will not join, as it would look like he had been drove into it. We do not care, if he is drove or drugged in, so he gets in. His name furnished you upon request; it's up to you to do the act.

All three tricks at Silver Creek on bulletin.

"13" that there are two of Jack Devore's school products working at Silver Creek now.

Bro. S. A. Weese is laying off at "ZO."

Bro. F. R. Lyons, of Division No. 88, is doing the relief act at "ZO."

Bro. C. G. Berry, of "GM," was off a week, hunting.

Bro. A. A. Bright made a call on Bros. Roberts, Smith and Culumber of Dover.

Mr. R. A. Ashenfelter, third trick at Enon, has sent in his papers, so we can call him brother, now.

Bro. A. A. Bright made a trip to Delaware, looking after applications.

Where is that non's application that you promised to secure?

Cincinnati-Sandusky Division held their regular meeting December 15th, at Johnson Bldg., Springfield, O., which was a grand success.

Meeting opened at 8:30 p. m., with Bro. Bright in the chair. Brothers present, 45; representing all districts of the division, but as it is a pretty good sized hall, there was plenty of room for those that could, but did not come. The next time that we have a meeting, do not let anything keep you away. What was lacking in number was made up in enthusiasm. The meeting was instructive as well as interesting, and there is no doubt that all present benefited greatly by same. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 p. m., when all retired to the banquet room, where refreshments were served. Next meeting, January 3d, Tuesday night. Div. Cor.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Supreme Ruler has deemed it wise to remove from our midst the beloved mother of our worthy Bro. and Mrs. E. E. Weber; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That we, the membership of the C. C. & St. L. Division No. 138 extend to Bro. Weber and wife, our heartfelt sympathies, in this their hour of affliction; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, a copy forwarded to Bro. Weber and wife, and one of THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. H. LYTLE,  
C. G. BERRY,  
F. G. HICKMAN,  
*Committee.*

#### Cleveland Division—

Bro. Roberts, agent at Rushsylvania, is spending his vacation in Missouri. He is being relieved by Bro. L. M. Eberhard, the regular second trick man, while Bro. W. B. Elliott is working second and Mr. McGinnis is working third.

At present we have quite a number of nons working extra, but have been assured by the majority of them that they intend to join our ranks the first of the year.

Bro. Corwin, extra, was called to attend the funeral of his sister.

We would like to know if any of our dispatchers are up-to-date? I take notice that they require a

great many favors, and if they are cheap, like a few more on this road, treat 'em all alike.

At present we have the following vacancies to report: Ashley nights, third trick at Ridgeway and Harper, third trick at Vernon and second trick at Harper. These stations were advertised in the course of two days after being vacated.

Our new time table shows two more trains than just the regular ones which have existed ever since this road has been known. It shows the return of prosperity.

If you are in doubt as to what you would wish for a Christmas gift, invest five of your iron men in a new card and be up-to-date at all times.

Boys, don't get lazy and let these nons eat up the earnings we have secured, but go after them and make this division solid.

Some changes on the East end, but as I have no way to find out, can not say what our brothers are doing.

If you wish to send articles to the journal and doubtful who to send them to, let the boys at "VA" know, and I can assure you that we will appreciate any news received from you.

Mr. L. B. Cunningham, recently on the extra list, has fallen into a steady job. He is doing the third trick at "WA."

Operator Corwin, who recently worked third trick at "VN," was relieved by Bro. Bogan. He has gone to Montana on account of his sister being very sick. He expects to stay out there.

Now, brothers, do not forget our new cards, due the first of the year. Try and lay a little away each month and be prepared to send in and have one of the new tickets on the arrival of the new year. Wouldn't we feel proud of our division if every man was a member and not have to work between a couple of nons?

BILL-E.

#### Indianapolis Division—

Business is good.

Elroy, closed last March, opened again with three tricks.

Degraff night office to be opened shortly; understand with three tricks.

The Western Union construction gang have completed their work between Bellefontaine and Versailles and have cabled all offices.

Three telegraph jobs in "Q" office are advertised. The new one, clerk and operator or copier, has been accepted by Operator Pasho. The other two not filled yet.

Third trick at "BN" yard office also open since the resignation of Operator Roach, who goes west.

Chesterfield and Taft advertised, also Union City.

Extra Dispatcher Hardy has been assigned first trick at Raleigh.

Several new members last month.

I do not believe the railroads are going to make a fight on us in Washington this winter to defeat the nine-hour law or substitute something else, but are going to use the 'phone to knock us out. If we were strong enough at Washington



to pass the nine-hour law and keep it from being repealed, are we not strong enough again to have some legislation passed to change their minds about this telephone business? Wake up, brothers! "CANDY."

### N. Y., N. H. & H. Ry.

#### *Western Division—*

Bro. Van Deusen, at New Milford, while very modestly avoiding praise for his good work, deserves a great deal of credit. It is safe to say that no non is likely to escape him, and the brothers need not borrow any trouble over the nons that get within reach of Bro. Van, for he knows how to unlimber when occasion requires.

Bro. Osborn is laying off a few days on account of sickness. Bro. Schultz relieving.

Bro. Nutting, of Sandy Hook, recently went under a physician's care on account of throat trouble. We are pleased to learn that "KR" is rapidly improving and will soon be entirely cured.

Bro. Halsted, "HW," of Hopewell, visited his brother at Berkshire Junction recently.

Bro. Gallagher has landed third at Brewster, his home town.

Did you hear of the employment agency? Well, never mind. It would surprise you too much; but, nevertheless, we understand one exists, with one who aspires to become an instructor, in a nearby college, which dopes out so-called instruction, spending much good ink and costly paper in the issuance of flaring diplomas. No! No! Do not ask who it is as I am ashamed to tell you.

We observe that the little band of brothers and sisters between Waterbury and Hartford are doing the same old work, and that which has ever been very effective. We understand they have formed a society, binding themselves to allow no non to escape them alive. And while I have heard of no instantaneous deaths over that way, it is safe to conclude that they are living up to their oaths, and in a way that is both advantageous to themselves and the Order, and especially beneficial to the so-called non.

Do you know what you missed in not attending the December meeting in New Haven? The ladies, for one item, and the other item, watching the changing expressions of Bro. MacCormack's usually placid countenance when, by a few appropriate words, Bro. Culver, master of ceremonies, presented "Mac" with the booby prize, which, of course, signified that Bro. "Mac" could not play whist more than a little bit.

Miss Manion was the successful player for the ladies' prize for the most counts, which was a pretty mantle piece, while Bro. Nolan will smoke ten-centers from his prize box of cigars for several days to come.

Bro. Percy, of New Milford, enjoyed a few days' hunting recently.

Chas. E. Leahy, of New Britain, has crossed the line that marks the shore of enlightenment and prosperity. Henceforth he will be known as Bro. Leahy.

Bro. Smith, of Lime Rock, is holding down second at Shelton.

Bro. Cassidy, of Sheffield, is working at Stormville, N. Y.

Bro. Cooper has been relieving Miss Gibbs, operator, at Kent, for a two weeks' vacation.

Bro. Powell, of New Milford, visited his parents in Philadelphia, Pa., a few days ago.

We are pleased to learn that Mrs. Ferguson, wife of Bro. Ferguson, agent at Cornwall Bridge, is improving. Mrs. Ferguson was badly burned by an overturned lamp.

I hope and pray that each brother will at this time shake off every particle of the dust of slothfulness and start right out with a determination to think and do, and cause others to think and do. Brothers, the greatest weapon this little body of organized skilled workmen have is enthusiasm. It has been said that a cat never sleeps except with one eye open to the doings of the little prey, and at a moment of carelessness or inattention on the part of the mouse, it is trapped. It is or should be our aim to labor even harder at times when everything seems to be moving smoothly along, for when a man is partially blinded by a certain degree of contentment, falls to sleep; he must always remember that he is one man more lulled to rest, and one more obstacle removed from the path of the machinery of organized capital. Be up and doing every minute of your working hours and you will soon become aware that you are strengthening the organization which is trying to protect your interests.

A new year is open with new opportunities and possibilities. Let us unitedly make it the greatest year of our organization. Let us make sure that we can look back from the latter end of 1909 and say that we are perfectly satisfied with the progress, that we have individually left no stone unturned that in any way may count to the advancement of our Order and ourselves. This is the resolution each man should make and keep. Have the principles for which we stand ever on our mind and ready on our tongue. Keep the local chairman posted on every new condition of affairs, every irregularity in carrying out of agreements. Plan to send a goodly delegation to every meeting, and we will have done a serious duty and in a way highly commendable to our organization and satisfactorily to ourselves.

Remember the February meeting, brothers. Election of local chairman and all officers, including representatives.

CERT. 23—"SKIDOO."

#### *Third District—*

Bro. Van Hamlin has left the service on account of lung trouble, and is going home to spend the winter.

Bros. Barnett, Babcock and Nevins are assigned to first, second and third tricks at Summit.

Operator Leahy is working third trick at New Britain until put up for bid.

"Cheese and Crackers," of Towantic, has left the service and gone to spend the winter in New

York, among his Bowery friends. It is a wonder this non would not get next to himself and get in out of the cold.

The new tower at Bank Street Junction is in commission, and we hope to see six good brothers wrestling with the levers in this plant.

Bro. Harmon has an operator now, which lightens his work considerably.

Bro. Kellog is back again and working second trick at Towantic.

If some of the ncons do not get wise to themselves there is going to be a few names mentioned in our next write-up. So brace up and get in out of the cold. CERT. 565.

### Delaware & Hudson R. R.

#### Champlain Division—

Our meeting of December was very enthusiastic. It was opened in due form by our worthy chief, Bro. Kelley. It certainly looks good to see the attendance pick up.

Applications are coming in in good shape. Telegrapher Anderson made good and can now be called brother. "13" we can expect three more next meeting. Will be pleased to give the applicants the glad hand.

Our due notices will be distributed before this is printed and each member should see that his name is recorded on Bro. Stevens' "big book," and secure our new card for next term.

The annual election of officers, also local chairman and delegates to the convention in May, will be held at our February meeting. Post it up at your ticket window for ready reference. This meeting should be attended by all members who can possibly do so.

The G. M. & S., being a part of the D. & H. System, the members of the O. R. T. on that line look to Division No. 122 as their division. Matters are shaping themselves whereby a local chairman will be appointed for that territory. We have Bros. Sullivan and Govereau working on that end.

At our meeting it was talked of holding same at the principal stations along the line, in order to give those members who are working tricks a chance to attend our meetings. We hope this may be arranged at our annual election.

A number of positions are advertised this month, of which a majority are three tricks, and some of them are O. K. Presume some of the students will bid them in.

Port Henry and Ft. Edward have been discontinued as train-registering offices. It is up to the telegraphers now at those places to keep tab on all trains. I understand this is done so that conductors can attend to their train; one brakeman taken off of each through train and conductors helping passengers on and off.

Our road has inaugurated a new position for "19" orders. The signal for these orders will be *arm extended half way out*. Engineers will blow the whistle four times for conductors to look for these orders.

Business is picking up and a majority of stations report increased revenues. This is encouraging.

Mrs. Sleight, a one-time telegrapher on our division, who has been working at Lake George, has gone to Elizabethtown for the Western Union.

COR.

### Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Ry.

#### Birmingham Division—

There have been several changes on this division in the last few days.

Mr. J. H. Morgan, agent at "BN," sent in his resignation.

Bro. C. A. Pye, at "MK," I "13," has sent in his resignation. Seems as if the boys are hunting themselves a better job.

Why don't some of you write just a few lines to THE TELEGRAPHER? I am such a poor hand to write that I am ashamed of mine. I had rather read THE TELEGRAPHER than to eat when I am hungry. I am willing to do what I can. Let us try to have something in our journal every month, to show that we are not entirely dead. This division is well organized. Why should we just let it go dead in any such way?

I don't think I will work for the road any longer than this year. I think I can make more at something else. The most of the boys seem to be satisfied with what they have, and are not trying to get anything else. It is worth, to say the least, \$75 per to sit all day and listen to those little brass things knocking, even if you do not have much to do, and at places where you are crowded and sit eight long hours at your table, one "31" right after another, I don't say what it is worth, but it is worth more than we will ever get at the rate we are going now. As long as we are content to work for what we now get we will never, under the sun, get any more. We all ought to get together and ask for what we ought to have and stick out until we get it. If we were to do this we would be sure to win. We should all go to work and push together, and all push for the same thing. OLD MAC.

### Colorado & Southern Ry.

#### Fort Collins District—

Has this division ever had a write-up in our TELEGRAPHER? Why not redeem ourselves and come to the front, we have a great many good men with us, and nearly all members of our Order. Last fall the Denver and Interurban Electric line commenced operation between Denver and Boulder, making an additional increase in operators and officers. New stations were opened at Webb, Superior, Globeville and Boulder Junction, and increasing nearly all other offices from one and two men to four and five. No increases in salary have been granted for the extra work that now falls upon us. But we wait with patience until the time comes; it is generally understood the C. M. & St. P. has taken

control of the C. & S., and if correct we will look for many changes in the near future.

D. H. Brooks, at Longmont, recently returned from a few weeks' spent in New Mexico. J. S. Goddard is a new man working nights.

Niwot station again opened with the same old stand-by, W. T. Wilson, as agent.

E. C. Cramel, from the C. H. & D., and H. S. Reed, from the Union Pacific, are new arrivals at Boulder Junction.

Several changes have been made at Boulder union depot. J. P. Colestaff, first trick has returned from his vacation. G. E. Green has resigned, and left for his Alabama home. N. R. Madlik, from the C. R. I. & P., in Iowa, is now on second trick; third trick a new man.

R. S. Canady, who has been dispatching trains in the East, is now at Louisville, until a trick opens. D. S. Fox has just been given the first trick, with E. Z. Brennen, from Illinois, on second trick.

C. D. Patterson is transferred from first trick at Marshall, to first trick at Louisville Junction. E. F. Doroughty from the I. C., and C. R. Connors from the B. & O., both new men, are working second and third tricks.

M. M. Valentine, for sometime agent at Farmers, is now working the twelve-hour trick at Superior, relieving E. M. Clodfelter, who is now with the D. & R. G.

Webb office opened with N. L. Carson, from the I. C., as first trick, and M. C. Miller, from the O. S. L., on second trick.

C. W. Lanier, of Wisconsin, relieves C. D. Patterson on first trick. T. F. Shea, just from the Rock Island, relieves A. H. Tubbs on second trick, who returns to Alabama. J. L. Shy, of the Cotton Belt, a new man, holding down third trick.

H. P. Sprat, of Burns Junction, spends his Saturday evenings in Denver, doing the week's shopping.

Mr. Hoover, working nights, has now fully recovered from the effects of his collision with a Denver street car, which laid him up in the hospital for three weeks.

Semper opened with three new men.

Nearly all the boys are members of various divisions of the Order, and should be transferred to Denver Division No. 77, and when we are in power make it a straight C. & S. Division.

We would all like to see something every month in our journal from this end of the C. & S., as well as the rest of "The Colorado Road."

F. O. B.

### Virginia & Southwestern Ry.

#### Main Line—

We are certainly glad to see things moving along so nicely now, and it makes one feel good to think that they are doing a good "Biz" again. The panic certainly did hurt us a great deal, but we are having as fine a "Biz" now, as before the hurricane struck us.

The student business is getting fierce just now, and I know of some brothers, or at least they claim to be brothers, that have two and three students in their office. Now, brothers, it looks like you could see that it is against you, as well as the rest of the boys. I can say this much, I am sure that these members will not stay in the grand old Order long, if they don't stop this dirty work they are at. Boys, let's all pull together and cut this business out. Do you "13?"

Some of the brothers are not up-to-date. Brothers, get up-to-date, and see how much better you feel. If all the members would pull together there would be less of this student "Biz," and better wages, as you all can see how this business goes. Now we have one man here that is working for \$35.00 per month, and I think there are about two that are working for nothing.

We can stop this if we will only try to do it. So let every man do his part and there will be a great change in less time than it takes to tell the tale.

Bro. W. R. Walker, first trick at Glenita, has been off on a short vacation, visiting Chattanooga, Knoxville and Johnson City, Tenn., while away. He came back to work on the 13th. Was relieved by Bro. Mantz, from the N. & W., a new man over here, but an old Knight of the Key. Bro. Mantz is now on first trick at "KD," relieving Bro. Bailey, who is taking his vacation.

Bro. M. L. McCormick, third trick man at Bristol yard, has left the service.

There is a second trick at Benham now, with a Mr. Young at the bat. Mr. Young is a new man here, but I think he is strictly, No Card, No Favors.

New office was opened up at Mountain, the 13th, with Bro. "Rube" Edmundson at the key.

Miss Georgia Harman, first trick at "FD" is sick; relieved by Mr. J. L. Coffey, not a new man here, but still remains a non. CERT. 6115.

### Pennsylvania Ry.

#### Allegheny Division—

Bro. P. T. Evans bid in third trick at "DR" tower, Extra Operator C. A. Stover filling the vacancy at "ST" tower third trick.

Bro. E. A. Hudson has returned to duty at Kenderdell after an absence of several days, attending the funeral of his friend, H. L. McKean, near Pittsburg, who was an extra operator on that division.

Bro. Hudson was relieved by Extra Operator Stewart. We think all these extra operators ought to be getting into the Order soon, as they are making almost full time.

Bro. T. L. Ray is off sick at this writing, having gone West in search of a better climate.

There is much dissatisfaction over the recent ruling by the superintendent, which is to the effect that no one would be promoted into "BN" office Pittsburg, in the future, unless considered suitable material for a train dispatcher. By this ruling Bro. W. P. Burns was deprived of his

position in this office when the force was reduced one man. This is considered a rank injustice as Bro. Burns was the second oldest man in the office.

Bro. C. H. McElhinney has been granted sixty days leave of absence, being relieved at White Rock by J. C. Ramsay.

Bro. A. L. Ritchey has been off sick for some time.

Bro. Wm. Rockwell secured "A" Phillipston first trick on last bulletin; C. H. Hilliard second trick at Wood Hill, Miss Truver second trick at Rock Run, and J. D. McNamara second trick at "BO" tower.

There are still about six members on this division who have not paid their dues for the current term, and to those I would say that if they are satisfied with present conditions and have no thought for the future, why then, of course, it is foolish to pay out money for the support of the organization; but if you would like to see better conditions prevail, and if you are thoroughly alive to your own interests, then it is your duty to yourself, to your family and to your fellow man to help build up an organization that will do in the future what it has in the past, and more, too, as its strength increases and the railroad companies realize that we are an Order composed of decent, law-abiding citizens, whose object is to increase the efficiency of the service in order to be in a position to demand a better rate of pay. Do not become discouraged. A better day is in store for us all, and it only requires patience and perseverance, a steadfast determination that right and justice will and must prevail.

Wishing you all a happy New Year, with good health to permit of your enjoying same to the fullest extent.

BRIGHAM.

#### *Belvidere Division—*

Why don't some of you boys wake up on this division?

The company is laughing in its sleeve at our working for \$54.45; and now the "block" will be

working in a very short time, and if we don't make a good kick for more of the "necessary," I am afraid they will go into convulsions thinking over what a lot of easy marks we are. The superintendent showed us up as a lot of "jokes" when we allowed that "cut" not so very long ago.

How many of you can afford to buy Christmas presents for your beloved ones on the salary you are getting? Isn't it a question worth pondering over? I, for one, can hardly afford to buy even a box of candy as a Christmas present, simply because it takes every cent of that \$53.70 to keep home and soul together. Think of it, brothers! \$54.45 to keep yourself and family on.

RUAM.

#### **Twin City Telegraphers' Club.**

No meeting of the club was held for December, it being decided to postpone it until after the holidays.

Bro. Bradley, of Soo Line Junction, is laying off for a month. Have not heard who is doing the relief.

Bro. Liddane, of East St. Paul, is in Chicago at the present writing on committee work. Bro. Kanar is relieving him.

Bro. Line, our secretary, was laid up a few days ago on account of sickness. Mr. Hoagland did the relief act, as towermen were scarce.

Bro. K. A. Preston, of the Soo Line, was in Minneapolis a few days on business.

How many have sent in their dues?

The Soo Line is laying track from Soo Line Junction to Bunker Hill. It is rumored they will dig the tunnel under the Great Northern tracks this winter.

Understand contracts are let for a new interlocking plant at Mississippi Street, work to begin in the spring.

Bro. Mack is billing clerk at the new transfer depot at Worthtown Junction, instead of Park Junction, as reported in last month's write-up.

CORRESPONDENT.





## MUTUAL BENEFIT DEPARTMENT.

Assessment No. 118 is due JAN. 1, 1909.  
Time for payment expires Feb. 28, 1909.

### AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS.

On \$ 300 00 (Series A).....	20 cents each
On 500 00 (Series B).....	30 cents each
On 1,000 00 (Series C).....	60 cents each

### BENEFITS PAID DURING DECEMBER, 1908.

CLAIM No.	NAME.	CAUSE.	DIV.	CERT. No.	SERIES.	AMT.
587..	Elbert O. Wilson.....	Tuberculosis .....	40..	13582..	C..	\$ 650 00
745..	Warren R. Givens....	Tuberculosis .....	Grand..	22400..	C..	500 00
753..	Angus M. Ross.....	Endocarditis .....	Grand..	16958..	B..	225 00
771..	Jos. A. L. Page.....	Heart Disease .....	29..	14723..	C..	1,000 00
813..	Granville M. Hatcher.	Paralysis .....	8..	4523..	B..	500 00
814..	J. A. Leonard .....	Accidental Drowning.....	118..	16843..	B..	500 00
815..	Wm. A. Blind .....	Killed by Engine.....	12..	28092..	A..	300 00
816..	J. M. Starbuck .....	Brain Tumor.....	93..	11856..	C..	1,000 00
817..	H. J. Parkhill.....	Carbuncle .....	7..	812..	C..	1,000 00
818..	B. M. Hutchins .....	Appendicitis .....	53..	8446 ..	C..	1,000 00
819..	B. M. Auvil .....	Typhoid Fever.....	82..	18228..	C..	1,000 00
820..	Anna L. Thomas .....	Heart Failure.....	130..	19427..	C..	1,000 00
821..	Frank L. Crivits.....	Tuberculosis.....	76..	8731..	A..	300 00
822..	Herbert R. LaSelle....	Acute Enteritis.....	8..	12628..	C..	1,000 00
823..	H. W. Brunskill.....	Phthisis .....	43..	25541..	A..	300 00
824..	Geo. E. Bronson.....	Struck by Train .....	37..	20250..	A..	300 00

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MORTUARY FUND.

#### RECEIPTS.

Received on Assessment Account to November 30, 1908.....	\$699,410 11
Received on Assessment Account December, 1908.....	16,678 91
	<b>\$716,089 02</b>

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

Death Claims paid to November 30, 1908.....	\$470,306 47
Death Claims paid in December.....	10,575 00
Assessments refunded, account rejected applications.....	1,124 36
Assessments transferred to dues.....	184 73
Cash on hand to credit Mortuary Fund, December 31, 1908.....	233,898 46
	<b>\$716,089 02</b>

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- No. 9, LANCASTER, PA.—Meets 3d Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Central Labor Union Hall, 2d floor, No. 22 South Queen st., Lancaster, Pa. W. W. Shope, Jr., Chief Telegrapher, 1429 Zarker st., Harrisburg, Pa.; A. B. Hambricht, S. & T., Landisville, Pa.
- No. 12, SUNBURY, PA.—Meets 3d Monday in months of Jan., March, May, July, Sept. and Nov., at 8 p. m., and in months of Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. and Dec., at 10 a. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall, S. W. corner Market and 3d sts., Sunbury, Pa. Bruce McCracken, Chief Tel., Riverside, Pa.; W. D. Grant, S. & T., 225 Fairmount ave., Sunbury, Pa.
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- No. 16—Division covers the Michigan Central Railroad. Meets 3d Monday each month at 7:30 p. m., Prismatic Hall, 740 First st., Detroit, Mich. J. C. Culkins, Gen'l Chairman, Albion, Mich.; J. H. Staley, Gen'l S. & T., Falls View, Ont.
- No. 17, BALTIMORE, M. D.—Meets 1st and 3d Wednesday of each month at Old Town Bank Building, 3d floor, Baltimore, Md. Wm. M. Skinner, Chief Tel., 2224 E. Oliver st., Baltimore, Md.; Daniel L. Koller, S. & T., Hartford road and West Erdman ave., Baltimore, Md.
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- No. 22—Division covers the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad System, R. J. Clark, Gen'l S. & T., Arbo, Miss.
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- No. 24, WILLIAMSPORT, PA.—Meets 2d Friday evening of each month in Red Men's Hall, 112 West Fourth st., Williamsport, Pa., and 4th Friday of each month in A. O. H. Hall, Lock Haven, Pa. Thos. R. Hepler, Chief Tel., 423 Park ave., Williamsport, Pa.; J. N. Sponsler, S. & T., 935 Erie ave., Williamsport, Pa.
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- No. 26, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Sunday each month at 3 p. m., 2744 8th ave., New York City. F. J. Ryan, Chief Tel.; 228 W. 141st st., New York; A. L. MacBain, S. & T., 2744 Eighth ave., New York City.
- No. 27—Division covers the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad System. Meets on the 15th of each month in the Mayor's office, at Green Castle, Ind. C. H. Wilson, Gen'l Chairman, Smithsboro, Ill.; C. R. Shortridge, Gen'l S. & T., Coatesville, Ind.
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- No. 31—Division covers the Missouri Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. L. M. Nance, Gen'l Chairman, 3659 Russell ave., St. Louis, Mo.; W. M. Holman, Gen'l S. & T., 7210 Pennsylvania ave., St. Louis, Mo.
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S. & T., 814 W. 9th st., Wilmington, Del. Philadelphia Division meets in the hall at Cowenton, Md., 3d Wednesday evening of every other month, at 8 p. m., and meets in Landis Hall, 63d and Woodland ave., Philadelphia, Pa., 3d Saturday evening of every other month, commencing Saturday, September 19th, at 8 p. m. Thus alternating between Cowenton and Philadelphia, Pa., every other meeting. C. W. Hill, Folsom, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District of Baltimore Division meets on second Wednesday evening of each month, at 8 p. m., at 609 Fremont ave., near Franklin st., Baltimore, Md. C. B. Pierce, 2021 Eighth st., Walbrook, Baltimore, Md., Local Chairman. Western District of the Baltimore Division meets third Friday of August, November and February, at Washington Junction, Md., at 8 p. m.; third Friday of September, December and March at Typographical Hall, 423 G st., N. W., Washington, D. C., at 9 p. m.; third Friday of October, January and April at Woodstock, Md. D. M. Wright, Jr., Brunswick, Md., Local Chairman. Pittsburg Division, River, Pike and P. & W. Districts, meets every third Thursday night of each month at Hotel Wilson, No. 10 Smithfield st., Pittsburg, Pa.; W. C. Safford, 515 Washington st., McKeesport, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District, J. T. Williams, Mars, Pa.; Local Chairman. Western District, Cleveland Division, meets on third Monday of each month in Snyder's Hall, Exchange st., Massillon, Ohio. G. H. McCoy, 92 Wooster st., Massillon, Ohio, Local Chairman. Chicago Division meets on third Friday night of each month in B. of L. F. Hall, Garrett, Ind.; O. J. Prouse, 550 College ave., Fostoria, Ohio, Local Chairman. Eastern District; A. P. Webster, Kimmell, Ind., Local Chairman. Western District. Newark Division, including all its subdivisions and branches, will hereafter meet in Newark on the third Monday of each month. The meetings will be held alternately in the afternoon and evening, beginning with an evening meeting on December 21st.

No. 34—Division covers the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. V. Phillips, Gen'l Chairman, Wellington, Ill.; S. M. Rittenhouse, Gen'l S. & T., Sidell, Ill.

No. 35, PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month in Swarts Lodge, Odd Fellow's Hall, 96 Westminster st., Providence, R. I. David M. Callis, Chief Tel., Touisset, Mass.; R. A. Brown, S. & T., 75 Cedar ave., Riverside, R. I.

No. 36—Division covers the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburg. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. W. Burch, Gen'l S. & T., 319 Atlanta ave., Tuxedo Park, St. Louis, Mo.

No. 37, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Meets 2d Friday evening each month, 8 p. m., Bank's Hall, over postoffice, New Rochelle, N. Y. F. J. Maher, Chief Tel., Harlem River station, New York, N. Y.; Jos. A. Hannan, S. & T., P. O. Box 140, Rye, N. Y.

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No. 41, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 2d Saturday night each month, Engineers' Hall, 164 Canal st., Boston, Mass. T. J. Fogarty, Chief Tel., 71 Clarendon ave., West Somerville, Mass.; John A. Tuck, S. & T., upper station, Wakefield, Mass.

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No. 43—Division covers Canadian Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. E. J. Willis, Gen'l Chairman, Roland, Man.; E. G. Skelding, Gen'l S. & T., 531 Victor st., Winnipeg, Man.

No. 44, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Fraternity Hall, 22-24 Harriman ave., Jamaica, N. Y.; C. B. Van Nostrand, Chief Tel., 31 Aberdeen st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. F. Heller, S. & T., 1441 Bushwick ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.



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- No. 46—Division covers the Central of Georgia Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. H. Livsey, Gen'l Chairman, East Point, Ga. O. S. Travis, Gen'l S. & T., Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. System meetings held at O. R. C. Hall, Macon, Ga., subject to call of General Chairman. Macon Division meets with Dixie Club, Federation Hall, Atlanta, Ga., every second Saturday night; O. S. Travis, Local Chairman, Route 68, Atlanta Ga. Savannah Division meets at Macon, Ga., subject to call of Local Chairman, J. E. Boyd, R. F. D., No. 4, Macon, Ga. Chattanooga Division meets at La Fayette, Ga., every second Sunday; Local Chairman, W. D. Stewart, La Fayette, Ga. Southwestern Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman T. J. Mills, Smithville, Ga. Columbus Division meets at Opelika, Ala., subject to call of Local Chairman A. H. Warlich, Opelika, Ala.
- No. 47, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., at B. I. S. Hall, Charlottetown, P. E. I. A. D. Lawson, Chief Tel., Hunters River, P. E. I.; J. J. Trainor, S. & T., Bedford Station, P. E. I.
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- No. 49—Division covers the Denver & Rio Grande Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. H. Wasson, Gen'l Chairman, Amethyst, Colo.; F. W. Aiken, Gen'l S. & T., Cotopaxi, Colo.
- No. 50—Division covers the Georgia Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. W. Duffy, Gen'l Chairman, James, Ga.; W. P. Hubert, Gen'l S. & T., Crawfordsville, Ga.
- No. 51—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Erie Railway System. Meets fourth Thursday of each month, in Eagle's Hall, Greenville, Pa. C. V. Patton, General Chairman, Keister, Pa.; W. B. Risley, Gen'l S. & T., 96 Marshal st., Conneaut, Ohio.
- No. 52, PITTSBURG, PA.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturday evening each month at 8 p. m., at 204 Fifth ave., 3d floor, Pittsburg, Pa. J. J. Standley, Chief Tel., 3508 Mellwood ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; H. K. Klingensmith, Secretary, 243 Grandview ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; C. C. Campbell, Treasurer, 605 Arlington ave., Pittsburg, Pa.
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- No. 56—Division covers Georgia Southern & Florida Railway Systems. L. D. Hamilton, Gen'l Chairman, Tifton, Ga.; O. H. Watson, Gen'l S. & T., Tobesofkee, Ga.
- No. 57—Division covers the Houston & Texas Central Railway System. Meets every third Saturday at 8:30 p. m., in Labor Temple, over 401 Main st., Dallas, Tex. W. J. Burke, Gen'l Chairman, H. & T. C. yard office, Dallas, Tex.; J. A. McKey, Gen'l S. & T., 43 N. Benge st., McKinney, Tex.
- No. 58, WILMINGTON, DEL.—Meets third Wednesday evening, 8 o'clock, Red Men's Hall, 517 Shipley st., Wilmington, Del. H. W. Kennedy, Chief Telegrapher, 305 N. Van Buren st., Wilmington, Del.; F. C. Melvin, S. & T., Newport, Del.
- No. 59—Division covers Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. J. Gregory, Gen'l Chairman, Chase City, Va.; A. L. McDaniel, Gen'l S. & T., Forest City, N. C.
- No. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets third Friday of each month at 8 p. m., at Typographical Temple, 423 "G" st., N. W., Washington, D. C. J. E. Blades, Chief Tel., 1529 East Capitol st., Washington, D. C. J. E. Vandegrift, S. & T., 936 "B" st., S. W., Washington, D. C.
- No. 61, CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—Meets 4th Tuesday evening of each month in Engineers' Hall, Campbellton, N. B. J. W. Morton, Chief Tel., Campbellton, N. B.; R. A. McMillan, S. & T., Charlo Station, N. B.
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- No. 63, MONCTON, N. B.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month, alternately at Moncton, N. B., and St. John, N. B.; H. W. Jones, Chief Tel., Moncton, N. B.; R. M. Gross, S. & T., Boundary Creek, N. B.
- No. 64, LEVIS, QUE.—Meets third Tuesday of each month. Place of each following meeting to be chosen by a majority vote of members present at each regular meeting. A. Dion, Chief Tel., 38 St. Louis, st., Quebec, Que.; Wm. Parsons, Secretary, St. Pierre, Co. Montmagny, Que.; Ed Roy, Treasurer, Aston Junction, Que.
- No. 65, ROCHESTER, N. H.—Meets at 8 p. m., second Saturday each month in G. A. R. Hall, Rochester, N. H. E. J. Scott, Chief Tel., West Ossipee, N. H.; H. L. Jones, S. & T., Fremont, N. H.
- No. 66, TRURO, N. S.—Meets third Wednesday each month, McKay's Hall (B. R. T. room), Inglis st., Truro, N. S. W. A. Harris, Chief Tel., Windsor Junction, N. S.; Geo. O. Forbes, S. & T., Spring Hill Junction, N. S.
- No. 67, WILKESBARRE, PA.—Meets on the third Friday each month at 8 p. m., at O. U. A. M. Hall, No. 31 W. Market st., Wilkesbarre, Pa. E. O. Sherman, Chief Tel., 331 S. River st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.; J. Nelligan, S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- No. 68—Division covers Washington County Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. James F. Desmond, Gen'l Chairman, Eastport, Me.; Wm. C. Myrick, Gen'l S. & T., East Machias, Me.
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- No. 70—Division covers the Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Post, Gen'l Chairman, 206 W. 34th st., Minneapolis, Minn.; P. M. Abbott, Gen'l S. & T., Logan, Mont.
- No. 71, OSKALOOSA, IOWA—Meets second Saturday in each month at 8:45 p. m., in Clingman Hall, over Pike's Drug Store, Oskaloosa, Iowa. H. W. Landfear, Chief Tel., Wright, Iowa; O. L. Davis, S. & T., Richland, Iowa.
- No. 72, ST. JOSEPH, MO.—Meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., 623 Mt. Mora Road, St. Joseph, Mo. F. E. Berry, Chief Tel., Box 432, South St. Joseph, Mo.; W. E. Reese, S. & T., Box 682, St. Joseph, Mo.
- No. 73, MAUCH CHUNK, PA.—Meets second Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., on the 4th floor, Odd Fellows' Hall, Broadway, Mauch Chunk, Pa. William M. Butler, S. & T., Room 11, Court House, Wilkesbarre, Pa.
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- No. 77, DENVER, COLO.—Meets 1st Monday evening in each month at 620 14th st., Denver, Colo. C. M. Worth, Chief Tel., 620 14th st., Denver, Colo.; C. L. Cheney, S. & T., 935 17th st., Denver, Colo.
- No. 78, ALBANY, N. Y.—Meets 3d Saturday each month at 7:30 p. m., A. O. U. W. Hall, 82 S. Pearl st., Albany, N. Y.; B. M. Nichols, S. & T., Altamont, N. Y.
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How Thousands of Women Have Banished the Drudgery  
of Washday by Using a Wonderful New Invention  
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*Written for this Paper by Virginia Riverton*

**I** BRING a message of deliverance to the toiling army of women who are literally wearing their lives away on the washboard. The romance and the happiness of women's lives have been sacrificed in this form of slavery long enough. The labors of our husbands and fathers have been lightened by hundreds of inventions. Just imagine what a chorus of protests would go up if only one of these labor-saving inventions—the modern harvester—were taken from them and they were forced to reap grain with a sickle!

Yet, here in modern America, boasting of the highest civilization, millions of women are condemned for life to this worst form of drudgery. For what is more pitiable than to see a woman bending over a tub of steaming suds—rubbing, rubbing, rubbing on a washboard until her arms and back ache, her hands are raw, and beads of perspiration roll down her hot cheeks? And the same work must be done week after week and year after year.

As a woman who speaks from long experience, I can testify that doing a family washing by hand—rubbing is the most tiresome, tedious, nerve-racking and health-destroying drudgery that the busy housewife is called upon to perform.

## How it all Happened

One day, after I had done an extra big washing, I sat down in sheer exhaustion, and tried to read a story in one of the magazines. But I was actually so worn out and brain-weary that I couldn't follow the thread of the story. So I glanced through the advertisements. One of these advertisements instantly attracted my attention. It told of a remarkable washing machine made in Binghamton, N. Y., which almost worked itself. The most astonishing claim made for it was that it would wash a tubful of dirty garments in *from two to six minutes!* The advertisement went on to say that the manufacturer of the washer would send one anywhere on thirty days' free trial. Now I had seen "free trial" offers before, but I was always suspicious of them. A friend of mine once wrote for some article offered on a "free trial," and the firm wrote her a letter asking for the cash "on deposit."

I said to myself there must be a "catch" somewhere in this offer of a 1900 Gravity Washer on free trial. By this time I was thoroughly interested in the new washer, and as it only took the price of a postal card to test it, I decided to write to the firm for their free book telling about the Washer.

## Decided to Risk a Penny

Well, I must admit that what that little book said about the Washer almost took my breath away. It all seemed too good to be true. The book made

the free trial offer just as strong as it was in the advertisement. But I was still skeptical about it. I felt sure that there was a string tied to that 1900 Gravity Washer that would hold it in Binghamton, N. Y., until the company saw some *real money*. But I picked out the style of washer I wanted and again I ventured. I wrote the 1900 Washer Company something like this:

"Please send me the Gravity Washer shown on page 2, for thirty days' free trial."

I was so busy during the next few days that the incident was quite forgotten. I never expected the Company to keep its promise. Imagine my surprise when I received notice that there was a washing machine at the depot, all charges fully paid. Maybe I didn't send for it in a hurry!

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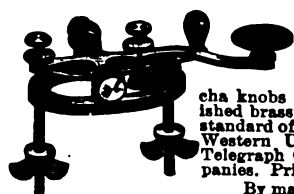
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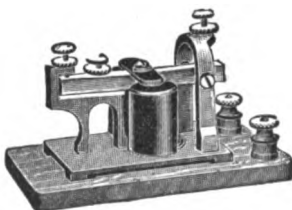
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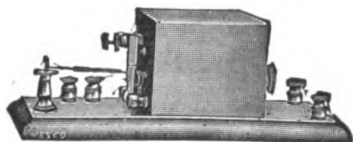
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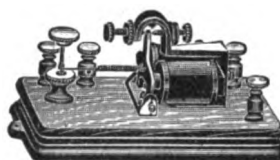


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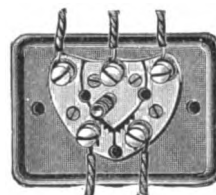
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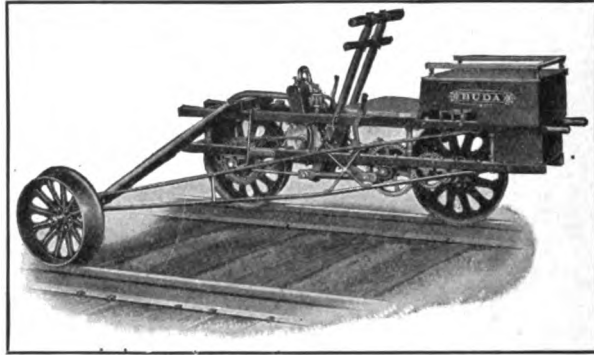
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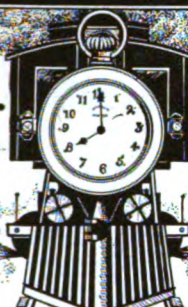
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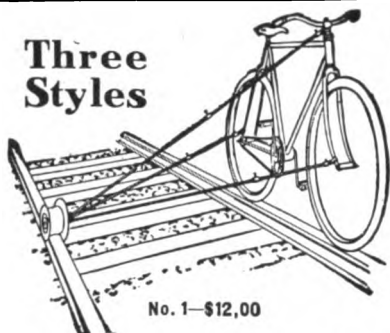
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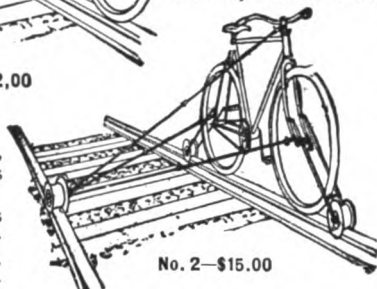
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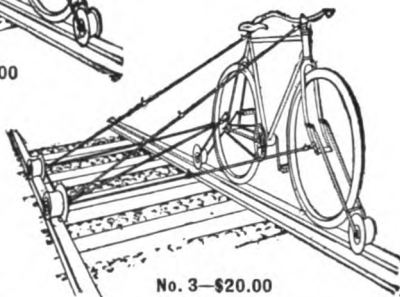
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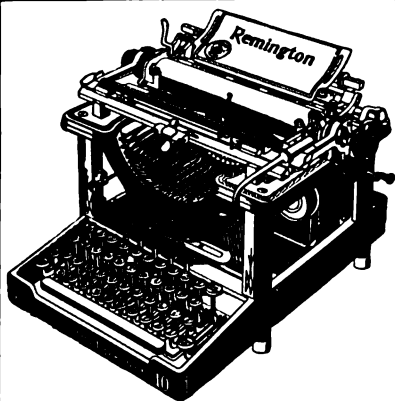


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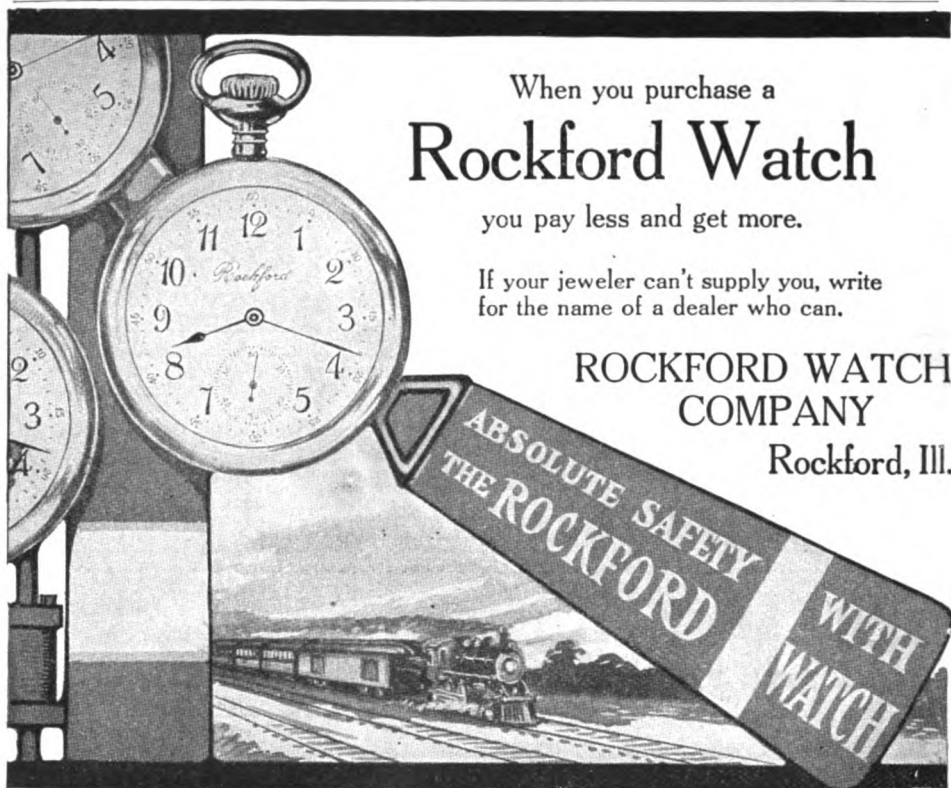
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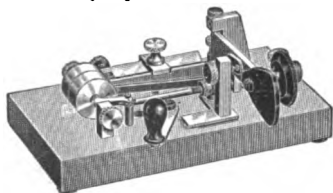
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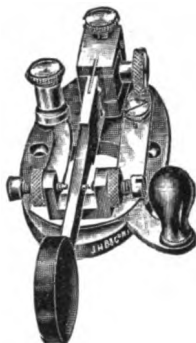
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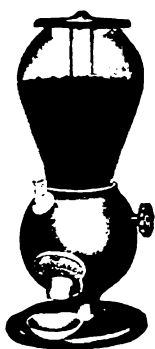
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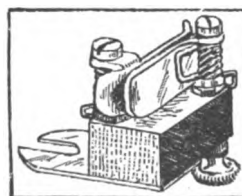


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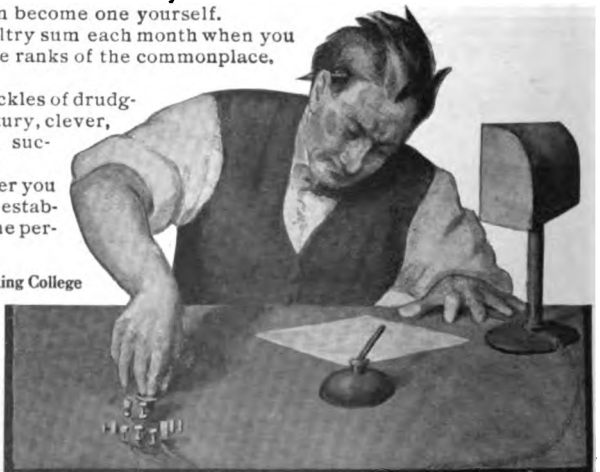
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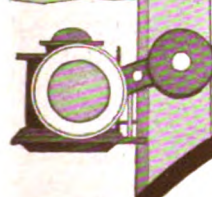
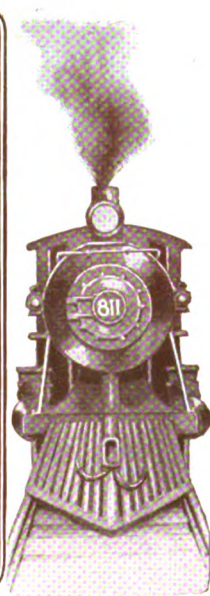
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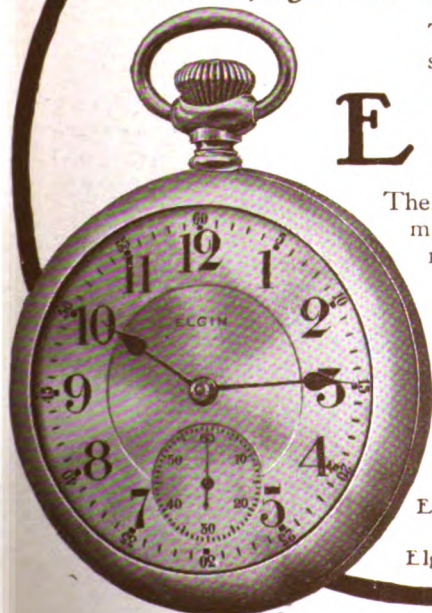


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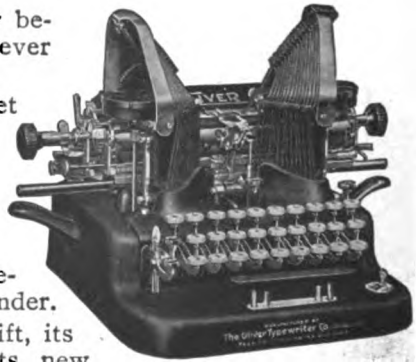
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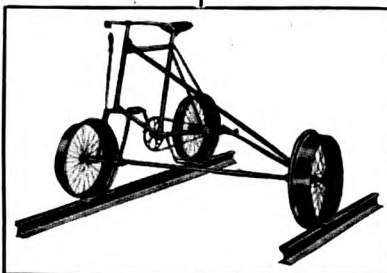
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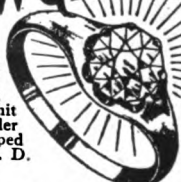
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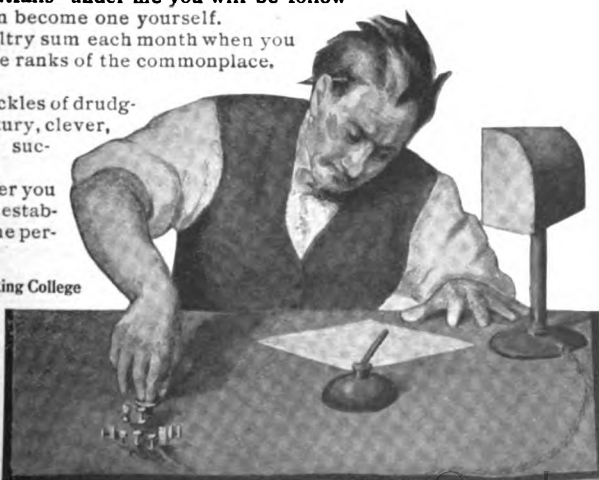
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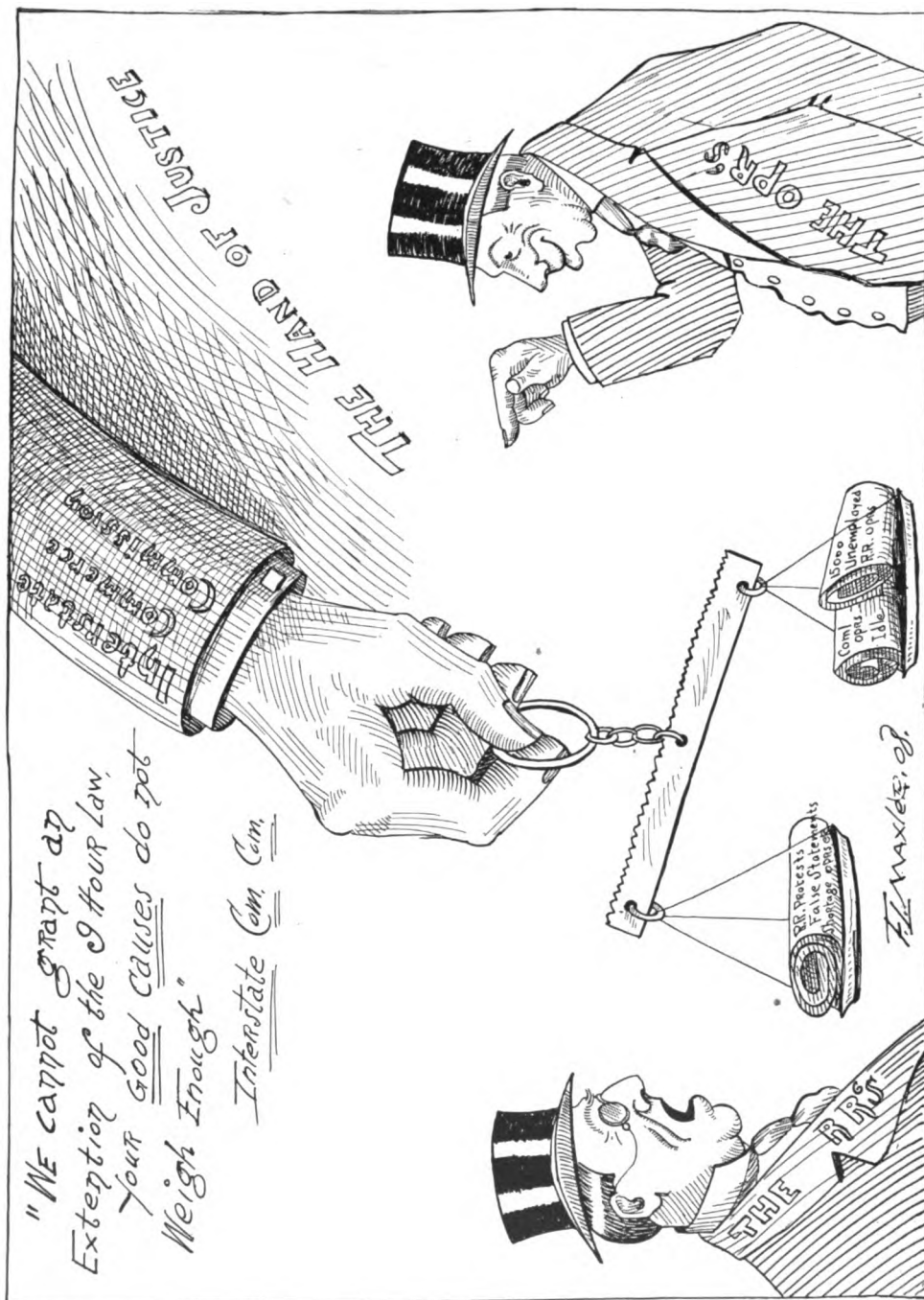
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## The National Nine Hour Law.

### Suit Filed Against Santa Fe Railroad for Violation of Law.

#### QUESTION AT ISSUE SPLITTING HOURS OF SERVICE.

#### United States Court to Decide Matter.

**T**HE National Nine-Hour Law which went into effect on March 4, 1908, provides in part as follows:

"That no operator, train dispatcher, or other employe, who by the use of the telegraph or telephone dispatches, reports, transmits, receives, or delivers orders pertaining to or affecting train movements, shall be required or permitted to be or remain on duty for a longer period than nine hours in any twenty-four-hour period in all towers, offices, places and stations continuously operated night and day, nor for a longer period than thirteen hours in all towers, offices, places and stations operated only during the day time, except in case

of emergency, when the employes named in this proviso may be permitted to be and remain on duty for four additional hours in a twenty-four-hour period on not exceeding three days in any week."

That the intent of Congress in enacting this law was to provide additional safety to the traveling public, is generally recognized; that they intended to provide this additional safety by shortening the hours of service of the railroad telegraphers is also manifest, and, therefore, it would seem ridiculous to presume that anything other than a period of "nine hours" was intended to, and in fact does, mean a period of nine consecutive hours.

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway and a few other lines in the United States have attempted to evade what appears to be the clear meaning of this law, by dividing the nine hours into two or more tricks; that such an act is permissible under the law seems unreasonable, because if the law does not mean consecutive hours, the very thing sought to be done by its enactment would be entirely nullified; if it is possible to divide the nine-hour period into two tricks, it is possible to divide it into nine tricks or more. No sane man would argue that any degree of safety would be afforded the traveling public by working a railroad telegrapher from 6:00 a. m. to 7:00 a. m.; from 8:00 a. m. to 9:00 a. m.; from 10:00 a. m. to 11:00 a. m.; from 1:00 p. m. to 2:00 p. m.; from 3:00 p. m. to 4:00 p. m.; from 5:00 p. m. to 6:00 p. m.; from 8:00 p. m. to 9:00 p. m.; from 10:00 p. m. to 11:00 p. m., and from 1:00 a. m. to 2:00 a. m.

Nor is it believed Congress intended to permit this to be done, nor that any court of competent jurisdiction will hold that it is permissible to divide the hours. Suit was filed in the United States District Court, on February 2d, sitting in Chicago, Ill., by United States District Attorney Sims against the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway, for violation of this law. The particular case on which the suit was based is Corwith Station, Ill., which station is located near Chicago. That station is a night and day telegraph office. In order to try to evade the law, the Santa Fe has been requiring the day operator to go on duty at 6:30 a. m. and work until 12 o'clock noon. He is then excused three hours and required to resume duty at 3:00 p. m., and work until 6:30 p. m. The night operator is required to come on duty at 6:30 p. m. and work until midnight; he is then excused until 3:00 a. m., and required to resume his duties from 3:00 a. m. to 6:30 a. m.

Seven specific counts were named in the suit, and if conviction is had a fine of \$3,500 may be imposed.

The contention of the Government is the law does not permit a broken service; that if it was possible to split the tricks in this manner, it would be equally possible to split them in any other manner that was desired, and that if this could be done, a telegrapher could practically be kept on duty twenty-four or forty-eight hours by closing the station for a short time during certain periods.

United States District Attorney Sims, in discussing the matter after the suit was filed, said:

"This law was enacted for the safety of the public. Most of our large railroad wrecks would never have happened if the telegraphers had not been tired from long service. Nine hours is long service for any man employed at such a task. This railroad (the Santa Fe) is not, in our estimation, complying with the law when it breaks a nine-hour shift and makes it, in a sense, twelve hours. The law implies a continuous service of nine hours."

A high official of a large western railroad in discussing the suit said:

"I am not at all surprised that the government should take action in the matter. We refused to take advantage of an apparent loophole in the law, but chose rather to provide three men for twenty-four-hour stations or to work two men nine hours each continuously and close the stations the remaining six hours. We believe the spirit of the law is that men at the key shall not work more than nine hours in each twenty-four, and that this work shall be continuous."

Many legal authorities sustain the belief that the law was intended to and in fact does mean consecutive hours.

The intent of an act is first to be sought in the language of the Act itself.

Alexander vs. Worthington, 5 Md. 485.

U. S. vs. Goldenburg, 168 U. S. 95, 102, 103.

The general intent of a statute is the key to the meaning of its parts. The intent of the whole Act will control the interpretation of the parts. The presumption is that the law-maker has a definite purpose

in every enactment, and has adopted and formulated the subsidiary provisions in harmony with that purpose. That purpose is an implied limitation on the sense of general terms. From this assumption proceeds the general rule that the cardinal purpose or intent of the whole Act shall control, and that all the parts be interpreted as subsidiary and harmonious. The purpose for which a law was enacted is a matter of prime importance in arriving at a correct interpretation of its parts.

Lewis Sutherland Stat. Const. (2d Ed.), Secs. 369, 370.

"A statute is to be construed with reference to its manifest object, and if the language is susceptible of two constructions, one which will carry out and the other will defeat such manifest object, it should receive the former construction."

Re National Guard, 71 Vt. 493.

"To discover the true construction of any particular clause of a statute, the first thing to be attended to, no doubt, is the actual language of the clause itself, as introduced by the preamble; second the words or expressions which obviously are by design omitted; third, the connection of the clause with other clauses in the same statute, and the conclusions which, on comparison with other clauses, may reasonably and obviously be drawn. \* \* \* If the comparison of one clause with the rest of the statute makes a certain proposition clear and undoubted, the Act must be construed accordingly, and ought to be so construed as to make it a consistent whole. If, after all, it turns out that that can not be done, the construction that produces the greatest harmony and the least inconsistency is that which ought to prevail."

Per Pollock, C. B. in Atty. Gen. vs. Sil-  
lew, 2 H. and C. 515.

The question thus is: What did the Congress really intend to direct by the language "for a longer period than nine hours in any twenty-four-hour period?" This intention must be sought in the whole action taken together. That is, the phrase should be construed with reference to the leading idea or purpose of the whole law.

Or to state the rule again: The meaning to be attached to the words "for a longer period than nine hours" is to be ascertained from the context, the nature of the subject treated, and the purpose or intention of the Congress which passed the Act.

It will be noted that the sense in which the word "period" is used must be determined, in order to establish the intention of the limitation of the number of hours that the operator, etc., shall be allowed to work in any twenty-four-hour period.

It is an elementary rule of construction that effect must be given, if possible, to every word, clause and sentence of the statute. Moreover, words may be supplied in the statute so as to give it effect, and avoid any repugnancy or inconsistency with its general intention; one word may be substituted for another; and even words may be disregarded or eliminated. Ordinarily, words and phrases should be construed as they are generally understood. In the absence of anything in the context to the contrary common or popular words are to be understood in a popular sense, common law words, according to their sense in the common law.

Lewis' Sutherland Stat. Const. (2d Ed.), Secs. 380, 383, 384, 389, 390.

With the primary rules in mind, let the word "period" used twice in the above quoted phrase be ascertained.

Webster defines a period to be "a division of time. As a series of years, months or days, in which something is completed, and ready to recommence and go on in the same order." "A stated and recurring interval of time; more generally an interval of time specified or left indefinite."

The Court of Appeals, N. Y., says that a period of time is in a stated and recurring interval of time, or round or series of years by which time is measured.

People vs. Lesk, 67 N. Y., 521, 528.

"Period," when employed in the law, is to be interpreted in its ordinary and accepted meaning and import.

State vs. Strauss, 49 Md., 288, 299.

"The word 'period' has its etymological meaning, but it also has a distinctive signification, according to the subject with



which it may be used in connection. It may mean any portion of complete time, from a thousand years, or less, to the period of a day," or it may mean the time when a designated event shall begin.

*Sampson vs. Peaslee*, 61 U. S. (20 How.), 571, 576, 579.

The general definition of the word "period" in reference to time, is to refer to a continuous period.

*In re Becker*, 80 N. Y. Supp., 1115, 1116, 39 Misc. Rep., 756.

In Johnson's Dictionary by Latham, period is defined as "a circuit, a time in which anything is performed." In chronology, Johnson describes a period as a "stated number of years; round of time; at the end of which the things comprised within the calculation shall return to the state in which they were in the beginning." Johnson quotes from Holder as follows: "A cycle or period is an account of years that has a beginning and end, and begins again as often as it ends."

In the phrase involved, it is certain that a definite number of hours were intended to be prescribed, beyond which operators, etc., should not be permitted or required to be or remain on duty, during any twenty-four-hour period, or any period or round or cycle of time measured by twenty-four hours. The twenty-four hours unquestionably refer to a series of continuous hours; that is, a continuous cycle, period, series or round of hours, measured by twenty-four. The period fixed can not be divided; it must be twenty-four consecutive hours.

It can not comprise twelve hours of one calendar day and twelve hours of another calendar day. This is as clear as if the language had been "in any twenty-four consecutive hours" or "in any continuous period of twenty-four hours." This "period" is here used in reference to time, as a continuous series of hours. This is the sense in which it is always understood when employed concerning time. "Period," when so used means a continuous period.

Should the word "period" as used in the phrase in question, designating the period of service of the operator, etc., be construed in a different sense?

The language is "for a longer period than nine hours." Here, as above, "period" refers to time, and, as above, it means a round, series or period of hours measured by nine, or nine continuous or consecutive hours. The language specifies one period only, not two or more, comprising nine hours in any twenty-four-hour period. A round or series of periods is not prescribed or contemplated.

To hold that the operator may not be required to perform duty beyond nine hours of total service in any twenty-four-hour period requires an interpretation of the word "period" as here used, radically different from the interpretation of the word, as measured by twenty-four hours—an interpretation at once unreasonable and absurd, and contrary to the manifest intent and purpose of the Act.

It is obvious that the "period" measured by nine hours should be interpreted to mean the same as the word period in the same phrase measured by twenty-four hours.

#### APPEAL OF THE UNITED HATTERS OF NORTH AMERICA FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

NEW YORK, February 4, 1909.

*Mr. L. W. Quick, Secretary Order of Railroad Telegraphers, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—The National Association of Fur Felt Hat Manufacturers at a meeting held January 14th, at the Knickerbocker Hotel, New York City, passed a resolution to discontinue the use of the union label of the United Hatters of North America in all factories controlled by members of their organization. This action on the part of the manufacturers is not only an attempt to destroy the usefulness of our union label, but an effort to disrupt the entire organization. We emphatically protested against this action of the manufacturers, and in every instance where the label was discontinued, our members went out with it. Since January 13th, about twenty thousand men and women, comprising about ninety per cent of our entire membership, are out on strike and determined to remain out until the manu-

facturers agree to recognize the union label of our organization. As you are aware, the individual bank accounts and homes of our members in the Connecticut district are held under attachment by order of the court, thereby depriving our members of the use of their savings. The manufacturers, knowing that we can neither draw our savings from the bank, or raise money on our homes, are now trying to starve our members into submission. Deprived of the use of their savings they are compelled to look to our organization for support, and with only ten per cent of our members working, and \$70,000 per week required to support our members who are on strike, we are compelled for the first time in the history of our national organization of over sixty years, to appeal to our brothers in labor for financial assistance. We believe that this fight for the recognition of our union label is of the greatest importance to all organizations. Our organization and label has been for several years the target of the National Association of Manufacturers, and, on account of the recent decisions of the court, they now thought the time was ripe to make a general attack on our union label. Owing to the many lawsuits in which our organization is involved, and the great expense incurred thereby, our treasury is not as strong as we would like to have it.

We therefore appeal to the members of your organization to render us whatever financial assistance they can. A small weekly assessment on the members of organized labor (if such could be secured) would show the manufacturers that we are prepared to carry on this fight indefinitely.

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## ACCIDENTS.

THE number of persons killed in train accidents during the months of July, August and September, 1908, as shown in reports made by the railroad companies to the Interstate Commerce Commission, under the "Accident Law" of March 3, 1901, was 191, and of injured 3,046. Accidents of other kinds, including those sustained by employes while at work and by passengers in getting on and off the cars, etc., bring the total number of casualties up to 17,279, of which 734 were killed and 16,545 injured.

In commenting on these figures the Interstate Commerce Commission says:

"The very marked diminution in the number of casualties of all kinds, which continued through the last three quarterly bulletins, and which was due to the falling off in railroad traffic and other well-known collateral causes, seems now to be checked. The last bulletin was for the April-June quarter, which always is lighter in traffic and in accidents than the other three-quarters of the year; and the present bulletin would therefore show casualty lists heavier than that one under ordinary circumstances; but the difference between that quarter and this is made larger, without doubt, by reason of the fact that between July 1 and October 1 the business of the country began to recover from the depression which began in October, 1907.

"The totals of the present record are indeed far smaller than in the corresponding quarter of a year ago, and it is to be hoped that this apparent increase in the safety of railroad travel and railroad operation is not wholly to be accounted for by the decrease in the number of trains run or in passengers carried or employes in service.

"But in comparing the present quarter with the last one, the main lesson which is to be derived from all accident statistics—the need of preventing accidents in the future—again confronts us. The number of employes killed increased 17 per cent; employes killed in train accidents, 39 per cent; and passengers killed from causes other than train accidents, 30 per cent; but the increase in the number of passengers killed in train accidents was no less than 307 per

cent. Nothing could more clearly enforce the lesson of the necessity of heeding the record of the causes of collisions, for four-fifths of the passengers killed in train accidents were the victims of collisions. Of the eight most serious collisions, five occurred on lines where the block system was not in use; one on a line where it was ostensibly in use, but was abandoned temporarily to save the time of passenger trains; and one on a line where it appears to have been used 'permissibly' for freight trains carrying passengers (drovers); leaving only one which appears to have been in no wise due to lack of the space interval rules.

"The report shows that the total number of collisions and derailments in the quarter now under review was 2,567 (1,170 collisions and 1,397 derailments), of which 192 collisions and 184 derailments affected passenger trains. The damage to cars, engines and roadway by these accidents amounted to \$1,950,408.

In enumerating the more important accidents the report says:

"Two passengers were killed in a collision due to a confusion of orders by the conductor and motorman of an electric car (train No. 9). The case may be explained by supposing the movement of train No. 9 as eastward from A to B, C, D, E, F, and so on. Order No. 3 was issued directing train No. 9 to proceed to E. Later, order No. 5 was issued directing No. 9 to report at D; but the first order was received last and the conductor and motorman acted on it, and thus the collision occurred between D and E. Order No. 5 was received by the conductor and motorman of No. 9 at A, direct by telephone from the dispatcher. Proceeding to B, they received order No. 3 from the conductor of a west-bound train, to whom the dispatcher had sent it at C six minutes before he sent order No. 5. The conductor and engineman of No. 9 are held negligent in not observing the sequence of numbers on the orders and in not noticing the recorded times, which showed that the order received last had been sent first. The dispatcher, in sending order No. 5, did not put into it the words "instead of," and in telephoning it to the

conductor and motorman of No. 9 he said nothing to them about having issued an earlier order which was to be disregarded.

"Seven passengers were killed and nineteen passengers and one trainman were injured in a collision which occurred at a crossing where two lines, both belonging to the same railroad company, cross each other diagonally. Passenger train No. 7, approaching the crossing on line B at excessive speed, was thrown off the track at the derailing switch and ran upon the ground across line A, stopping with the smoking car athwart the main track of A, in which position it was wrecked by the engine of train No. 4 on line A. Seven passengers were killed and nineteen passengers and one trainman were injured. The engineman of train No. 7, who is a man of experience, appears to have been oblivious to the signals. The derailing switch was 281 feet from the crossing and his engine ran to a point 170 feet beyond the crossing. The signal was 50 feet in the rear of the derailing switch and was in plain view for 885 feet farther in the rear. It is estimated that the speed of the train when derailed was at least 50 miles an hour, though the schedule speed of this train over that part of the line is only 22 miles an hour, the rate being limited by a city ordinance. The engineman of No. 7 'claimed' that the signal was clear when he first came within view of it, but the superintendent regards the evidence as conclusive that it was in the stop position and had been so for some time before this train came within sight of it.

"A collision causing five deaths was due to an error in a train order. It was between an east-bound passenger train and a west-bound freight. The engines and cars of both trains were badly damaged. The order as issued directed the passenger train to wait at B until 'five fifteen (5:15) a. m.' This authorized the freight to run to B if it had time to reach that point in time to properly clear the passenger train. The order as delivered to the freight read 'five fifty-five 5:55 a. m.' instead of 'five fifteen 5:15 a. m.,' and the freight therefore encroached on the time of the passenger, having apparent authority to do so, to the extent of forty minutes, and in consequence

met the passenger east of B. The operator at L, who took the order for the freight, destroyed the first order she made and in place of it wrote a second copy. In making this second copy the error occurred. This operator had been in the service of the company at L four days. She had had instruction in a telegraph school twelve months and had been examined by the chief train dispatcher after being under the tutelage of a station operator eleven days. It is assumed that the first order written out at L was correctly worded, as the operator had repeated it to the dispatcher. Where a telegraphic order is rewritten it is the duty of the operator, under the rules, to again repeat it by telegraph to the dispatcher, but this was not done. The telegraph block system is in use on the line where this collision occurred, but the block stations are far apart and to avoid delay to the trains the block system was supplanted by a time order, as above explained. With the block system thus modified or suspended the west-bound freight train, under the rules, would be required to be sidetracked at some station before the passenger train was due, and the passenger train in this case being behind time, the order was issued so as to permit the freight train to go farther west before turning out.

"In another collision there was negligence by both dispatcher and operator. It occurred about 1:30 a. m. The operator accepted an order for the passenger train after it had passed his station. By reason of having been asleep, or otherwise negligent, he did not know whether the passenger train had passed or not, and assumed that it had not; assumed that the dispatcher would not offer the order to him if the train had already passed. The order was sent on Form 19, contrary to the rule, and it was acknowledged in a form applicable only to Form 31; and the dispatcher did not require the operator to display his signal before taking the order; for these irregularities both men are blamed. The dispatcher had ground for suspicion that the operator had not been vigilantly attending to duty and is blamed for not taking extra precautions on that account. The dispatcher had had seven years' experience as such. The operator,

twenty-three years old, had served on this road less than two months, but is said to have had several years' experience elsewhere.

"A collision causing fatal injury to five passengers was due to the acceptance by a station operator of a train order for a train which had passed his office. Train No. 3, west-bound, and No. 12, east-bound, held orders to meet at K. When No. 12 arrived at K, No. 3 being then at L, the next station east and seven miles distant, the train dispatcher undertook to change the meeting point from K to L. This order was accepted by the operator at L before he had made certain that No. 3, which had passed his train order signal, had been held—a violation of the rule. The train dispatcher then gave the order to No. 12 at K, which immediately proceeded to act upon it, and before the operator at L could reach No. 3, which was at the west end of the siding, it left there for K under the order originally given, and the trains met at a point where, by reason of the curvature, neither train could be seen by the other until they were quite close together. The operator at L is held to be at fault in accepting the order after the train had passed his train-order signal, and the dispatcher is held at fault for giving the order to No. 12 without knowing definitely that No. 3 had been held. The services of these men had been satisfactory up to the time of this collision."

A head-end collision between a passenger and a freight train is also described, wherein three persons were killed and thirty-seven injured. The cause of the collision, according to the report, is given to be:

"Agent failed to deliver order; trusted an inexperienced assistant, who made only three copies of order when he should have made five."

#### AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

TUCUMCARI, N. M., Feb. 9, 1909.

*Mr. L. W. Quick, Grand Secretary O. R. T.,  
St. Louis, Mo.:*

DEAR SIR—I am in receipt of yours of the 5th inst., enclosing check for \$500.00, payment in full of policy held by my late son, Roscoe L. Harris, who died Nov. 26th, last.

I wish to thank you for your kindness and prompt settlement, and I would also be glad if you will publish in the journal my greatest thanks and kind remembrance of each and every member and the officials of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers for kindness and favors to me and my family during the sickness and death of our loved one.

With very best wishes, I am,  
Yours very truly,  
MRS. N. C. HARRIS.

#### LA O. R. T. EN MEXICO.

**C**OMO deseamos para todos nuestros companeros y hermanos, los miembros Mexicanos de lo O. R. T., un feliz ano nuevo, nos permitiremos, yo principalmente, hablar a mis companeros que aun no son nuestros hermanos, para manifestarles que la manera mas propia de que hagamos del presente ano, una era de prosperidad, es la de unirnos cuanto antes, en nuestra querida Orden, haciendo, como lo sueno, una Division Mexicana de la Orden en nuestra Republica. "Como conseguirlo" La respuesta esta bien clara y sencilla: A la mayor brevedad, los que ya como socios, pongamos todos los medios que estan a nuestro alcance para arrancar del animo de nuestros buenos companeros ese espiritu de apatia que dia a dia nos va sumergiendo mas profundamente en el abismo de la abyeccion, haciendo todo esfuerzo posible, natural y legal por convencer a los que no estan aun bien penetrados de nuestras ideas, para que aquellos, una vez convencidos de nuestras altas miras, no vacilen un instante mas en unirse y en propagar la idea con la rapidez necesaria a fin de que el proximo ano tenga para nosotros una aurora limpida, libre ya de los nubarrones que en el presente empanaron el cielo azul de nuestras sublimes aspiraciones. De este modo, en muy breve tiempo, podremos hacer la peticion debida a la Matriz de Saint Louis, Mo., para que nos conceda, como quien dice, la autonomia, haciendonos una Division que tuviera por cabeza en nuestro suelo, uno de nuestros mas esclarecidos compatriotas e inteligentes companeros, "no seria esto un verdadero

acontecimiento que requerriria dulcemente en el corazon de todos nosotros, oh, mis queridos companeros." Claro que, si por fortuna como lo espero, este, sueno mio llega a realizarse, la face de nuestra existencia hoy aislada y antes de hoy explotada de mil maneras, habra entonces cambiado por completo.

Para conseguir tan altos fines contamos con la grande ayuda que nuestro Secretario y Gran Tesorero, Hermano L. W. Quick, se ha propuesto impartirnos editando ya al presente las formas principales en espanol, y no es aventurado decir que dentro de poco y ya con la cooperacion de muchos de mis companeros, los asuntos todos que nos conciernan, seran tramitados o tratados en nuestro idioma, lo cual hasta hoy ha sido casi un imposible dado el escaso numero de Hermanos de nuestra Orden con que contamos que hablen el idioma de Cervantes.

Nuestra idea es que formemos en esta Division de San Luis la nueva Division de la O. R. T. una vez que hayamos podido reunir al menos treinta socios, segun lo demandan las Leyes de la Orden; entonces haremos todos la peticion para la Division y sin duda que nos sera concedida, con lo cual, por lo pronto habremos dado un paso firme y verdadero hacia nuestra reorganizacion y habremos escalado el primer peldano de nuestra redencion.

Algunos de mis companeros me objetaran, como algunos me lo han dicho, que en Mexico es imposible que haya union; que llamese como se llame la institucion, nuestro corazon no es para el caso; pero yo dire que bajo buena cabeza no hay cuerpo mal dirigido, por lo tanto, formando todos ya una Division, como es natural, escogeriamos indudablemente un companero digno, honrado y de aspiraciones para dirigir la nueva nave a puerto seguro; esto en cuanto a lo inmediato, que por lo demas tenemos magnificos directores en la Orden, que podrian ayudar a esta cabeza Mexicana, en cualquier caso dificil. La buena marcha quedaria de este modo asegurada.

Otros hay que me dicen que lo mejor, para unirnos, seria formar otra nueva sociedad netamente Mexicana y que de este modo tendriamos que progresar mas. No

encuentro como podria ser o hacerse ese progreso, porque tal hecho equivaldria a sembrar una nueva semilla con el fin de guarecernos bajo su sombra—cuando? Tal vez dentro de 20 o 30 anos; habria esperanzas, sin embargo, pero no del todo consoladoras ni menos practicas. Lo necesario en los actuales tiempos es, no sustentar anejas teorias sino pisar el terreno verdaderamente practico, no sembrando nueva semilla, sino acojiendonos a la sombra del arbol ya bien desarrollado. Ese arbol (La O. R. T.) esta ya bien desarrollado, su sombra cubre, llenandolos de satisfaccion y relativo bienestar, a multitud de Hermanos que a el han acudido. "Porque no disfrutar nosotros de la carcia de sus progresos cuando para recibirnos tiene los brazos abiertos."

Corramos hacia ese arbol, seguros de hallar sombra perenne que nos fortifique y aliente en nuestra azarosa vida de ferrocarrileros. El que dirija sus pasos alla, acelere los sin vacilacion, sin temer un engaño, pues mi querida Orden nunca lo ha hecho por nada ni a nadie. Esta probado que sus fines son altamente altruistas no hay que temer.

Al hecho, pues, mis buenos companeros y compatriotas queridos. Llenad las formas y enviadlas sin tardanza los que ya las tengais, y los que no, pedidlas y haced otro tanto, que la victoria sera nuestra en razon directa del esfuerzo de nuestra voluntad. Si desmayamos pobres de todos nosotros! el velo negro del infortunio se acentuara entonces mas y mas y menos nos permitira gozar la dulce claridad e independencia que da la union bien comprendida y sostenida.

Dios dijo que todos los hombres como hermanos, nuestra orden asi lo entiende y profesa, por que vivir separados de ella? Es la causa el egoismo? Que nunca mas resuene tal palabra en nuestro oido, ni abrigue tal sentimiento nuestro corazon; demostremos que sabemos acatar tan sublime precepto y hagamosnos hermanos de veridad. No os arrepentireis.

Hasta otra, companeros.

GRAND DIV. CERT. 2,156.

## A LOS TELEGRAFISTAS FERROCARRILEROS MEXICANOS.

UN gran numero de telegrafistas ferrocarrileros en Mexico, saben lo que la Orden de Telegrafistas Ferrocarrileros es, sus principios, su objeto y lo mucho que durante su larga existencia, ha logrado hacer en bien del gremio. Pero es mucho mayor el de aquellos que poco o nada saben de tan benefica organizacion. A todos, pero especialmente a estos ultimos, me voy a permitir dedicar estas lineas.

Mas de veinte anos cuenta de existencia, siempre laborando bajo bases solidas, tre-molando el estandarte de la Union y Fraternidad. Ha logrado llegar a ser una Orden fuerte, respetada y apreciada, no solo entre sus miembros, sino tambien entre todas las otras agrupaciones de empleados de ferrocarril y las companias ferrocarrileras. En los Estados Unidos y Canada, ha conseguido sueldos equitativos para los telegrafistas, disminucion de horas de trabajo, legislacion favorable para el gremio, consideracion y respeto.

Su Departamento de Beneficios Mutuos, en el cual, mediante premios muy bajos, todos sus miembros deben asegurar su vida para proteccion de las personas queridas, es manejado bajo las mas solidas bases y presta completa garantia a todos los socios. Las cuotas de inscripcion y mensuales, son muy bajas. Sus dignatarios, personas muy competentes y de honradez acrisoladas, de representacion y experiencia.

Si todos los telegrafistas Mexicanos se unieren a la Orden, sin duda que en relativo corto tiempo, lograrian obtener todos los beneficios que nuestros hermanos del Norte han obtenido. Y esto con muchos menos esfuerzos, pues que ya se aprovecharia la experiencia de los que nos han precedido y el Calvario seria mucho menos penoso y se llegaria mas prontamente al Tabor.

La O. R. T. nos ayudara a elevar el estandarte de la Fraternidad, a mejorar nuestra situacion, a ser respetados y apreciados. Hogi un formal llamamiento al gremio de Telegrafistas Ferrocarrileros Mexicanos, para que, uniendose todos bajo la bandera de la Orden, ayuden con sus esfuerzos a nuestro general beneficio.

Antes de mucho se cosecharan los frutos de una verdadera union. Hagamos a un lado el egoismo, sea nuestro lema: "Todos para uno y uno para todos."

Quieren uds., hermanos telegrafistas, escuchar la voz de la experiencia y prestar su gran contingente a la buena obra? En ello todos ganaremos. Nosotros, en bienestar, las Companias a quienes prestamos nuestros servicios, con nuestro carino y

fidelidad y el publico que patrocina nuestras extensas vias de comunicacion, con nuestro buen servicio.

Desterremos ideas rancias, pensemos solo en nuestro bien presente y en el de las generaciones que nos sucederan y unamos todas nuestras aspiraciones y esfuerzos para el bien comun.

Sere escuchado y secundado.

MEXICANO.

## EDITORIAL NOTES

Four hundred and eighty-three new members were initiated into the Order during the month of January.

An active crusade towards complete and thorough organization has been inaugurated, and every member is requested to lend a helping hand in this direction.

The Mortuary Fund of the Mutual Benefit Department continues to grow. A financial statement of the department is published on the Grand Division page, which immediately precedes the Division Directory in each issue of the journal.

THE MAILING LIST WILL BE REVISED THIS ISSUE, AND ONLY MEMBERS WITH DUES PAID TO JUNE 30, 1909, WILL RECEIVE FUTURE ISSUES OF THIS JOURNAL FROM THE REGULAR MAILING LIST. IF YOUR DUES ARE NOT PAID THEY SHOULD BE REMITTED AT ONCE.

The noted evangelist, Rev. Milford Hall Lyons, of Chicago, while conducting a series of revival meetings in Iowa recently, credited organized labor with having materially raised the standard, morally and otherwise, of the working masses. It is refreshing to know that at least some of the

public men appreciate the great benefit organized labor has been in the lives of the toiling millions.

The attention of certificate holders in the Mutual Benefit Department is called to the second paragraph of article 5 of the laws governing that department, which provides that certificate holders must pay their dues in the Order within sixty days from the beginning of a semi-annual dues period.

A copy of the editorial, "The Year 1908," which appeared in the January issue of this journal, was recently mailed to practically every non-member in the United States and Canada. Other interesting literature will also be mailed them in the immediate future. Every member should get busy.

Help to complete thorough organization throughout the country by furnishing the Grand Secretary and Treasurer with a correct list of all non-members in your territory, using care to give correct initials, the correct spelling of the name, and the correct address, and also to show the road on which they are employed.

Hon. Thos. R. Mould, of Belleville, Ill., a member of the United Mine Workers of America, announces himself as a candidate

for Circuit Judge. It is not often that organized labor has an opportunity of placing one of their own number in an important judicial position, and no doubt he will receive the undivided support of the organized workers of that judicial district at the primaries on April 13th.

The accompanying is an engraving of an official O. R. T. gold ring. These rings can be had from the Grand Secretary and Treasurer for \$4.50. In ordering them it is only necessary to give the size desired, which information can be secured from any jeweler.



The member securing the most new members before June 30th, will be given a diamond ring to cost \$150.00. The member securing the second largest number of new members, will be given a diamond ring to cost \$100.00. Third prize, choice between a diamond ring or a watch, to cost \$50.00. The member who secures five or more new members during that period, and who fails to obtain one of the prizes named above, will be given the choice between an O. R. T. emblem ring and an O. R. T. watch charm.

For further particulars in regard to this contest, reference should be had to the article appearing on page 17, of the January TELEGRAPHER.

The statement issued by the Bureau of Immigration, for the month of December, 1908, shows that there were 46,003 aliens landed at the various ports of entry in the United States, during that month; that there were 770 debarred from entrance, classified as follows: Idiots, 2; imbeciles,

4; feeble-minded, 8; epileptics, 1; insane, 5; dangerous and contagious diseases, 217; likely to become public charges, 289; mentally or physically defective, 20; contract laborers, 113; accompanying aliens, 15; under sixteen years of age and unaccompanied by parent, 3; assisted aliens, 1; criminals, 16; polygamists, 3; prostitutes and procurers, 35; other causes, 5; under provisions of Chinese Exclusion Act, 33. The number of aliens landed at the various ports of entry for the month of December, 1907, were 66,574.

The Railroad Employees' Department of the American Federation of Labor was organized at the Denver Convention, and temporary officers elected, an account of which appeared in THE TELEGRAPHER at that time. The temporary organization was made permanent at a meeting held in Chicago, Ill., January 18th and 19th, at which time a constitution was adopted, officers elected, and the future policy of the department decided upon. The constitution is a conservative document, based on strict business lines, and has many safeguards against illegal and ill advised strikes. The policy of the department is to more thoroughly organize railroad employes in the various organizations of their classes, to encourage other eligible organizations to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor, to settle disputes between organizations, to endeavor to mediate pending strike trouble and to look after legislation. H. B. Perham, President of The Order of Railroad Telegraphers was elected chairman; A. B. Lowe, President of the International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes was elected vice-chairman, and D. W. Roderick, of the International Association of Machinists, secretary and treasurer.







JABEZ WEATHERBEE  
DECEASED MEMBER GRAND DIVISION

**B**ROTHER WEATHERBEE was born in Massachusetts on May 19, 1849, and came west at the age of twenty-eight years and practically all the balance of his life was spent in the west. Was elected Assistant Grand Chief Telegrapher at the Chattanooga Convention of the Order in 1892 by virtue of which position he was Chairman of the Grand Executive Committee (now known as the Board of Directors), which position he filled for a period of one year or until the Toronto Convention in 1893, at which Convention he was elected Grand Secretary and Treasurer, succeeding S. O. Fox.

Brother Weatherbee was re-elected Grand Secretary and Treasurer by the Denver Convention in 1894, but declined to accept re-election at the St. Louis Convention in 1895.

During his tenure in office, he was a capable and efficient officer and he went out of office with the kindest of feelings and best wishes of the membership in general, who will regret to hear of his untimely demise.

Brother Weatherbee died suddenly in Boston on January 13th. He was in the San Francisco earthquake, the experiences in which no doubt affected his health.

# PERSONAL MENTION

The following births have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. H. T. Montgomery, of Duncan, Okla., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. O. D. Campbell, of Mason, Mich., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. O. Welch, of Jeanerette, La., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. J. Laming, of Fombell, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. W. Mason, of Pittsburg, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. T. H. Esperson, of Palisade, Nev., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. D. Armstrong, of Hamilton, Ont., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. H. Kreiser, of Aliquippa, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. H. Eicholtz, of Beaver Falls, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. D. Cowden, of Waterford, Cal., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. S. C. Yates, of Brevard, N. C., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. H. Byrns, of Belfield, N. D., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. A. Cantwell, of Holmesville, Neb., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. Lamansky, of Grandview, Iowa, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. I. Moore, of Hull Junction, Que., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. T. C. Martin, of Grand Rivers, Ky., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. J. Windle, of Wilburton, Okla., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. I. C. Barbee, of Herrin, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. H. Sellers, of Romulus, Mich., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. B. W. Pierson, of Manchester, Iowa, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. T. Stauffer, of Garrison, Iowa, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. D. Thomason, of Liberty, Mo., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. W. Glasgow, of Coulterville, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. O. Brinkman, of Sunman, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. D. Morgan, of Forbes, Mo., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. Meyers, of Nodaway, Mo., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. P. Sample, of Merrihan, Wis., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. A. Schlaff, of Minonk, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. J. Thompson, of McComb, Miss., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. C. Austin, of Boyds, Md., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Jno. Young, of Cochran, Ind., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. D. H. Troxell, of Ainsworth, Neb., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Harry T. Morgan, of Cooks Falls, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. A. Lynn, of Valmeyer, Ill., a boy.

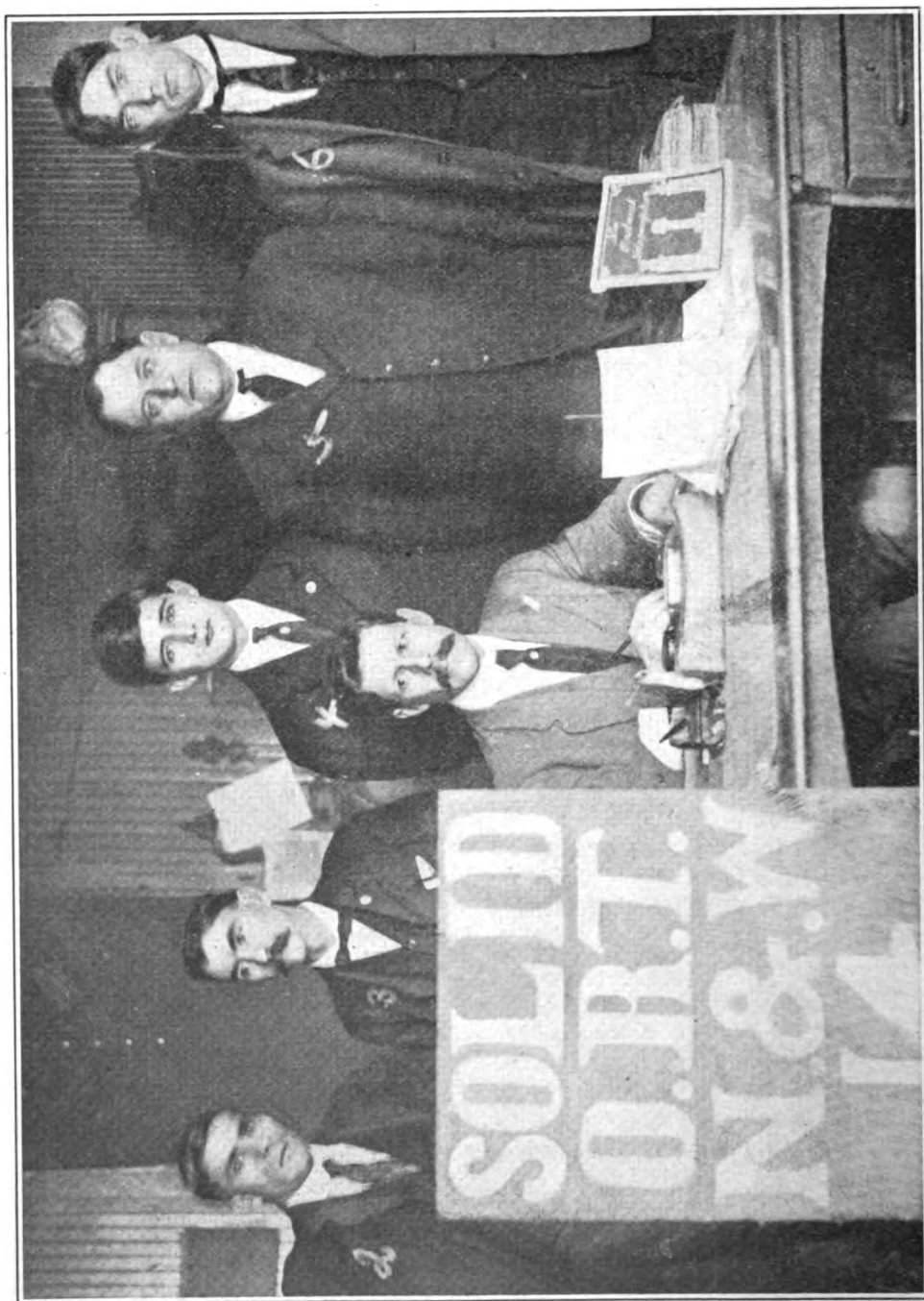
To Bro. and Mrs. J. P. Lannon, of Webster, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. E. Wagoner, of Colby, Ohio, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. A. Zimmerman, of Colby, Ohio, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. H. Miminck, of Hagerstown, Md., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. H. Dooley, of New York, N. Y., a boy.



D. P. Pursell.

W. D. Livsle.

H. E. Walker.  
W. H. Kirchmier.

E. F. Ware.

G. W. Collins.

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To Bro. and Mrs. R. R. McInroy, of Middlebury Centre, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. C. Tanner, of Tamms, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. E. Whelan, of Le-tellier, Man., a girl.

The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

At Union Station, Ohio, Bro. J. W. Marsh, of Div. 33, to Miss Inez Brill.

At Richmond, Texas, Bro. N. B. Anderson, of Div. 144, to Miss Nannie K. Bell.

Bro. J. C. Talley, Jr., of Div. 69, to Miss Katherine L. Hooge.

At Leoti, Kan., Bro. F. A. Thompson, of Div. 31, to Miss Rosa Smith.

At Dupon, Ga., Bro. J. T. Bramlett, of Div. 132, to Miss Bernice Smith.

At Julian, Ia., Bro. F. E. Kilbrath, of Div. 93, to Miss Etta Clark.

At Delaware, Ia., Bro. H. Guthormson, of Div. 93, to Miss Rosie Zirtzmann.

At Wedesboro, N. C., Bro. J. C. Bowman, of Div. 132, to Miss Cleve Briggs.

At Dunnellon, Fla., Bro. F. E. Henry, of Div. 132, to Miss Carrie Busse.

At Quincy, Ill., Bro. C. E. Brown, of Div. 130, to Miss Frankie Banks.

At Clinton, Iowa, Bro. R. B. Bower, of Div. 130, to Miss Hazel Beal.

At Barnesville, Ohio, Bro. W. L. Batnes, of Div. 54, to Miss Madge Chappell.

At Gardner, Mont., Bro. J. H. Hennerley, of Div. 70, to Miss Pauline Hoover.

At Valley, Wash., Bro. J. H. Guenther, of Div. 70, to Miss Kathie Klavano.

Bro. E. E. Turner, of Div. 76, to Miss Susie Eaton.

At Anadarko, Okla., Bro. C. H. Meador, of Div. 126, to Miss Lou Ryan.

At Coatesville, Ill., Bro. R. R. Hodson, of Div. 27, to Miss Flora Campbell.

At Corning, N. Y., Bro. W. S. Dean, of Div. 42, to Miss Margaret Green.

At Dicksonburg, Pa., Bro. C. W. Smith, of Div. 51, to Miss Brewer.

At Grafton, W. Va., Bro. M. Channing Owens, of Div. 33, to Miss Grace Lake.

Bro. F. A. Smith, of Div. 14, to Miss Grace Coleman.

At Bellwood, Pa., Bro. R. H. TerHaar, of Div. 86, to Miss Gilbert.

At Cone, Ill., Bro. C. W. Shoup, of Div. 2, to Miss Hazel Burdine.

At Jersey Shore, Pa., Bro. W. C. Barrow, of Div. 8, to Miss Beulah Washam.

At Clearfield, Pa., Bro. G. S. Stover, of Div. 81, to Miss A. R. Stone.

Bro. S. W. Estes, of Div. 2, to Miss Henry Onley.

At Live Oak, Fla., Bro. B. Lucas, of Div. 97, to Miss Mary Grubb.

At Williamsport, Ind., Bro. R. E. Hellwig, of Div. 2, to Miss Joanna Whitson.

At Parsons, Pa., Bro. C. E. Bryant, of Div. 12, to Miss Emily Miner.

Bro. R. S. Holmes, of Grand Division, to Miss Mary Morgan.

At Richmond, Cal., Bro. H. G. Stidham, of Div. 53, to Mrs. J. W. Stockwell.

Bro. O. T. Toodvine, of Div. 35, to Miss Parmelia L. Daignan.

At Akron, Ohio, Bro. J. Mulhearn, of Div. 33, to Miss Harris.

At Canal Dover, Ohio, Bro. Teed Lucas, of Div. 33, to Miss Stein.

At Warsaw, Ind., Sister V. R. Cook, of Div. 2, to Mr. H. I. Townes.

Bro. H. C. Conklin, of Div. 138, to Miss Daisy Callahan.

At McGregor, Minn., Bro. J. A. Graham, of Div. 54, to Miss Cecil Brooks.

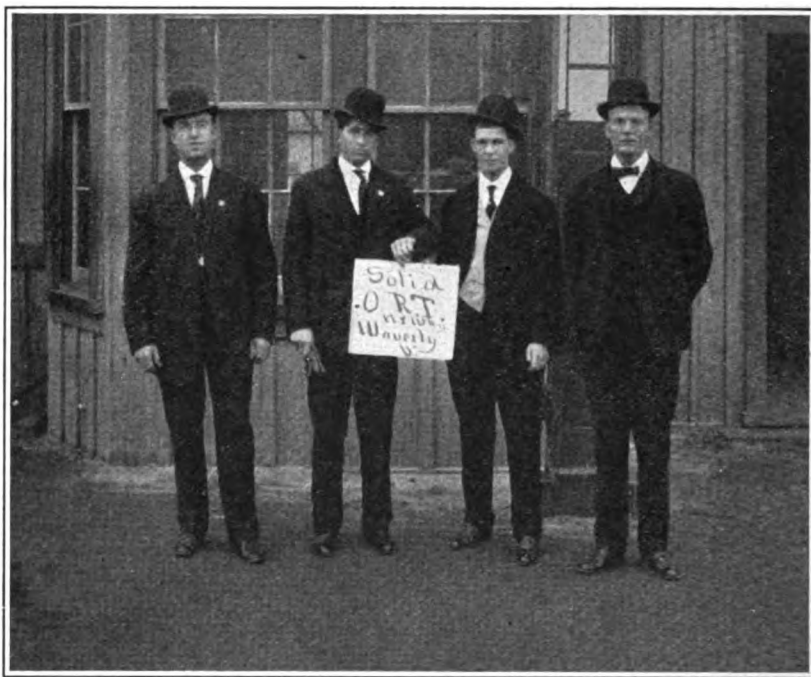
At Central City, Ohio, Bro. James P. Huffman, of Div. 33, to Miss Willa Grossman.

THE TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations to the happy couples.

The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

At Oil City, Pa., Matthew Ruddy, father of J. M. Ruddy, of Div. 49.

At Lancaster, Ky., Mrs. J. G. Doty, mother of Bro. W. C. Doty, of Div. 62.



J. H. Tucker. C. W. Waters, Jr. V. C. Johnson. J. H. Wilson.

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Infant daughter of Bro. C. W. McElhinney, of Div. 52.

At Thornton, Miss., Bro. W. M. Bailey, of Div. 93.

At Dow City, Iowa, Bro. A. D. Baber, of Div. 93.

At Galena, Ill., father of Bro. M. P. Gallagher, of Div. 93.

At Paola, Kan., mother of J. T. Maddox, of Div. 130.

At Kingston, Va., Bro. E. L. Moore, of Div. 132.

At Quincy, Ill., wife of Bro. Doc Straub, of Div. 130.

At Anderson, Tex., infant of Bro. H. S. Hennington, of Div. 25.

At Mt. Carmel, Ill., Bro. Carl H. Lee, of Div. 23.

At Vancouver, B. C., daughter of Bro. James Hallisey, of Div. 7.

At Vancouver, B. C., mother of Bro. R. L. Pallen, of Div. 7.

At Sayville, N. Y., mother of Bro. F. D. Bligh, of Div. 44.

At Hicksville, N. Y., mother of Bro. Clarence Dow, of Div. 44.

At Frenchville, N. Y., mother of Bros. C. C. and J. B. Beauseigneur, of Div. 8.

At Central Falls, R. I., Bro. A. L. Armstrong, of Div. 35.

At Washington, R. I., Bro. A. B. Gould, of Div. 35.

At Macomb, Ill., mother of Bro. E. G. Armstrong, of Div. 130.

At Fowler, Ill., father of Bros. H. R. and W. Gray, of Div. 130.

At Fowler, Ill., mother-in-law of Bro. W. Gray, of Div. 130.

At St. Louis, Mo., Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson, mother of Arthur Jackson, of Div. 31.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all.

**WANTED.**

Present address of P. P. Jones.

D. B. CASSELL,  
211 Lindell Block, Spokane, Wash.

Present address of John A. Barnard. Let me hear from you immediately. Important.  
"H. N.," Armstrong, Okla.

Present address of K. B. Buckingham, supposed to be telegraphing somewhere in the West. W. H. CUNNINGHAM,  
Parrish, Ala.

Present address of Chas. D. Roach, or his folks in Wisconsin. Important news Please write. Wm. A. BIRCH,  
Faribault, Minn.

Present address of W. H. Cawthorne; last heard of, working nights at Kensal, N. D. Any one knowing his whereabouts please write W. O. WILSON, Maynard, Minn.

Present address of C. E. Malpass; last heard of working for I. C. at Hazelhurst, Miss., 1906. Also present address of Operator Hastings; last heard of working at

Brookhaven, Miss., 1906. Both formerly from Panama. "Boys," if you see this, drop Old Luke a line.

J. A. LUKANITSCH, Ramsey, Idaho.

Present address of Bill English, en route Chicago to St. Louis last September. Still holding grip, "Bill," check number 13, and it's a hoodoo; send for it and write a pal "73."

E. S. FITCH,

166 Edmund St., St. Paul, Minn.

Present address of V. G. Foster. Information of his whereabouts will be appreciated by his wife and mother.

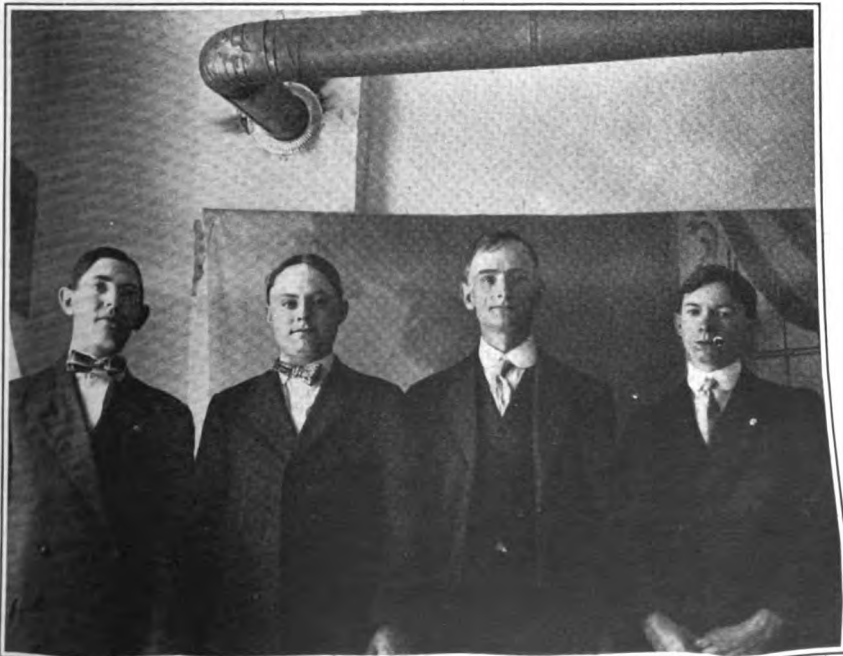
MRS. V. G. FOSTER,

MRS. MATTIE COPENING,  
Covington, Okla.

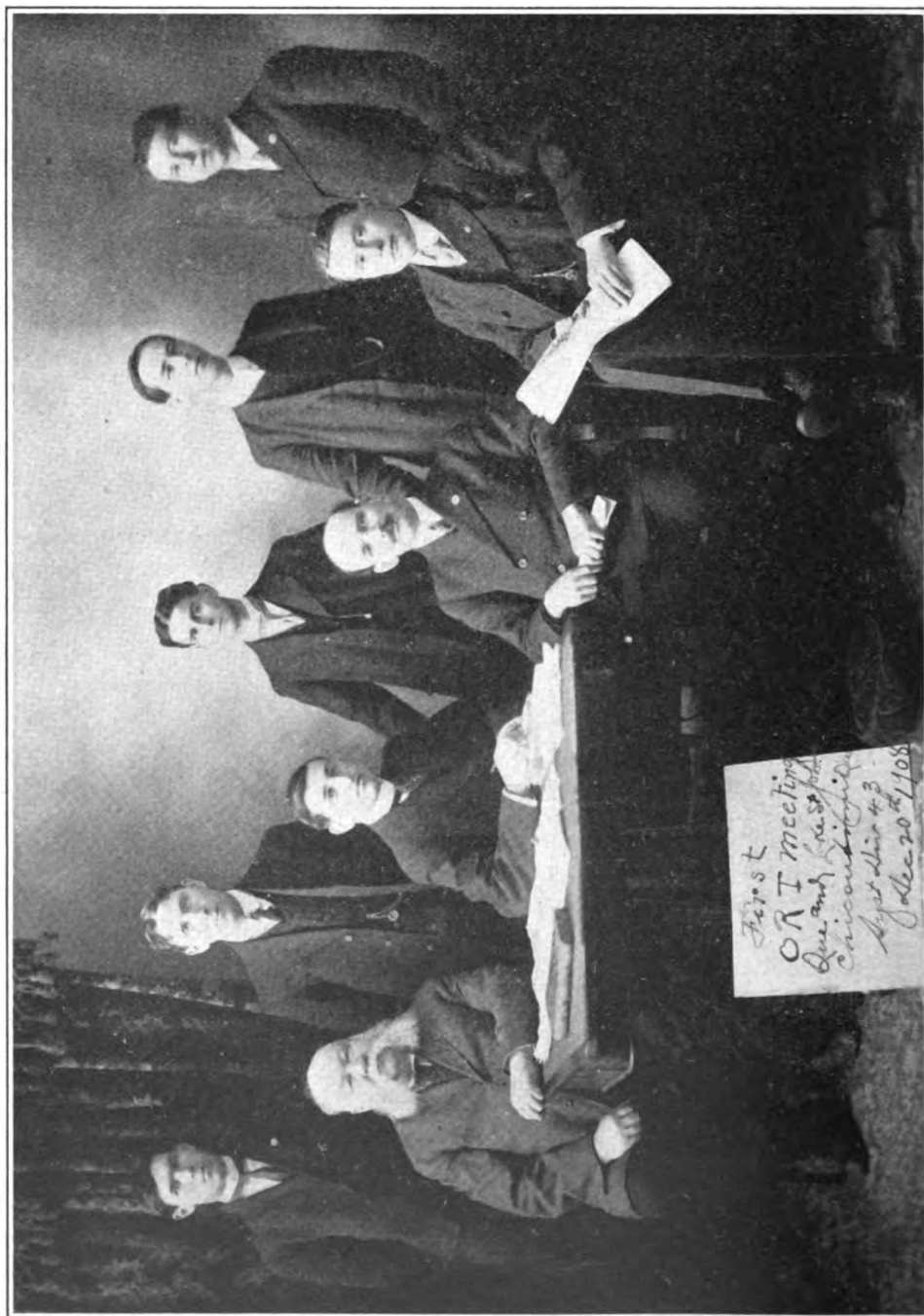
Present address of Thomas Coogan, formerly a boiler maker, also works as line-man. Will brothers kindly inquire around shops and of linemen?

L. W. BALLOU,

726 Sunbury St., Shamokin, Pa.



B. E. McNeely. H. A. Crutchlow. W. P. Stublin. A. G. Morgan.  
O. R. T. GROUP—A. C. L. & SOUTHERN RAILWAY, EMPORIA, VA.



J. M. Rivest.  
A. Levesque.

E. Beulanger.

J. E. Hamel.

J. H. Godin.

J. P. Blondeau.

J. Alain.

Geo. Levesque.

G. H. Tremblay.

SOLID O. R. T. GROUP—QUEBEC AND LAKE ST. JOHNS RAILWAY.

Present address of W. P. Foy, last heard of on B. & O. at Benwood, W. Va., in June, 1908. "Bill," if you see this, write me at Glen Willow, Ohio. Important.

B. P. from "NR."

Present address of C. C. Showalter, who worked for N. Y. C. St. L. around Buffalo during 1907. A. W. SHOWALTER,

Room 7, B. & O. R. R. Station, Pittsburg, Pa.

Present address of W. H. Monsarrett, who worked as operator and claim clerk for Santa Fe at Dallas, Tex., and went out with the Santa Fe strikers in December, 1900. "Mons," if you see this, write me.

W. H. SMITH, Town Creek, Ala.

Present address of W. Brady Keister, from Straussburg, Va.; worked at Atlanta, Ga., in 1904. Last heard of in Southern Georgia. Important. T. W. BURNS,

134 Wharf Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Wanted all the brothers, especially in the larger cities, who read this article to clip it out and hand to your Police Department, and advise them to watch out for this fellow, and communicate with the Atlanta Detective Department for further particulars. If you will do this you will not only favor me, but others as well.

"Went under the name of 'Ed Hughes' and of 'T. E. Hughes,' used bogus checks on City Bank & Trust Co., of Mobile, and was seen with Atlanta blank checks in his pocket. Puts up at good hotels, and eats at the best restaurants, pleasant conversationalist; answered to the following description: Sandy complexion; sandy hair, cut close, a little bald; face red, smooth shave, and face and hands looked a little bloated. Hobbled some with rheumatism, light gray eyes, weight about 185 pounds, rather heavy set, about 5 feet 10 inches in height. Wore a light colored overcoat, with a brown soft hat, and sometimes a cap with the following inscription inside the cap, 'Livingston Bros., Houston, Tex.,' cap was gray with white specks and trimmed with braid. Wore a suit of black with a tinge of gray, and at times wore a

greenish black coat with striped pantaloons. Had a signet ring on his left hand. Was known in his conversation by inserting 'By Joe' about every ten minutes."

The game he worked here was about as follows: Advertised in papers for lady to take charge of retail store, which afterwards was said to be plume parlors, where he would handle nothing but ostrich plumes; had sixth interest in the Nebraska Ostrich Farm, about twelve miles south of Omaha; had such parlors in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Spokane (where he claimed was his home); had lately opened parlors in New Orleans, and intended opening parlors in Tampa, Fla. Had his cabinets made in Mobile, where he claimed he had made arrangements with a cabinet firm to make his cabinets for the Atlanta and Tampa firms. Looked for the best location for such a place in town, drawing up leases for the same, and after having worked himself up in the minds of business people, passed bogus checks. Always wanting to keep it "quiet," until just ready to open up.

He got me for a sum, and others here, therefore you will be doing a sister in the Order a great good by going deeply into this matter at once, keeping it out of the newspapers as much as possible.

Fraternally,

MRS. E. B. SMITH,

P. O. Box 716, Atlanta, Ga.

The following members desire to exchange souvenir postal cards with other members:

H. C. Stokes, Huntsville, O.

J. W. Marsh, Union Station, O.

J. S. Summerson, Himrod, N. Y.

D. H. McLearen, Mitchells, Va.

S. Frye, 315 E. Main St., Danville, Ky.

C. P. Lord, 20 Lincoln St., Somersworth, N. H.

James O. Larry, 807 Franklin St., Wilk-  
insburg, Pa.



## LOST OR STOLEN.

Card 544, Cert. 104, Div. 126, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 158, Cert. 94, Div. 16, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 4,769, Cert. 295, Div. 32, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 5,462, Cert. 1,755, Div. 32, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 7,256, Cert. 1,210, Div. 59, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 5,179, Cert. 1,248, Div. 2, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 8,129, Cert. 368, Div. 34, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 3,675, Cert. 2,045, Div. 59, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 565, Cert. 2,156, Div. 126, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 3,029, Cert. 441, Div. 62, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 1,720, Cert. 34, Div. 42, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 7,213, Cert. 324, Div. 59, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 2,210, Cert. 4,199, Grand Div. for term ending June 30, 1909.

## NOTICE.

Lost or Stolen—Card case containing O. R. T. card No. 17,235, Cert. 1,932, Div. 31, for term ending December 31, 1908, and other valuable papers. If presented take up and forward to G. E. Soyster, General Secretary and Treasurer, Division No. 23, No. 1554 Bever Ave., Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Lost or Stolen—Card case containing O. R. T. cards, dating from December, 1906, to December, 1908, issued to H. T. Harshbarger. Also contained \$35.00. If presented take up and forward to L. W. Quick, St. Louis, Mo.

Lost or Stolen—At Birmingham, Ala., card case containing O. R. T. card, dating from December, 1906, to December 1908, and other valuable papers.

R. L. WILLIAMS,  
Bluff Springs, Fla.



# GLEANINGS

Your up-to-date card is a passport among union men.

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The "Boston Tea Party" was America's first boycott.

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The first union formed in North America—the "United States."

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Don't treat a non as you do a brother. "No card, no favors."

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Free conscience, free speech, free press are guaranteed by the Constitution.

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Union conditions are best for all—the progressive workman is a union man.

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Fair play is all any man wants, but he wants to be the judge of its fairness.

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The dead are soon forgotten, in fact, most of us are lucky if we are not forgotten while we are alive.

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Years ago Abraham Lincoln advised the workingmen to organize, times without number, and Wendell Phillips spoke at many labor mass meetings.

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Non-union labor is like the mendicant on the street corner, with hat in hand, receiving the dole of benefit bestowed upon labor universally by the organized unions.

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More than two million wage-workers who have reaped the advantages of organization and federation appeal to their brothers and sisters of toil to unite with them and participate in the glorious movement with its attendant benefits.

Higher wages, shorter workday, better labor conditions, better homes, better and safer workshops, factories, mills and mines. In a word, a better, higher and nobler life.

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The Protestant ministers of Boston have organized a union along trade union lines. They will adopt a scale of wages, and are even discussing the appointment of a business agent. Low wages are responsible for this action.

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There are affiliated to the American Federation of Labor 118 International Trade Unions with their 27,000 local unions; 36 State Federations; 537 city central bodies and 650 local trade and federal labor unions having no internationals.

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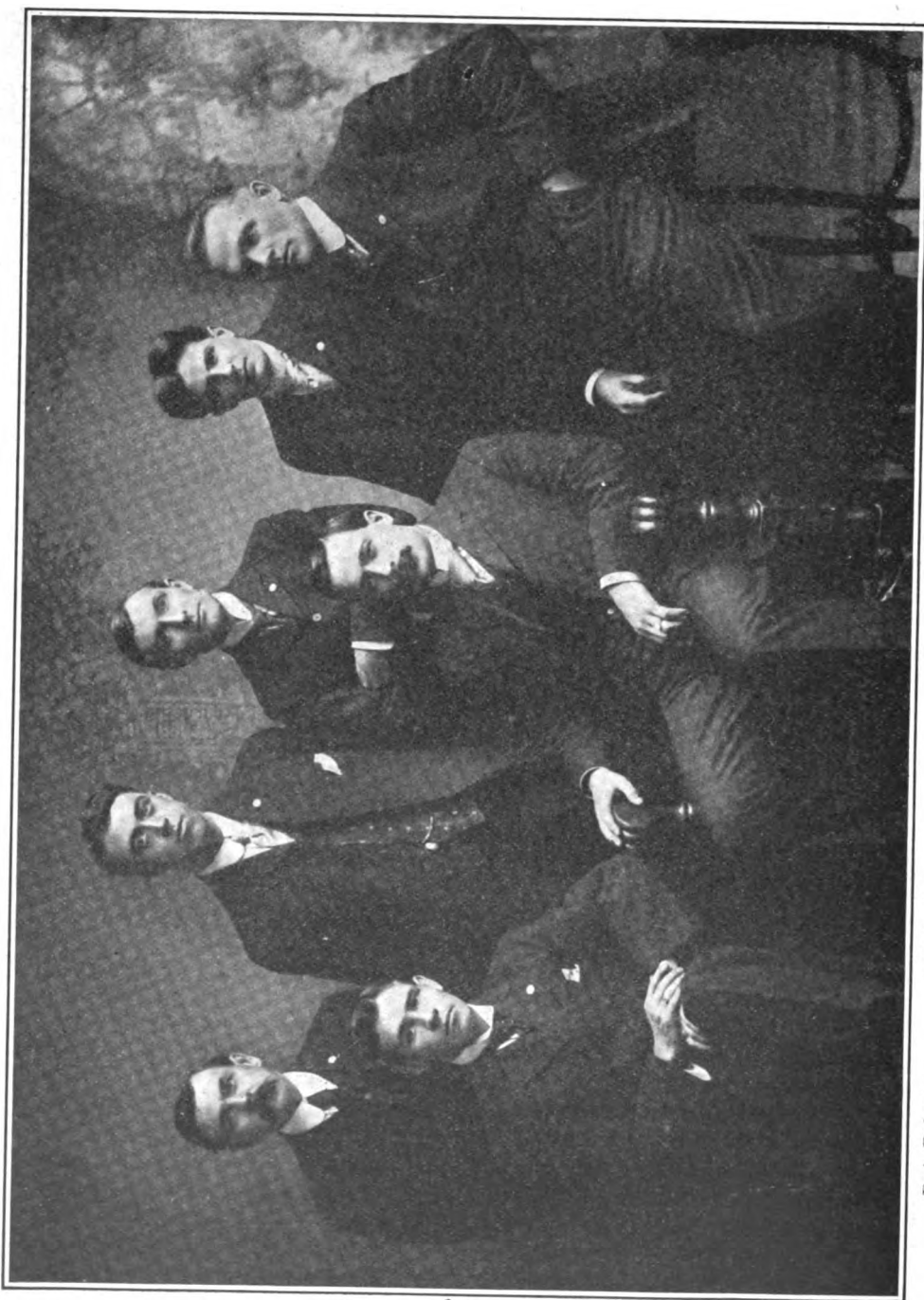
It is a well-recognized fact that every material advantage which has come to our members has been secured by the Order. This is true today, tomorrow and for all time, and the sooner those outside the Order realize this fact the better it will be for all concerned.

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Labor is prior to and independent of Capital. Capital is only the fruit of Labor. Capital could never have existed if Labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of Capital and deserves much the more consideration.—From the First Annual Message of President Lincoln.

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There is nothing, save the ballot, more powerful or more effective than the union label in cementing the workers. Label agitation means solidarity, and when united action is once secured, it can be used on the political as well as on the economic field. The label as an educator is invaluable.



P. A. Robertson. J. A. Bell, Gen. Chairman. J. Willoughby, D. Campbell, 3rd Vice-Pres. V. J. Lanphear. D. L. Shaw, Gen. Sec. and Treas.  
 O. R. T. GENERAL COMMITTEE, GRAND TRUNK RY.

You never heard a union man apologize for buying goods with the label on, but how often do you see one squirm and wriggle for an excuse to explain why he gives his union wages for the product of cheap tenement house or prison-made goods. A merchant respects a union man who calls for union label goods, but he only has secret contempt for the union man who is too weak to insist on getting union goods for union money.—*Union Advocate*.

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Of the total membership of the present Congress four were elected on labor platforms, and were nominated in opposition to the candidates of the two older parties. The men are McDermott, of Chicago; Carey, of Milwaukee, both telegraphers; Nicols, a coal miner from Scranton, Pa., and Wilson, another coal miner from Blossburg, Pa. Three others elected to Congress have union cards in their pockets, but were not elected as representatives of union labor.

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Fifty-three of the fifty-five doctors in Bellinzona, Switzerland, and its suburbs, have gone on strike. They are paid by the municipal authorities, the salaries running from \$600 to \$1,000 a year, and by contract must give their services free to poor and rich alike. They demand a fixed salary of \$500 a year, and the right of charging fees varying from 50 cents to \$1.50 to patients who are in a position to pay, and special charges for night visits. They agree to attend the poor without payment.

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Man comes into the world without his consent and leaves against his will. During his stay on earth his time is spent in one continuous round of contraries and misunderstandings by the balance of the species. In his infancy he is an angel, in his boyhood he is a devil, in his manhood he is everything from a lizard up, in his dotage he is a fool. If he raises a small check he is a thief and then the law raises the devil with him. If he is a poor man he is a poor manager, if he is rich he is dishonest. If he is in politics he is a grafter, if he is

out of politics you can't place him and he is an undesirable person. If he is in a church he is a hypocrite. If he is out of church he is a sinner and is damned. If he donates to foreign missions he does it for show, if he doesn't he is stingy. When he first comes into the world everybody wants to kiss him, before he goes out they all want to kick him. If he dies young there was a great future before him, if he lives to a ripe old age he is simply living to save funeral expenses.

Life is a funny road, but we all like to travel it just the same.—*Mystic Worker*.

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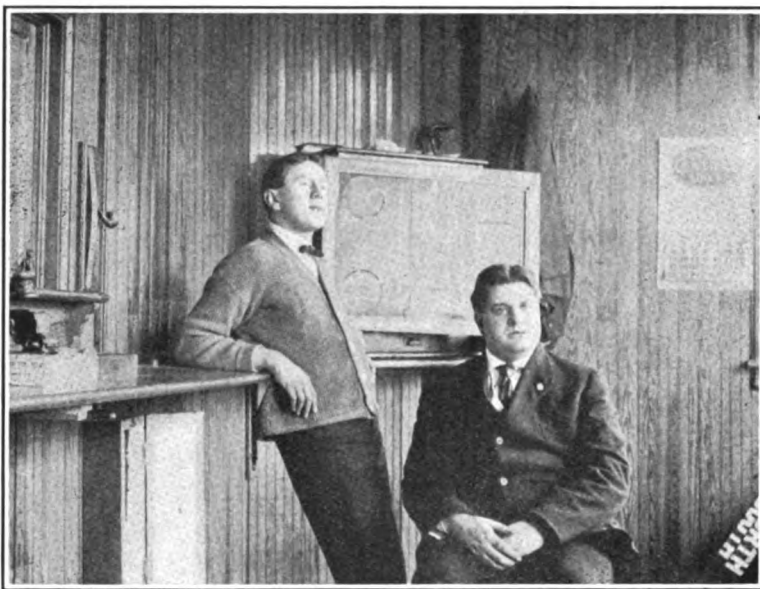
The trade union has to deal with vast numbers of average men, among whom we find the stupid as well as the intelligent, the selfish as well as the altruistic, the sluggish as well as the alert, and its working policy may take all these things into account. When all this is said, we maintain that its influence for good, for developing the faculty of mutual self-help, the graces of benevolence and fraternity, for arousing the desire and will for the better things of life, is scarcely equaled by any other human institution.

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The military court in Russia last Friday pronounced 41 death sentences, of which 9 were for recent crimes. Thirty-two of the condemned men were strikers in the railroad troubles of October, 1905. In addition to the death sentences, 12 strikers were condemned to penal servitude for life, 48 to lesser terms of exile and 39 were acquitted.

These sentences grew out of the events of 1905, when strikers numbering hundreds and thousands throughout Russia attempted to tie up the whole railroad system, telegraph lines and gas and electric light plants.

The demonstrations at Yekaterinoslav were particularly desperate, many persons being killed and injured. The criminal prosecution in these events was only recently commenced. The majority of the strikers until lately enjoyed full liberty, some of them being in the employ of the municipality.



G. B. Clark.

E. Schwartz.

O. R. T. MEMBERS—A. & H. RY., STATTVILLE, N. Y.



Arnold DeHart.

E. P. DeHart.

O. R. T. MEMBERS—BIG FOUR RY., LETTS CORNER, IND.

James Farley, the notorious strike-breaker, who puts in his time when not breaking strikes on the race-track, and who owns a stable of racers, got what was coming to him recently in New York, when the National Trotting Association threw out his appeal for being disqualified at a race in Middlebury, Vt., when his horse won. According to the statement of a number of men prominent in trotting circles, this man Farley has long been an eye-sore to every decent man in the horse game, and if he is caught in any more crooked work he will be barred from all the tracks of the association.

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A compilation of trade union statistics in the principal countries of the world places the number of members in good standing at 9,000,000, or 1,000,000 more than last year. Germany contributes a gain of 400,000, which outstrips Great Britain and nearly overtakes the United States. At this time the United States and Canada have about 2,300,000 members, whereas last year Germany had 2,215,000. The unions of Great Britain were credited with a membership of 1,888,000 last year. Five European countries have more trade union members than the State of New York, but New York outranks Russia, Hungary, Spain, as well as all the smaller countries.

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Peaceful picketing and the right to strike, or threaten to strike, was upheld in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in a decision handed down by Judges Grosscup, Baker and Seamon recently. An injunction issued by Judge Sanborn, of Milwaukee, against the Iron Molders' Union, on complaint of the Allis-Chalmers Com-

pany two years ago, was modified by the higher court and a number of the clauses in the original writ were vacated entirely.

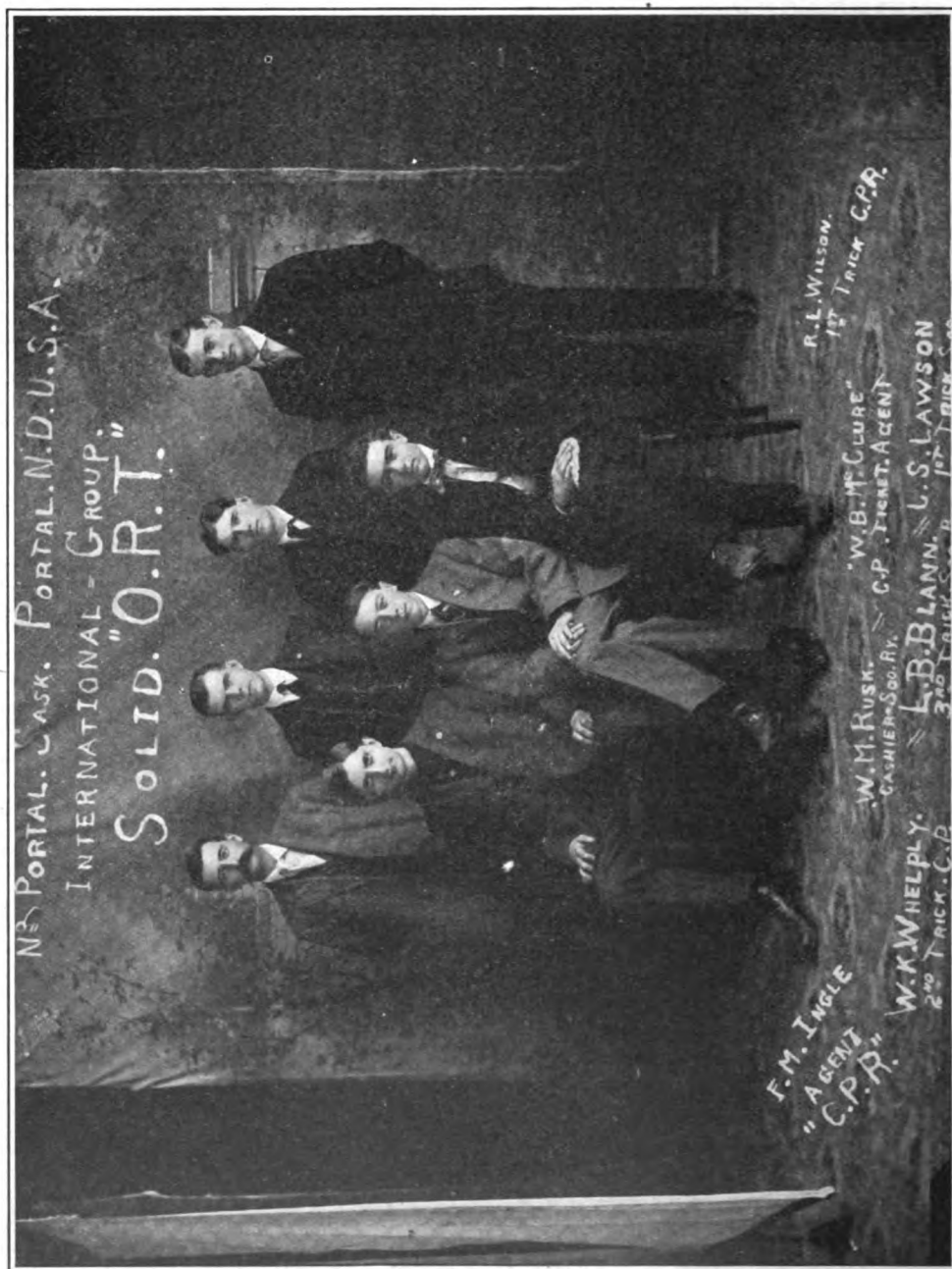
That the company was entitled to injunctive relief was the decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals, and the injunction in a modified form was upheld. The higher court found, however, that the trial court had stepped beyond the line of safe-guarding the legal rights of the appellee, and thereby deprived the appellants of some of their legal rights.

The first clause in the original injunction issued by Judge Sanborn enjoined the union from "in any manner directly or indirectly interfering with the business of the complainant." This clause was vacated by the higher court, and where the original order restrained the union from picketing in any manner, the higher court forbids only "picketing in a threatening or intimidating manner."

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When the old hands returned to work in the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad shops last week, after being locked out for ten months, they found plenty to do, as the imported strike-breakers had utterly failed to make good in any department. Most of the old men are now on their jobs, and those who left the city are returning to the places they left. There has been a general exodus of strike-breakers all along the system, and the company seems mighty glad to get rid of them. The union machinists, blacksmiths and boiler-makers are very well satisfied with the conditions under which the settlement was made. It puts the old contracts in effect, which provides for union shops, nine-hour day and price and a half for overtime.





SOLID O. R. T. GROUP -- NORTH PORTAL, SASK, CANADA.

# MISCELLANY

## BOWSER'S TRIBULATIONS.

I HAVE been the cook in the Bowser family for the last year, and have read what the papers said about him and know it to be true. On several occasions Mr. Bowser's experiments with gas-saving and coal-saving appliances has put my life in peril, and for six weeks he was mad at me because I would not ride down from a second-story window on a fire escape. Being in the family, I should keep family secrets, but something happened the other night that the public ought certainly to know. When even a hired girl at \$16 per comes across a wolf in sheep's clothing, she feels it her duty to expose him.

Mrs. Bowser's mother was taken suddenly ill, and telegraphed for her to come. I expected to hear Mr. Bowser raise a dozen objections and call his mother-in-law an old cat, and all of that, but to my great surprise he said:

"Yes, of course, you'll have to go. Poor old mother! I hope she isn't going to leave us. Just pack up a few things and I'll see you off in the morning."

"And about the house?" she asked. "I may be gone a week."

"That's all right. Annie and I can keep house while you are gone. You know what a trusty girl she is. I shall be in every evening."

"But you'll be lonesome."

"Oh, I'll get three or four new books and do a lot of reading. Don't worry that I won't get along all right."

I was dead sure that he had a trick up his sleeve, but of course I could say nothing. Mrs. Bowser left the next morning, and after seeing her off he went to the office, and I did not see him again until night. When he had eaten his dinner he said to me:

"Annie, the Gay Old Boys' Club has a meeting tonight."

"Yes, sir."

"I am a member and have got to be there."

"Yes, sir."

"As I long ago explained to Mrs. Bowser, the Gay Old Boys are not gay at all. On the contrary, they are a very solemn set. The club is named after Judge Gay, who was an Old Boy."

"I shall probably be home by ten o'clock, but if I am a little later than that you needn't worry. We sometimes hang on a little to discuss the best means of saving the country. Go right to bed and asleep, and if you hear any noises down here to waken you, pay no attention to them. I may fall over a chair, you know."

"Yes, sir. I have known you to when you came in late at night," I said.

"Oh, you have? Mrs. Bowser is dreadfully careless about leaving chairs in the middle of the floor. Did you ever hear me talking to myself after getting home?"

"Many a time, sir."

"Uh! I didn't suppose you had. If I'm out to a club and make a speech the words keep occurring to me after I get home. I may make a speech tonight, and you may hear me after I get home, but don't let that bother you."

"No, sir. Shall I leave a white rag sticking in the keyhole outside so that you'll have no trouble with your key?"

"Um! Um! You had better simply remember what I have said," he replied as he went up stairs to get dressed.

Mr. Bowser left the house about eight o'clock, and, after Thomas had arrived and courted me for a couple of hours, I went



off to my room and bed. I didn't undress, however, and I left my door open. I had fallen into a doze half a dozen times, and it had gone midnight when I heard a fall down stairs. At the same time there was a sort of screech from the family cat, and the poor creature came bounding up stairs with a look of terror in her eyes. I am no hired girl at \$16 per to be scared of ghosts, and I at once went down stairs. The front door stood wide open, with a stray dog looking in, and on the sitting-room floor lay Mr. Bowser. He was badly rumpled up. I should think that a man that had been blown up in a sawmill would look as he did. I was looking at him and wondering what I should do when he sat up and blinked at me and asked:

"Ish thaz you, Mishus Bowser?"

"No; this is Annie."

"Annie, the cook?"

"Yes."

"Well, ish anything the mazzer?"

"I heard you fall and came down to see."

"Yesh; fell over chair; shame old chair; shame old fall. Where's Mishus Bowser?"

"She left here this morning, you remember?"

"Oh, yesh," he said, after thinking it over and struggling up and getting into a chair.

"Can I help you up stairs?" I asked, as he looked around the room as if everything was strange to him.

"You help me up stairs? Why? What for? Shay, Annie, I went ter Gay Old Boys' Club tonight."

"Yes."

"I was called on for a speech. Allus called on. I spoke for half an hour. Shay, I wish Mishus Bowsher had been there. I wish you had been there. Wish everybody had been there. Bes' speech I ever made in my life."

"Mrs. Bowser will be pleased to hear that."

"Will she? Will she? Dear old Mishus Bowsher! Yesh, sir; I spoke for—for half an hour, and I never heard so much laughing in my life. Up-roarious applause! Unqualified success! Shay, Annie?"

"Yes."

"Who discovered America?"

"I'm only a hired girl at \$16 per," I replied, "but I think it was Columbus."

"Um! I said in my speech zhat it was Washington, but odds is er difference. Whaz 'bout er Pilgrim Fathers?"

"I don't know, Mr. Bowser."

"Neither do I, but what I said 'bout 'em brought down er house. When I got through speaking they carried me around on their shoulders and shung: 'I Want To Be An Angel.' Nice, wasn't? Then they stood me on my head and poured ice water down my trouser's legs. Beautiful, wasn't it?"

"But won't you go to bed now?" I asked.

"Why? Whas for? Shay, Annie, did you ever hear me shing a shong?"

"I never did, but I hope you won't do any singing now. It is long after midnight, you know."

"Midnight? Thaz nothing for a Gay Old Boy. We always sit up till fifty-two o'clock. Hear me shing:

"Oh, er old oaken bucket,  
Er iron-bound bucket;  
Er moss-covered bucket  
Zhat h-a-n-g-s in er w-e-l-l."

"Won't you let me assist you up stairs now?" I asked, as he began to motion it all out and chuckle.

"Shay, Annie," he replied, "how much wages do you get?"

"I'm getting \$16 per month."

"Tain't nuff. After this you shall have twenty-five."

"Thank you, but I'll see Mrs. Bowser about it."

"All rize—all rize. She Mishus Bowsher 'bout it. Fine woman, she is. Nice woman. Best woman in the world. I shall never get er divorce from Misher Bowsher—ner. Shay, Annie?"

"Yes, but I'm going back to my room."

"All rize—all rize. You go on. Gay Old Boy can take care of himself. Gooz night."

Five minutes after going up stairs I heard him tumble to the floor, and I am sure he slept there all night, and yet at breakfast he turned to me and said:

"Annie, I was in before ten, and I hope I did not disturb you. The president of the club was ill and we adjourned early. I wanted some ice water when I came in, but found none. Please see to it in the future."—*Leather Workers' Journal*.

#### A TEMPERANCE SERMON.

**Y**OUNG man, guide not thy feet into the booze joints, nor rest long thy shirt front against the mahogany thereof.

For the breath of them is as sickness, and their free lunch as the siren's voice which bringeth thee nothing but the swift kick.

Remember thy seat on the water wagon and keep it wholly; for though the "Seeing Watertown" car is painted blue and loseth many passengers, though the car slippeth when passing Jim's, and thy hat, it clam-oreth to blow off.

Remember thou that the wise boss considereth that the cloven foot goeth with the cloven breath, and a half Nelson on the hay of an evening is worth two bromo seltzers in the morning. Far better is a stand-in with the boss than a stand-off with the barkeep when the board bill confronteth thee.

But if thy toe stubbeth, then touch not the third cocktail, nor the olive contained therein, for they slammeth upon thee a headache that is a pippin.

Sayest the booze clerk unto thee: "Partake now of this tub of suds, for the house buyeth," offend not thy tummy.

But take thou a soft one; for he is a wise rooster who knoweth when the good thing passeth.

Sayest thy friend unto thee, "Have one on me," neither offend him, but bespeak him gently, and grab thou a fifteen-center.

For of a truth, as thou art getting that fuzzy taste, the smoke it helpeth mightily in settling everything but the bill.

Now, this thing I say unto you: Thus far and no farther shouldst thou go in bucking the booze when thy friend clam-oreth:

When the next one it looseneth thy tongue.

And thou callest thy new acquaintance by his first name.

And thy hand, it seeketh his shoulder.

And thou talkest shop, and cusseth the country correspondent unto the uttermost.

And proclaimeth that thou art a gentleman, and careth not who knoweth it; then shouldst thou turn from the suds when they creameth, and the highball when the ice cracketh enticingly.

Grabbest thou another, then woe unto thee; for thy tribulations multiply like the interest at Uncle's.

Mayhap thou liftest up thy voice in a great noise and singeth of "The Old Oaken Bucket" or the "Lion's Cage."

And bestow thy small change upon the orchestra, reckoning not of thy board bill, which accumulath and worketh overtime to smite thy pay envelope.

Behold thy feet, they track, nor hast thou understanding of thy legs; the side-walks hath yeast and riseth rapidly before thee.

It smiteth thee on the nose when thou lookest not, and strangers revile thee, and make merry over thy countenance, which it hath mauled.

Now, this is the saying of one who knoweth these things; verily, my son, it is good dope.

Touch not the funny water when thy conk whirleth, for it will rise up against thee.

Thy couch whereon thou seekest rest, it will whirl thee like unto the merry-go-round.

And climb the wall of thy habitation.

Defying the laws of gravitation, which it putteth to scorn, and dance the hoochie while thy tummy protesteth.

While thou hang on wildly, and anon grab at pink grasshoppers, which elude thee and make quick change into blue spiders and angleworms with tin hats.

Anon a great sickness shall overwhelm thee, and unto thee shall almost come knowledge of thy neighbor's menu.

Nor shall the morning soothe thee much; but wise is he who lassoeth the first water faucet that danceth by.

For therein lieth comfort.—By ARTHUR COPP, in *Seattle Union Record*.

## A CIRCUS.

MOLLIE and I went to Ringling Bros.' Circus the other day—the first one Mollie and I had been to since we were married in 1858. I used to go to see John Robinson's shows when I was younger, but Ringling's is much larger than John Robinson's. Mollie is a saving sort of a woman, but when she heard of the circus coming to a nearby town she got down my wedding coat and brushed and pressed it and said we're a-goin'. I never dispute anything Mollie says, for she is set in her ways, and it don't do any good to cross her. Cinthy, that was our only daughter, died a few months ago and left Mollie and I to take care of her seven children, so Mollie dresses 'em all up and away we go. Mollie was somewhat frustrated before she got started, fixing up the kids, but when we got to the circus she was all eyes and ears for what was going on. I bought five whole tickets and two half-fares from a loud-mouthed shark and started for the tent, and in counting over my change I found that he had given me change for a five dollar bill when I gave him a ten. I told the man at the entrance about it and he said he would have the ticket-seller give me five dollars when I came out, but when I looked for him after the show I couldn't find either one of them. I suppose I never will get that five now. They must have been expecting us, for just as we stepped in the tent a photographer was ready for us and took several pictures of all of us in several different poses. Mollie wore that same serene look I've noticed so often—a picture of satisfaction and contentment. Everybody laughed when we got our pictures taken—guess they were glad we were there, although we didn't know a living mortal. Well, we got reserved seats about halfway up the side, and tried to watch all three rings at once. My neck is so sore yet that I can hardly turn my head. There was a man dressed as a clown who jumped over about twenty-seven horses and elephants at once, and a whole lot of men and girls riding around the ring, sometimes on one foot and sometimes on their heads. Mollie was shocked at the way one of the

girls was dressed and wanted me to go home with her, but I kind of talked her out of it and we stayed. Well, when this girl, with a dress on that only came to her knees, rode around the ring, she threw a kiss at me and kicked one foot as high as her head. That was too much for Mollie. She gathered up Cleopatra and Azooka (twins) and said we're a-goin' home. Her word is law, so I trailed along behind her with the other five kids. But honest, Mr. Editor, I never saw that girl before, and there wasn't anything wrong between us at all, but Mollie won't believe it. She says she was never more mortified in her life, and it was disgraceful and a whole lot of other things I can't remember now. She puts in most of her time now reading the Bible and praying for me and that misguided girl, as she calls her. I don't believe she will ever consent to me going to another circus. If I do go I'll write you about it.—By G. R. CARSON, in *Railway Conductor*.

## HOW THE AGENT GOT HOME.

AN inquiry, says the *Melbourne* (Australia) *Age*, has been held by the Chief Traffic Manager of the Railways concerning the action of a suburban station master, who, having missed his last train, ordered out a special engine to take him home. A peculiar plea was put forward by the station master in justification of his action. He pointed out that he lived some three or four miles from the station at which he was located, and it was his custom to travel home by the last train on the line. He paid for a monthly ticket, and therefore had all the rights of a passenger. By the error of one of his subordinates the board on the station which indicates the destination of the trains showed "Williamstown" instead of "Essendon." He knew that the last train followed the Williamstown train and allowed what he believed to be the Williamstown train to travel out of the station without him.

Then arose a situation which seems very much like a Gilbertian creation. As a passenger he had lost his train through the mistake of a railway official, and therefore

the railway must provide him with the means of reaching his home. His only course, therefore, was to appeal to himself as a station master. He had no difficulty in deciding that, as station master, he should provide himself as a passenger with a special engine to take himself home, and, as the officer in authority, he at once telephoned for an engine to the depot. When the engine arrived he gave instructions to have himself conveyed home, and then, relinquishing his position as station master, as a passenger he stepped on to the tender and was soon speeding along to his destination.

This remarkably ingenious defense received the careful attention of the Chief Traffic Manager. It might have passed muster had not the awkward question been propounded as to how the station master could have been in charge of the station when as a passenger he had missed his train. Finally it was decided that the station master was not in charge of the station at the time, and as a passenger should have appealed to the night porter. In the circumstances the station master was ordered to pay £2 10s. (\$12), the cost of the special engine. A week or two has been allowed to the station master in which he can, if he chooses, present his defense to the Acting Commissioner.

#### LABOR IN OLD TIMES.

**A**FTER having learned that the workers of the ancient world were formed into associations for the improvement of their lot, one may be all the more eager to learn what the intimate nature of those associations was, how they were managed and governed and how they compared, if any basis of comparison exists, with the unions that the mechanics of today have organized to raise the standard of living of the workers in their trades.

The ground for this inquiry may be cleared by stating, in the first place, that the element of religion seems to have played an important part in the labor associations of antiquity. The pagan world, after its own fashion, was intensely religious, and in this respect the mechanic did not differ from the rest of the society

of which he formed a part. Each of the powerful aristocratic families or gentes had its tutelary divinity, favorable to its fortunes, and the unions found it convenient if not politic to accept one or another of these gods in order both to minister to their own spiritual comfort and to win the friendship and favor of the reigning houses of the time.

Moreover, whenever a war was raging, when faction was widespread, when suppression was imminent and the power of the unions was endangered, this religious aspect was of great moment in helping their escape from the ravages of persecution. Indeed, so pronounced and so pervasive was this religious feature that some of the learned authorities hold that these ancient organizations were formed solely for religious purposes, but this point of view is easily contradicted by the mass of evidence which shows their purely economic aims and their persistent endeavor to control the material welfare of their members.

Again, and for much the same reason that they were ostensibly religious, these ancient organizations, in order to escape suppression and persecution, were secret, withdrawing themselves when necessary from the public view and transacting their business under the cloak of pagan ceremony.

Ward and other writers assert that the formation of burial societies, which were sacred as well as legal in character and exempted from state interference on that account, was in a way a pretext employed by the unions to give them both the opportunity and the excuse for meeting and carrying on their business during precarious days.

Large numbers of these burial societies are known to have existed, and a burial fund was one of the beneficiary features of the associations that preceded by so many centuries the unions of our own day.

In one of the inscriptions on stone which have been preserved to the present time mention is made of 25 denarii—a trifle over \$3—being devoted to defray the funeral expenses of a member of a machinists' union, and something like a dollar more was allotted for the strewing of roses on the coffin of the deceased. During times when burial

was permitted only to those who had been distinguished and noble in life it became the custom of the poor and lowly to burn the remains of the dead. In Rome there has been discovered a vast mausoleum devoted entirely to the cinerary urns of the humble.

But before one could become a member of these ancient associations, if the deciphering of the inscriptions may be believed, it was necessary to pass a rigid examination as to one's character, piety and veracity. Ward holds that secrecy, the majority ballot, the payment of about 30 drachmas, or \$6, for admission, and the payment of nominal monthly dues were enforced. Attendance was compulsory, and the meetings, at which the dues were collected, took place regularly each week.

The assessments and dues seem to have varied but little over a great sweep of time, inasmuch as it has been discovered that the Fishermen's Union of Hierapolis paid the same initiation fee in the first century A. D. that was demanded 350 years before the Christian era. Fines of one sort and another and contributions added to the funds in the general treasury of this ancient organization of workers.—I. K. FRIEDMAN, in *Chicago News*.

#### THE CHENOOK MYSTERY.

THE chief dispatcher was busy. A bridge had washed out in Hualapai Canyon and three passenger trains were lying there with their hundreds of passengers, and no power or equipment on the other side of the wash-out to make a transfer. He was writing messages to the connecting division for engines and cars, and at the same time figuring out a detour if these were not to be had.

"How're yuh fixed for men, sah?"

The speaker, a tall, fallow youth, stood calmly twirling his hat for several minutes and, receiving no reply, repeated his question.

"Where have you been working?" asked the chief, still writing.

"On the S. A. & O., sah," replied the youth in the same drawling tone he had previously used.

"How long?" asked the chief, picking up a bunch of messages and tossing them across the desk to his clerk; then, turning in his chair, he regarded the applicant for the first time.

"You look like a boomer," he commented. "Have you a clearance?"

The youth, Erick Edmundson, for such was his name, drew forth a large leather billbook from an inside pocket, from which he extracted a letter and handed it to the chief.

After reading this aloud the chief held it up to the light and examined the watermark carefully and, appearing satisfied, folded it and returned it to the owner.

"So you are from Virginia?" he asked, smiling.

"Yes, sah, bawnd and raised there, sah," replied the Virginian.

The chief appeared lost in thought for a moment ere he continued.

"The only place I have open just now," he said slowly, "is Chenook, and I think it best to explain a little before sending you out. Perhaps you will refuse to go when you hear what I have to say." Here he paused as if allowing his words to have their full effect, and then said in a low tone, "I have reason to believe that *Chenook is haunted*."

"I had occasion to discharge the regular man there about two months ago for sleeping while on duty, and although I have sent at least twenty operators there since, not one of them has remained longer than midnight, and some few left as soon as the next train passed. You see, Chenook is a night office only, there being no day operator there and no house except the station, which is fitted up for 'batching.' An outfit is there now which the company sent as an extra inducement to get someone to stay, together with a lot of provisions. The last time I sent a man was over a week ago, and I have been thinking very seriously of closing the office. Unfortunately a tramp was killed by a train on the very day I discharged the regular man, who had been there several years, and as he had no papers or means of identification he was buried on the right of way near Chenook station. The regular man offered to go back to work,

but I understand he has been drinking heavily for the last month and I would close the office rather than send him back. I thought at first he might be playing the ghost in order to get back to work, but I am positive he has not left Needles for over a month. Now, sir," he added, "if you want to go out there to work I will give you a pass so you can begin tonight, and, if you decide not to stay, report here to me by wire and I will arrange transportation back here for you, and allow you full time of the trip."

Edmundson ran his long, bony fingers through his hair and thought for several minutes before replying. Finally a look of determination came into his eyes and he said, "I'll go. I've had a hard trip and I need the money. On account of the new law I had to buy a ticket and I find myself a stranger in a strange land, hungry and without money. Might write me out a pass, sah."

The east-bound passenger train stopped at Chenook just long enough to "land" Edmundson, then the giant locomotive coughed consumptively and dragged the long train slowly away.

It was not a pleasing outlook for the easterner. On every side stretched the desert, a veritable sea of sand only broken here and there by a clump of sage brush or grease wood. Far away to the south a small white spot slowly moved out of sight—the one-time land-mark of the west, a prairie schooner on its way across the desert. How little the passengers on the Limited imagine the horrors they are escaping! The old ox trail with its mileposts of blanched and whitened human bones! How little they know of the pangs of hunger and thirst, the wandering mind and finally the lonely death, with no eyes to see except those of the vulture and the slinking coyote!

The depot was a small red affair covered with two roofs, one about two feet higher than the other, to temper the sun's rays, and was of a rectangular shape. The door being open, Edmundson entered and found himself in the telegraph office. The room was bare of furniture with the exception

of the usual telegraph table and a small typewriter stand. On the wall a clock ticked merrily and upon consulting it the Virginian was surprised to see that it was five o'clock. The other room contained a bed, stove and several boxes of provisions. On the walls hung numerous pots and pans and, after bringing a pail of water from a small cistern outside, the operator set to work to prepare supper. In a short time he had fried ham and eggs and made some coffee, with which and a box of crackers and cheese he managed to allay the pangs of hunger. After washing the dishes it was six o'clock and, calling the dispatcher upon the wire, he reported himself ready for duty. "How do you like it there?" asked the dispatcher good-naturedly. "Fine," he answered. "I've just let my stomach know that my throat wasn't cut."

Several trains passed during the early part of the night, but as all passenger trains were on time he had nothing to do but pull in the boards and "OS" them by, but as the night wore on and the moon dropped out of sight darkness settled down on the earth like a garment. Coyotes howled plaintively and desert owls hoo! hoo-ed! The wires overhead hummed mournfully.

At twelve o'clock the ghost was due to appear. It was only five minutes to twelve now.

Edmundson sat up in his chair and watched the slowly-moving hands as one fascinated. Click! click! Click! click! A certain dread sense of impending horror blanched his face and sent thrill after thrill down his body; a creepy feeling fastened upon him and into his eyes, now slightly distended from wide-open lids, came a certain look of fear as if they dreaded the approach of some uncanny creature from an unknown world. Tick! tock! Tick! tock! From the face of the clock there seemed to peer the ghostly outlines of a leering face while the half-darkened corners, the shadows from the light, the walls, the floor, even the very air, seemed to carry the sinister expression of an evil purpose. Now it was four minutes, now three, now two, now one—my God! What was that?

An awful shriek rent the air and then a blood-curdling laugh rang out.

The Virginian's hair rose straight from his head. His breath came in gasps and his hands clutched the sides of the chair.

The voice filled the room, coming from apparently the empty air:

"No, REVEREND SENORS, I AM NOT MAD. Ha! Ha! Ha!!! I AM HERE TO PROTECT MY WIFE AND CHILD WITH MY LIFE'S BLOOD, IF NECESSARY. DEAD! Dead!! DEAD!!! AND I LOVED HER!" Then further groans and cries.

After the first few words Edmundson's hair settled on his head and by the time the voice had finished, in about five minutes, a broad grin adorned his face.

Taking the lamp he examined the face of the clock and found a small pinhole at the top and bottom of the character XII, from each of which protruded a hair-like copper wire.

It was but the work of a few moments to trace the wires down the wall to where they disappeared into the lower part of the typewriter stand. Prying off the door of this he found the ghost—a graphophone. There were also dry batteries for running the machine and a battery to start it when the connection was made by the hands touching the two wires at twelve o'clock, but so arranged that it had to connect twice before starting, so as not to go off at noon. This was done by having two starting levels connected to electro magnets. When through with the record the machine resumed its original position.

If you happen in at the Needles dispatcher's office you will notice an old graphophone reposing on top of the chief dispatcher's desk, bearing this legend, "The Chenook Haunt," and if the chief is not too busy he may tell you the story.

But Edmundson and I are great friends and when he explained it to me perhaps he told me what he didn't tell everyone: He had the same record at home and recognized the words that night as "The Ravings of John McCullough."—By C. B. YOUNG, in *Railway Conductor*.

### THE COMING OF ANGELA.

THE day was clear and bright. The frost lay white on the fields and on the sloping roofs of house and barn. The air was cool, and it had a pleasant tingle.

Israel Putnam drew a long breath as he started across the dull fields. He was a man of sixty, a gray-haired man who stooped a little—a man of serious mien.

"Goin' to snow, Israel?" a pleasant voice asked as he pushed open the door of the house.

"Guess not," the old man answered. "There ain't any feel of snow in the air."

He hung his woolen cap behind the door, and turned and stretched his knotted hands above the stove.

"Seems as if snow ought to be a part of Thanksgivin' Day," said the owner of the pleasant voice.

She was a sprightly little woman of fifty-five, perhaps, a woman of much nervous energy, her quickness of movement contrasting strongly with the slowness and dignity of her husband.

"This ain't a New England Thanksgivin'," he said. "You mustn't forget that."

"Well, of course, it ain't the weather that makes the Thanksgivin' Day," the woman briskly remarked, pausing with the coffee pot in hand. "It's having the right feeling in the heart—the thankful feeling that goes with the day."

"I ain't quite sure I just know what I've got to be thankful for," observed Israel.

"Israel," said the woman quickly. Then her tone changed as she added, "Breakfast is ready."

A cloud still darkened the old man's face as he took his place at the table.

The woman slipped into her chair. Then she looked at him reprovingly.

"Israel," she said, and bent her head.

He hesitated a moment, and leaned forward.

"Father," he murmured, "make us truly thankful for all Thy mercies, for health, for strength, for the food that lies before us. Guide us in the right path, guard us from evil, teach us the truth, and give us understanding."

He raised his head and looked across the table at his wife. Her head was still bowed. She seemed to be waiting. Then she spoke.

"And, oh, Father," she said, "watch over our wandering son, and in Thy good time bring him home to the hearts that hunger for him."

There was a little silence. The old man was frowning. The woman met his gaze placidly.

"It was on Thanksgivin' Day that Philip went away," she said. "You haven't forgotten that?"

He stirred uneasily.

"That's a subject," he harshly said, "that you were not to discuss."

"Not even on Thanksgivin' Day, Israel?"

"I don't want to hear the boy's name mentioned."

"He's no longer a boy, Israel. He was just seventeen when he went away, and that's fifteen years ago." Her voice suddenly trembled. "Fifteen years ago," she brokenly repeated; my boy, my boy!"

"Do you want to drive me from the table, Mary?" demanded the old man.

"N-no, Israel."

"Then stop this foolishness. The boy deserves no sympathy. He saw fit to disobey me. I punished him."

"He was only a boy, Israel."

"He was quite old enough to know the consequences of disobedience."

"You drove him away."

"He ran away. But don't you worry about that. Some day he'll come back—like that other prodigal."

"But he won't know where to find us, Israel."

"Trust him for that."

"It was the one thing that made me dread leaving old Connecticut to come away out here in Nebraska," said the woman.

"We would have starved there," said the old man sharply. "There's at least a living in the soil out here. But there, we have had quite enough of this sniveling. I saw Caleb Morgan driving along to the blacksmith's just as I was comin' in from the barn, and I asked him to stop at Jethro Perkins' and tell him to send his boy over with a nice young hen turkey. Jethro has

quite a flock of 'em, an' he's purty sure to pick out a tender one for us."

"Why, I thought you ordered a turkey from Sam Crum?"

"So, I did, but Sam's down with rheumatism. He's confined to the house. Caleb Morgan told me he wouldn't be out for a couple of weeks. Caleb's got a job with his team on the new railroad."

"How's the road comin' on?"

"They're pushin' right along. Caleb says they'll have it graded as far as the creek next week. He says they must have as many as one hundred Eyetalians on this section. Caleb doesn't like 'em, but he admits they're good railroad builders—more especially when they've got a boss like the new engineer that came last Saturday. Caleb says a few of these Eyetalians have brought their wives along with 'em, and they cook for the gang. Caleb says they're an interesting people, and that it's fun to watch 'em campin' out in freight cars an' tents. What's that?"

His quick ears had heard a tap at the outer door.

The woman looked around.

"I didn't hear anybody, Israel."

"Seems to me somebody rapped."

They both paused and listened. Then came another rap, light but distinct. The woman arose.

"It must be Jethro's boy with the turkey," she said, as she crossed to the door.

But when she opened it there was no one there.

"He's gone," she said, "but he left the turkey."

She stooped and raised a basket from the step and brought it into the room.

"Strange the boy hurried away," said the old man. "I wanted him to ask Jethro somethin' about that wire fencin' of his along the new roadbed."

The woman was bending over the basket. Suddenly she gave a little cry.

"Israel!"

"What is it?"

"A baby!"

She lifted the child from the basket, a plump, well-formed infant of six months, a baby with an olive complexion and big black eyes, that looked up at her trustfully.



The old man pushed back his chair.

"Well, I swan!" he said.

The woman's eyes were shining.

"Isn't she fine?" she cried. "And her eyes are like Philip's eyes, only so much bigger."

The old man stared at the child.

"A Thanksgivin' baby," he murmured.

"A Thanksgivin' baby instead of a Thanksgivin' turkey. That's something that never could have happened back in old Connecticut."

The woman was bending over the child.

"She's much nicer than turkey, Israel."

The old man suddenly smiled.

"I fancy she won't go as well with cranberries," he chuckled. Then his tone changed. "Where's the owner?" he cried. "Who left it here?" He ran to the door and looked out. "Here's a pretty mess," he growled. "Somebody evidently thinks we're easy. What are you going to do with it?" he demanded.

"Keep it until the mother comes for it," she answered.

"I guess not," he growled. "She might never come back." He stooped a little to get a better look at the child. The big black eyes rolled toward him and a little smile wrinkled the baby's face. He drew a quick breath as he straightened up. "Healthy-lookin' little varmint," he growled, and turned to take down his cap from the hook behind the door.

"What's that?" he suddenly cried.

"Where?"

"At the window."

"What was it?"

"A white face looking in."

He hurried to the door and disappeared.

The woman heard him calling.

"Here you," he cried, "come here."

A moment later he reappeared in the doorway looking off.

"A young woman is out here. She's foreign, I guess. The mother of the baby, mebby. Come in."

A girl with a scared white face appeared in the doorway. Her big black eyes stared about her. She was bare-headed, her hair was very black, a gaily-colored handkerchief was knotted about her neck.

Her gaze rested on the baby lying on the knees of the older woman. She ran forward, and dropping on her knees, drew the baby against her heart.

"My Angela!" she murmured, brokenly.

The old man looked down at her.

"If it's your child, what do you mean by abandoning it?"

"She doesn't understand, Israel."

The old man raised his voice.

"Why did you run away from the child?" he asked.

The girl nodded quickly.

"Yes, I run away. I leave da child—the littla Angela. I am so afraid." She looked around affrighted. "The door," she cried, "closa da door!"

She was in such evident terror that the old man stepped back and closed the door and shot the bolt.

"There," he said, "nothing shall harm you. Don't shiver so. What's your trouble?"

The girl spoke rapidly.

"I run away. I leave da littla Angela. My heart ache so. I come back. I looka at her only once. Then I go away."

"But why?" demanded the old man, "why do you leave the child?"

The girl spoke rapidly.

"You are good, you are kind. You will keep de littla Angela. Some day maybe I come see her. Maybe I come no more."

She suddenly sobbed and bent her head over the child, and her thick black hair was loosened and fell about the little one like a veil.

There was a brief silence. The old man met the wondering gaze of his wife.

"What does all this mean, mother?" he asked.

"We must find out," the woman softly answered. "She seems to be in great trouble. Let me try to find what it is that frightens her." She gently touched the young mother's shoulder.

"See here, my dear," she said, and her voice was very gentle. "Tell me your name."

"Me Francesca," the girl quickly answered.

"Well, Francesca, we must know what it is that worries you. When you have told us perhaps we can help you."

The girl pushed back her thick hair.

"I tell you," she said. "Then you will help Francesca. It is of Frank I am afraid. He is my husband's—whata you say—cousin. My husband is Antonio. We are married in Italy two years ago. We come to dis country and Frank come, too. My husband ver' gooda man. Ver' gooda workman, he find plenty work. Den Angela is come. My husband—dat is Tony—he go away to get mucha better work—mucha better money. He say, 'You staya here with Frank. He take da good care. Soon I senda for you.' Then he go away. In tree four week Frank say, 'Tony want you come. He send some word by Guiseppa.' I think he speaka da truth. He is my Tony's cousin. I go with him. He bringa me here to da railway. He getta da job. I say, 'Where is Tony?' He say, 'I will tell you. Tony is hurt—he is dead.' But no, I don't believe him. I think it is da lie. I say, 'Frank, it is da lie.' He say, 'You see.' Den I know he is bad. Soon he say, 'Now you will be my wife.' I say, 'No, no, no!' He laugh. I am afraid. He say to every-one, 'Francesca is my wife.' I say no. But they believe Frank. He has da smootha tongue. Every day he say, 'You will be my wife.' I am afraid. I must run away. I must find Tony. But I can not take da littla Angela. Den I go I find my Tony. I tell him all. He will come back—he will kill Frank!"

A red flush burned in the girl's cheek. Her voice suddenly rose, her hands were clinched.

"He will kill him!" she cried. Then her head drooped and her black hair fell about the child.

The man drew a long breath. The woman looked up at him.

"You believe her?" she half-questioned, half-entreated.

"Believe her?" he echoed. "Of course, I believe her. Didn't you hear her story? Didn't she make you see it all?" He choked a little. "Blamed if I ever s'posed a fur-riner could be so durned eloquent!"

He turned abruptly and walked to the window.

The woman bent over the girl.

"Francesca," she gently said, "we will help you if we can."

"And da littla Angela can stay?"

"We must talk that over. If it's for the best, the child can stay."

"Then I go," she hurriedly said. "It is not gooda for me to be so near. Frank will find me. He will take me back. I must go."

The old man turned abruptly and strode towards them.

"You'll stay here today, anyway, young woman," he said, in his masterful manner. "This is Thankgivin' Day—although you may not know what that means. And on Thankgivin' Day we turn no stranger from the gates. You and your child will be shelt-tered here, and warmed and fed. We will let tomorrow take care of itself. And you are not to be afraid. My house is my castle, and I come of fighting Puritan stock. If that scoundrel comes round here annoying you and gets actin' up ugly, I'll give him proper warnin' and then shoot him down in his tracks, dunned if I don't!"

"Israel!" cried his wife.

The old man's expression relaxed.

"Anyway," he said, "I won't let him bother you."

The girl slowly nodded.

"Then I stay—with da littla Angela," she said. "I stay today—I stay da Thanksgiv'—then I go find my Tony."

The woman smiled down at her.

"The little Angela is asleep," she said. "Bring her this way. Here is the room where you will sleep."

The girl arose with the child in her arms. She looked around at the old man.

"You keep away Frank," she said. "He vera bada man."

"I'll look out for him," said the old man. "You run along."

His grim look mellowed to half a smile as he stepped into the summer kitchen and took a shotgun from its pegs against the wall. His face was grim again as he replaced the weapon.

"That's loaded for bear or mebbly wood-chuck," he muttered to himself. "An' I guess it would answer pretty near as well for varmints of the two-legged sort."

A sudden step outside startled him. It was the boy from Jethro Perkins' ranch with the turkey.

"A very passable bird," said the old man, as he held it aloft and surveyed it critically. "Mebby it ain't quite up to the Connecticut standard, but I guess it will serve all the Thanksgivin' purposes mighty near as well."

He put the turkey back into the basket and placed it on a chair in the kitchen. Then he stepped onto the porch and looked up at the sky.

"No sign o' snow," he said. He stood there a moment and his face grew troubled. "I wonder where that boy Philip is today?" he murmured. The grim look came back. "Vagabondin' and prodigalin', most likely," he said, and he strode towards the barn.

It might have been three hours later when a voice hailed him from the porch.

"Israel!"

There was a note of anxiety in the call. "What is it?" he cried. His wife answered.

"Israel," she said, "there's a lot of men comin' up the road. They look like the gang from the railway. Mebby they don't mean any mischief, but I thought I'd better call you."

The old man carefully closed the big barn doors. Then he went up the walk to the porch.

"Guess there ain't anythin' to worry about," he said. "'Tain't likely they're comin' here. At the same time you'd better keep the girl an the child out o' sight. We don't want to advertise th' fact that they're here. How's the turkey?"

"It's a fine bird—I don't believe I ever saw a finer one for its size."

"That sounds kind o' disloyal to Connecticut, Martha."

"They're comin' nearer, Israel."

"Yes, I'm noticin' it. Perhaps I'd better kind o' stroll down towards the roadway in case they want to ask me somethin'."

"Be careful, Israel."

"Yes, mother."

His tone was almost gentle. The woman looked after him as he strode sturdily down the driveway. Then she turned and went into the house.

The old man was perhaps twenty feet from the highway when the rabble from the railway came up.

It was a motley crowd, a noisy, gestulating mob. Its leader, a stout man with a red handkerchief about his bronzed throat, stayed the progress of his followers with a sharp cry.

"Is deesa place de place you leef, signor?" he demanded.

"This is my home," the old man replied.

"Beppo!" cried the leader of the gang.

A dark-faced boy stepped forward. The leader vehemently addressed him in a language the old man did not understand. The boy answered. The leader turned back.

"You have in da house da wife of Francisco," he said. "She run away. She must go back."

The old man shook his head.

"There is no such person in my home," he said.

"It's a lie!" shrieked a voice from the crowd.

The leader held up his hand. "Da boy Beppo saw da woman," he said. "She is in da house. She must go home." He raised his voice. "She must go home!"

The old man held his ground.

"Do you mean to threaten me?" he sternly asked.

"You maka da great meestake," said the leader, warningly. "Tal da woman Francisco say she must go. Dat is all."

"I order you to leave my premises," growled the old man. His face was flushed. His eyes blazed.

"You hava da child, too," said the leader. "You keepa da child, you kidnap da child. It is bad business. We wanta da woman and da child."

A confused murmur arose from the mob.

The old man lifted his clenched hand.

"You scoundrels!" he cried. "Wait, wait!"

He turned and strode to the house. He was back again in a moment, the shotgun in his sturdy hands.

"Away with you!" he cried. "This is my home, these are my lands. I will defend them if I have to kill every cowardly mother's son of you!"

At the sight of this raging old lion the rabble fell back. Even the leader retreated with the rest.

"You are old man," said the latter. "You will not shoot. You will make yourself da great trouble."

A babel of voices arose from the mob. A stone whizzed by the old man's head. A second stone knocked off his cap and slightly cut his forehead.

"Who threw that?" he cried, and dropped the gun barrels in line with the leader.

The latter gave some command to his fellows. It was greeted with wild cries. The rabble separated, and some ran one way and some another. They were preparing to attack the old man on all sides.

He did not waver. His eyes were on the leader. Then he slowly drew back step by step. His defense would be surer in the house than in the open.

"You are old fool," cried the leader. "You goin' get hurt. Put down da gun. Wen I giva da word maybe you get killed." "I'll kill you first," cried the old man fiercely.

The leader looked around, but the signal for the attack was never given.

A quick step sounded beside the old man.

"Steady, dad," said a deep but quiet voice. "Don't look around. When I give the word shoot the man in front of you and the one at the left. I'm good for a half dozen more. I fancy that will take the appetite out of them. Don't look around, dad."

"Why do you call me dad?" muttered the old man. "Are—are you Philip?"

"Yes," said the quiet voice. "I'm Philip. There, see that!"

The rabble, stones and sticks in hand, were slowly drawing back to the roadway.

The newcomer, tall and erect, his long-barreled revolver in hand, stepped forward. He called to them in their native tongue. He spoke rapidly, earnestly, angrily. They murmured in a sullen way.

He half turned and laid his hand on the old man's shoulder.

"This is my father, men," he cried. "See, his hair is gray. Look where some coward struck him. Old as he is, he shames you all!"

Again the sullen murmur went around.

"What is it they want, dad?" said the newcomer. "Tell me quickly."

Then the old man, in a few hurried words, told the story of the woman and the child. And the mob waited.

"Antonio?" repeated the younger man. "What's his other name?"

"Antonio Crespi," cried a voice from behind them. It was the voice of the mother of Angela, and at the sight of her the mob murmured again.

"Antonio Crespi," repeated the newcomer. "I know the man. Yes, yes. He is a gang foreman on the upper section. I will send for him. He will be here tomorrow."

Again he stepped forward. Again he addressed them in their own tongue.

"Francesco Crespi," he cried, "stand forward."

A swarthy little man stepped out from the midst of the rabble.

"What you want?" he asked.

"Frank," cried the newcomer, "Tony will be here tomorrow."

The little man drew hastily back and the mob jeered him and followed him, hurling objurgations after him as he sped down the road.

Then the old man dropped the gun and looked at the newcomer.

"Is it really you, Philip?"

"Yes, dad. And to think we were so near and didn't know it. I'm the engineer on this section of the road, and if it hadn't been for mother I might have never found you. She came running across the fields to my car crying for help. And when she came near I saw it was mother. Then I found my revolver and ran back. And there you were—one old man against fifty youngsters. By George, you're a splendid old dad! Won't you shake hands?"

The old man slowly looked him over.

"Do you come back as a prodigal?" he sternly asked.

The young man laughed.

"I've come back with a prodigal's appetite," he cried. "You can't bring on your fatted turkey too quick."

A voice from the porch interrupted them. They looked around. The mother of Angela was sitting on the steps with the child held close in her arms. The mother of Philip stood in the doorway watching the two men.

"Dinner is waiting, boys," she called to them.

The old man suddenly laid his arm across his son's shoulders.

"Come, Phil," he said.

And they walked together to the house.

"Well, mother," he called, "I guess you'll admit that we didn't have any Thanksgiving like this one back in old Connecticut."

The mother looked at her son and the tears sprang to her eyes.

"No, Israel, none to compare with this one."

The old man's gaze fell upon the little Angela in her mother's arms, and his rugged face was softened by a smile.—By W. R. Rose, in *Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

#### SIGNOR METELLI'S MIRACLE.

THE beautiful apartments of state in Countess Giusterini's palace in Florence were filled with a crowd of fashionable guests.

"How lucky that we went," said my wife to me; "what beautiful gowns and what a fairy palace the Countess has."

"The crowd which filled the hall was an unusually interesting one. The American element was well represented, and the rest consisted of a number of Italians and representatives of almost every country in Europe. The Countess was the daughter of a California railroad king—Fardon—and had some years ago married the old Count Giusterini, and when he died she chose his old palace as her permanent residence and had it practically rebuilt at enormous expense.

At that time French society was greatly interested in mysticism.

"Good evening," a lady said to my wife, "how glad I am that you brought your husband. It will be an unusually interesting seance tonight."

"So there is going to be a seance?"

"Yes. Signor Metelli, who is the most famous mystic in Italy today, will show us some of his spiritualistic experiments. I tell you he is the most handsome and attractive man I ever met. They say he's a descendant of the old Roman family Metelli."

"A noble family indeed," I remarked, "but do you think that he can prove his connection with it?"

"He has all the necessary papers," the lady replied, evidently somewhat hurt. "He has spent a very long time among the Imams of Persia and the Mahatmas of Thibet.

"That is very good news indeed, for I have for a long time been looking for a man who might give me the address of a Mahatma who does not live too far away."

"You ought to be ashamed of yourself to speak in this sarcastic manner. Signor Metelli will refuse to show us any experiments as soon as he finds out that there is anybody here who does not believe in him."

"I'm very sorry, indeed," I said. Then, turning to a friend, I asked: "Say, Brown, do you know anything about this Metelli?"

Brown was a very well-known physiologist.

"If I know anything of him? Certainly. He's a half-breed who has come from Bombay. His father was a singer from Naples, and his mother was an Indian dancer. He's a very clever and handsome fellow, and at the present time he's plundering the Countess, pretending to give her news from her late father, an experiment which he carries out with the assistance of some Mahatmas. It is said that he has already robbed the Countess of more than \$100,000. But here he is."

A lackey threw aside the heavy portieres and announced: "Signor Cesare Metelli."

The guests made room and formed a lane through which the mystic like an arrow rushed toward the Countess.

Signor Metelli was a tall, well-built man, with noble features and jet black hair. He wore conventional evening dress, and only a scarlet scarf around his hips betrayed the Oriental.

"Good evening, Countess," he said, and I noticed that he spoke English without any accent. "Allow me to touch your hand."

Suddenly he seemed to grow nervous, looked around, and ran towards a small table with some red and white flowers.

"I felt that there was something inimical present. Look here! These purple anthuri-

ums; don't they look like snakes against the snow-white bosom of the beautiful lilies? Purple blossoms close to the symbol of purity."

Without a moment's hesitation he pulled the anthuriums out of their pots and threw them into the fire-place.

"A very good idea to attract attention," Brown whispered to me; "he must have arranged that with the servants beforehand."

Just then Metelli looked at us sharply and came toward us.

"And here are two more enemies," he said. "Countess, we have among us two disbelievers in whose presence I can do nothing. The disbelievers are these two gentlemen.

"Disbelievers," he said, and laid his hand on our shoulders. "How is it possible for a spirit to reveal the secret depths of the eternal truth in the presence of materialists like you? Your souls are not wrapped in the spirit of eternity, and why have you come here to insult the mystic forces?"

"We have come here because we thought this house was the property of Countess Giusterini, who was kind enough to invite us," Brown replied, coolly.

The Countess went up to the mystic and said, tactfully:

"My dear Signor, these gentlemen are my guests. Would it not be far better, instead of excluding these two gentlemen from the seance, to show them what the occult forces are able to do, and thus convince them of their errors?" The Signor shrugged his shoulders.

"It shall be as you wish, Countess," he said. "I shall do my very best, but should the elementary power not deign to reveal itself in the presence of these gentlemen, the fault will not be mine, but theirs. The spirits of light avoid the presence of coarse materialists, whom they despise as I despise the purple flowers I just threw into the fire because they reminded me of snakes."

"We promise not to make any disturbance," Brown said, feeling rather hurt at being compared to a reptile.

Signor Metelli went to the center of the room and began to make a speech, forming the introduction to his experiments. Fa-

mous names, like those of Plato, Paracustis, Theophratus and Bombastus occurred in it time and again, and the whole speech was very nebulous and deep. The ladies listened attentively, and it was easy to see that the flowery language of Metelli had made a great impression.

"I wonder in what language he has read Paracustis," Brown whispered to me.

Signor Metelli evidently heard him, for he punished him with a furious glance. Then he started to show a number of tricks. He read minds, he guessed the number of bills in sealed envelopes, he told the age of various persons, etc. In these experiments he was evidently supported by the daughter of a Florentine banker, whose dark eyes continually sought his.

The entertainment lasted for about an hour; then, at about half-past eleven, Metelli crowned his work with a trick which made him famous and won for him an enormous fortune.

Brown's sarcastic expression had seemed to irritate the Signor all the time, for suddenly he went close to us and shouted, "What do you demand of me? Have I not already convinced you of my powers? What sign do you want to see? Perhaps—" here he had a short pause—"an earthquake!—well, you shall have it!"

He had barely spoken these words when the whole room began to rock like a ship on the ocean, the walls cracked and the great chandelier fell down from the ceiling. It was the terrible earthquake which destroyed Florence in 1894. The guests were seized with panic. Every one rushed toward the doors and windows, and we saw how the tower of the old palace was trembling, and how a number of houses went down.

For a few minutes nobody thought of anything but his own safety. And while all this happened the mystic stood motionless and smilingly signaled Countess Giusterini to seek protection at his side. He was trembling and his face was pale, but in spite of this, I could not help admiring his coolness.

All this lasted no longer than three minutes, and when it was over all the guests had left.

The following day, when the people had quieted down somewhat, I met Signor Metelli on Piazza de la Signora. "I must compliment you on your presence of mind," I said to him.

"You still doubt my power?" he said, measuring me from head to foot. "Do you want me to repeat the experience of yesterday again?"

"I don't believe in you, although your coolness surprised me. You are a man of unusual courage. You were standing underneath an arch which threatened to collapse any moment."

"That is very easily explained. I have lived for a good many years in districts where earthquakes are a common occurrence."

"I thought so. But now let me tell you something. I am a physiologist, and I can tell you just how you did the whole trick."

"Is it possible? That would interest me very much, and I should like to know how you, a man of cold reasoning, will explain my supernatural power?"

"Did you ever hear anything about personal balance of mind?"

"No, never."

I explained to him that, as well in astronomy as in other exact sciences, it has been a necessity to investigate the length of time with which individuals feel coming events. In some people the nervous system acts much quicker than in others. Scientifically speaking, my personal balance is very short.

"I need only a moment to foretell a coming event, but your nervous system is even more sensitive, for you felt it coming ten seconds before I did."

"I don't quite understand you."

"Now listen to me, Signor Metelli. I kept my eyes on you all the time. When you suddenly asked us what more proofs we wanted it was nothing but an ordinary phrase, and you had no intention of doing anything but showing us another of your tricks. Suddenly you turned pale, and said: 'An earthquake!' Your explanation was one of terror, not a question. At that moment you felt that an earthquake was coming. The last moment you had mastered your emotions, and you added: 'You

shall have it!' As soon as you had said this I felt the coming of the earthquake, and two seconds later the catastrophe came. That is all."

He looked at me with an expression of hatred.

"Do you intend to make your observations known?"

"I shall make them known at the first opportunity I have."

"That is very interesting. What you say is wrong, but it may hurt my business. If you will remain silent I will give you five hundred dollars.

"I will not."

"Then I will give you a thousand dollars."

"Not even for a thousand dollars."

"How much do you want, then?"

"You don't understand me. I care nothing for your money. You are a swindler, and you are trying to get hold of the fortune of the Countess. I happen to be an honest man, and I refuse to take any money. Furthermore, I shall immediately notify the Countess."

He wasted no more words with me, but called a cab.

"Cascine Park," he shouted, "but get there quick."

I hailed another cab and drove to Countess Giusterini's palace. She was out, and the butler told me she had gone driving in the Cascine Park.

Next morning I met Brown.

"Have you heard the latest news?" he asked me.

"No; what is it? Something about Metelli?"

"Yes, about Metelli. He has left. It became known in the city that he had caused the earthquake of yesterday, and the people are so furious that they would have murdered him. He must, however, have felt what was coming, for he met the Countess in Cascine Park and told her that the people were going to kill him and tear down her palace if she did not run away with him, and she, who was quite bewitched, consented, and both left for Verona on the evening express. And they are to be married, and they are then to live in Italy, and will spend their honeymoon in Munich."

"Forty thousand dollars' income and a beautiful wife! That isn't bad for a half-breed."

"I'm sure he doesn't care so very much for the wife. It was more the money. He will now give up his occupation as mind-reader and mystic, and devote his attention to spending the Giusterini fortune."—By CLARENCE PRUDEN, in *Express Gazette*.

#### AN OCEAN ROMANCE.

A STRANGE voyage! And still it had begun so pleasantly; in fact, I have never started to cross the Atlantic under such good auspices. La Provence is a swift, comfortable boat, commanded by the most jovial and gentlemanly of captains.

When we were about 500 miles out from Havre we were overtaken by a wireless dispatch flashed to us through the air. It read: "Arsene Lupin is aboard, traveling first cabin; blond hair, a wound on the right arm; is alone and goes under the name of R——." At this moment a clap of thunder burst through the air. The electric waves were disturbed and the rest of the telegram was not delivered.

Thus we, on board the boat, knew only the first letter of the name adopted by Arsene Lupin. Had the news concerned anything or anybody else, I am sure the secret would have been conscientiously kept, but there are things which defy you to keep them secret. Already the very same day all of us knew that the famous, or should I say notorious, Arsene Lupin was among us.

Arsene Lupin on board! That slippery criminal whose deeds had filled columns and columns in every European newspaper! The mysterious outlaw whom old Janiward, the Sherlock Holmes of France, had challenged to a duel to the finish! Lupin, the gentleman burglar, who "worked" only in chateaus and salons, and who once left Baron Schormann's residence empty-handed, leaving behind him his card, bearing the words: "I shall return, my dear Baron, when you shall have become rich enough to buy real silverware and jewels instead of the plated goods and paste gems your house is now filled with!"

"And this state of affairs is going to last for five times twenty-four hours yet," Miss Nelly Underdown exclaimed the next morning. "That is unbearable! I hope they will catch him." And then, turning to me: "And you, M. Audressy, who are such a close friend of the captain, you don't even know anything."

I should have given much to have known something, just to please Miss Nelly. She was one of those bewitching creatures who immediately captivate the hearts of all and who are always surrounded by a court of admirers. Educated in Paris by her mother, who was a French woman by birth, she was now on her way to visit her father, the Dollarking Underdown, of Chicago. She was accompanied by a friend, Lady Yerland.

"I really know nothing, Miss Underdown, but there is nothing to prevent us from starting an investigation of our own, following the detective methods of old Janiward, Arsene Lupin's arch enemy. We possess quite a few clues:

"1. Lupin is traveling under a name beginning with an R.

"2. He is traveling alone.

"3. He is a blond.

"Now, the first thing to do is to run over the list of passengers in the first cabin and pick out all those whose names begin with an R."

I had the list in my pocket, so I took it out and ran my eyes over it.

"I see there are thirteen passengers whose names begin with an R," I said. "Of these nine are traveling with their wives and servants. This leaves only four: Count Von Ravedan—"

"Who is attached to the German Legation," Miss Nelly interrupted. "I know him."

"Major Rawson—"

"My uncle," somebody said.

"Signor Rivolta—"

"Here," came the answer from one of our group, an Italian whose black beard almost hid his face.

"The Signor can not be accused of being blond," Miss Nelly said, with a laugh.

"Then we are simply compelled to think that the guilty party is the last name on the



list, M. Rozaine," I replied. "Does any one know M. Rozaine?"

No answer, but Miss Nelly turned to the young man whom I feared as a rival.

"Why, M. Rozaine," she exclaimed, "have you nothing to say?"

All eyes were turned upon him. He was blond, and I must admit my heart began to beat rather fast. The situation was a very unpleasant one.

"I did not answer," said M. Rozaine, who was the calmest of us, "because I have already come to the same conclusion in the same way, and I think that I ought to be arrested, as I am the only person on board whom the description fits."

"But you have no wound on your arm, have you?" Miss Nelly asked, rather anxiously, I thought.

"No, that at least does not tally with the description," he said, and nervously he bared his arm, which was without a blemish. A thought shot through my brain at the same moment, however—he had shown Miss Nelly his left arm.

I was just about to make a remark to that effect, when something happened to distract our attention. Lady Yerland, Miss Nelly's friend, came rushing up from below, terribly excited. Only with the greatest effort was she able to stammer: "My jewels!—my pearls!—everything has been stolen from me!"

The news created the greatest excitement, and we all agreed it must be Arsene Lupin's work, carried out in his best, most mysterious style. At the dinner table the two seats next to M. Rozaine were empty. No one cared to sit next to a man who might be in a penitentiary a month from now. In the evening we were told that the captain had sent for him, asking him to come to his stateroom. We all thought he had been arrested, and breathed considerably easier. After supper we had a hop, and between two dances I told Miss Nelly that I loved her, and she did not seem at all displeased.

The following morning we were surprised to hear that Rozaine was free. There were no proofs against him. He carried papers which proved beyond doubt that he was the son of a well-known merchant at Bordeaux,

and there was no cut or wound on either of his arms.

Somebody remarked that at the time the jewels were stolen Rozaine was known to have been walking on the promenade deck.

Half an hour later a slip of paper was passed from hand to hand among officers and passengers of all classes. On the slip was printed that M. Louis Rozaine offered a reward of 10,000 francs to any person pointing out Arsene Lupin or producing the stolen jewels.

"If no one will help me to find this thief," Rozaine declared, "I shall ferret him out single-handed."

And really the search of the boat gave no result, but the next day the captain's gold watch and chain were stolen out of his pocket.

Furious at his loss he doubled his efforts and his eyes never left Rozaine, with whom he had been alone several times. In the evening the watch and chain were found in the first officer's collar box.

Now this was all very wonderful, and showed that Arsene Lupin was a master of his art. When I looked at the silent and melancholy Rozaine I could not help secretly admiring him.

Two nights before we were due in New York the first officer heard somebody groaning in a dark corner of the deck, and when he ran over to investigate he found a man prostrated on the ground. His hands were tied together with a strong silk cord. It was Rozaine, who had been knocked down while out scouting. He had also been robbed of all his valuables, and a card bearing the following words was pinned to his coat: "Arsene Lupin thanks you very much for the 20,000 francs." Rozaine had had just that amount in his wallet, which was quite empty.

A real panic broke out. No one dared enter his stateroom or walk the deck alone. The passengers clung together in groups, the members of which knew they could trust one another. Arsene Lupin was everybody, and everybody was Arsene Lupin, who was now thought to possess supernatural powers. It was believed that he could assume any disguise and that he

appeared now as the noble Count Von Raverdau, and then as Major Rawson.

"How pale you are, Miss Nelly," I said to my companion, who was leaning heavily on my arm.

"And you," she said. "You, too, are looking quite changed."

The gangway was now in position, but before we were allowed to leave customs officers, policemen and porters came aboard.

"If any one were to tell me that Arsene Lupin had left the boat before we came to Sandy Hook not even that would surprise me," said Nelly.

Rozaine passed. The officer whispered to Gaminard, who shook his head and let him go.

"But, my God! where is, then, Arsene Lupin?"

There were only about twenty more people on board. I told Miss Nelly we had better wait no longer.

As we came down the detective barred the way.

"What does this mean?" I cried.

He looked at me for a moment and then said: "Arsene Lupin, I believe."

"No, sir; my name is Bernard d'Audressy," I said, with a laugh.

"Bernard d'Audressy died in Macedonia three years ago, and I can tell you just how you got his papers. You might as well give up the game, Lupin."

I hesitated a moment. Suddenly he struck me on my right arm. A cry of pain escaped me. He had hit the poorly-healed wound mentioned in the dispatch.

I saw that everything was lost and turned to Miss Nelly, who was pale as death.

Her eyes met mine; then she looked at the kodak I had handed her a moment before, and I saw that she had guessed everything. Inside the kodak were Lady Yerland's jewels and Rozaine's 20,000 francs. She passed by me and started to go back on the steamer. Half way up the gangway she collided with a waiter and my kodak fell from her hand into the water, between the steamer and the dock.

Deeply touched I looked after her disappearing figure and sighed: "Sometimes I am really sorry that I am no honest man."—*New York Evening Journal*.

## TRAITORS AND INGRATES.

THE white man has his burden; the Ethiopian and the Mongolian must also carry their load.

No nation, no people, no organization, is exempt. Hence it is but natural that the industrial organizations, trade and labor unions, should have their special burden to carry.

The union's burden is not a light one, but like every other being and institution on earth, the union must carry the load.

It is not the opposition to the trade union movement that constitutes the union burden. It is not the attacks of its enemies. It is not the malicious libels and slanders which are heaped wholesale upon the organization and its officers and members.

It is not the dense ignorance and prevailing prejudice that at times seem like an unsurmountable barrier which tries the strength of the union movement.

It is the same old burden. It is the Judas kiss—the traitor.

Members of a trade union are not so carefully selected. The door is generally open to all who apply for membership, and can prove that they are qualified to work at their chosen trade or calling.

Some of these applicants come without being well recommended.

A labor organization is the only society, with the exception of the body politic, which must take into its midst its very foes. The State can send its enemies in institutions provided for the criminals. Not so with the trade union. The very worst that the labor organization can do with its criminals is to expel them, which may be done as a last resort, because it is at variance with the objects and ethics of the trade union movement.

To rescue industrial slaves and mould them into independent and upright workmen is a gigantic task, because the corruption and perversion of human nature make it so.

Every trade union official and every loyal member of a labor organization knows that his local union is burdened with members who have come in to get even with the organization or with somebody who has benefited them in the hour of need.

These ingrates and traitors are the union's burden, and they would wreck the organizations and themselves included if they only had the power to do so.

A dog that bites the hands that feeds it is a malicious cur.

Have you any of that canine breed in your midst?

If you have, you need to watch the animal.

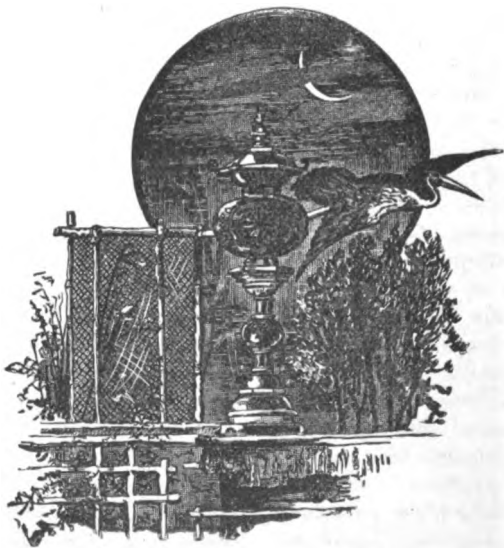
These traitors and curs work night and day, in season and out of season, as if they were in the employ of the employer as the enemies of organized labor.

Plenty of cases are on record where these spies and hounds in the pay of the enemy

have been sent into the unions for the purpose of destroying the organization.

But whether these Judases have received the pieces of silver or not is not the question. If the traitors are working without salary, it only proves that they are still greater degenerates.

The highwayman and the burglar who robs you of your money or breaks into your house, if caught, is sent to the penitentiary, but he is an angel compared with the traitor who breaks into your union in order to annihilate it, and thus rob you of your wages, your eight-hour workday and all that the trade union movement has given you.—*Organized Labor, San Francisco.*





### Don't Forget the Old Folks.

Nay, don't forget the old folks, boys—they've  
not forgotten you;  
Though years have passed since you were home,  
the old hearts still are true;  
And not an evening passes by they haven't the  
desire  
To see your faces once again, and hear your foot-  
steps nigher.

You're young and buoyant, and for you Hope  
beckons with her hands,  
And life spreads out a waveless sea that laps  
but tropic stands;  
The world is all before your face, but let your  
memories turn  
To where fond hearts still cherish you and loving  
bosoms yearn.

No matter what your duties are, nor what your  
place in life,  
There's never been a time they'd not assume  
your load of strife;  
And shrunken shoulders, trembling hands, and  
forms racked by disease,  
Would bravely dare the grave to bring to you  
the pearl of peace.

So don't forget the old folks, boys—they've not  
forgotten you;  
Though years have passed since you were home,  
the old hearts still are true;  
And write them now and then to bring the light  
into their eyes,  
And make the world glow once again and bluer  
gleam the skies.

—WILL T. HALE.

### The Rules of the Game.

They have "studied the problems of slum-life"  
(A venture which brought them renown).  
Though the blood and the sweat  
And the smells that they met,  
Drove them back to their homes uptown.

They were seized with a fainting sensation  
As they passed us in filth without name,  
But they thought that they knew  
What "the masses" pass through  
In keeping the rules of the game.

Not a laugh did they hear on their journey—  
To smile has become a lost art.  
But they never drew near  
To help drive 'way a tear,  
Or to cheer up a dull aching heart.

Each soul that they met as they lingered,  
Seemed damned to an eternal hell.  
But the aim of our strife,  
And our struggle in life,  
Is always to break from our cell.

If we're judged by their rules of the battle,  
Or tried by their rules of the game,  
We will ne'er win the fight  
By the power of our might,  
Nor be counted with those who o'ercame.

But the Great Referee of the Contest,  
Whose judgments ne'er come with a snap—  
For He knows the whole game,  
And He knows why we're lame—  
He'll give us a big handicap.

—By the REV. CHARLES STELZLE.

### Where Do You Stand?

The time has come for the throwing aside  
Of the masks and pretexts 'neath which men hide.  
There's a conflict on, and year by year  
The lines of cleavage become more clear.  
There's a conflict on between the ones  
Who don't love freedom and the ones who do;  
And this question is coming straight home to you;  
When you stop your hedging and show your hand,  
Where do you stand?

There are only two sides in this bloodless fight,  
And only one of those sides is right,  
Between the two grows too wide a breach  
To safely stand with a foot on each.  
However, we seek to dodge or evade,  
The ranks are formed and the issue made.  
It remains for each to decide where he  
Would wish to bestow the victory,  
On the side of Bondage or Liberty.  
The time has passed for evasions bland;  
Where do you stand?

'Tis the same old issue defined once more  
Our fathers fought in the days of yore;  
'Tis the issue that Moses had to face,  
When he led from bondage the chosen race;  
'Tis the issue Christ met on Calvary  
When He died in the effort to make men free—  
On the one side selfishness on the throne,  
Which seeks for its gain and for that alone;  
On the other the toilers who want their own—  
And the forces of Justice make this demand:  
Where do you stand?

—Exchange.

**Joy.**

I never knew the joy of getting home,  
 I never knew how fast a heart could beat;  
 I never tasted joy  
 Till the day my little boy  
 Came running up to meet me on the street.

I never knew the pleasure of a smile,  
 I never knew the music of a voice,  
 Till I heard my baby greet me,  
 On this day he ran to meet me,  
 In a way that made my weary heart rejoice.

I never knew a welcome half so true  
 Till I heard his "Hello, daddy!" down the  
 street;  
 And though weary as could be,  
 When he scampered up to me,  
 There was comfort in the patter of his feet.

I never knew the charm of laughing eyes,  
 I never knew how happy I could be;  
 I never knew the cheer  
 That makes worry disappear  
 Till the day my baby first ran up to me.  
 —*Detroit Free Press.*

**Make Your Mark.**

In the quarries should you toil,  
 Make your mark;  
 Do you delve upon the soil,  
 Make your mark;  
 In whatever path you go,  
 In whatever place you stand,  
 Moving swift or moving slow,  
 With a firm and honest hand  
 Make your mark.

Should opponents hedge your way  
 Make your mark;  
 Work by night or work by day,  
 Make your mark;  
 Struggle manfully and well,  
 Let no obstacles oppose;  
 None right-shielded ever fell  
 By the weapon of his foes;  
 Make your mark.

What though born a peasant's son;  
 Make your mark;  
 Good by poor men can be done;  
 Make your mark;  
 Peasants' garb may warm the cold,  
 Peasants' words may calm a fear;  
 Better far than hoarding gold  
 Is the drying of a tear;  
 Make your mark.

Life is fleeting as a shade;  
 Make your mark;  
 Marks of some kind must be made;  
 Make your mark;  
 Make it while the arm is strong.  
 In the golden hours of youth;  
 Never, never make it wrong;  
 Make it with the stamp of truth;  
 Make your mark.

—DAVID BARKER.

**Laugh.**

Laugh, and the world laughs with you;  
 Weep, and you weep alone!  
 For the sad old earth must borrow its mirth  
 But has trouble enough of its own.  
 Sing, and the hills will answer;  
 Sigh, it is lost on the air—  
 The echoes bound to a joyful sound,  
 But shrink from voicing care.

Rejoice, and men will seek you;  
 Grieve, and they turn and go.  
 They want full measure of all your pleasure  
 But they do not need your woe.  
 Be glad, and your friends are many;  
 Be sad, and you lose them all.  
 There are none to decline your nectar'd wine.  
 But alone you must drink life's gall.

Feast, and your halls are crowded;  
 Fast, and the world goes by.  
 Succeed and give, and it helps you live,  
 But no man can help you die.  
 There is room in the halls of pleasure  
 For a large and lordly train,  
 But one by one we must all file on  
 Through the narrow aisles of pain.  
 By ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.



# FACETIOUS



## Reminded Him of Home.

Pat—An' who is that at the piany singing?

Mike—That's me daughter, Katie, shure.

Pat—Ah, her voice reminds me of my own wife's.

Mike—Katie! Katie! Shut up yer mouth. I want Pat to enjoy himself while he's here!

## Doubtful Compliment.

At an evening party they were playing a game which consisted of everybody in the room making a face, and the one who made the worst face was awarded a prize. They all did their level best, and then a gentleman went up to one of the ladies and said:

"Well, madam, I think you have won the prize."

"Oh," she said, "I wasn't playing."—*Montreal Star*.

## Blamed on the Railroad.

Railroad claim-agents have little faith in their fellow creatures. One said recently: "Every time I settle a claim with one of these hard-headed rural residents who wants the railroad to pay twice what he would charge the butcher if he gets a sheep killed, I think of this story, illustrative of the way some people want to hold the railroad responsible for every accident, of whatever kind, that happens. Two Irishmen were driving home from town one night when their buggy ran into a ditch, overturned, and they were both stunned. When a rescuer came along and revived them, the first thing one of them said was: 'Where's the train?' 'Why, there's no train around,' he was told. 'Then where's the railroad?' 'The nearest railroad is three miles away,' he learned. 'Well, well,' he commented. 'I knew it hit us pretty hard, but I didn't suppose it knocked us three miles from the track.'"

## The Light in a Bottle.

A farmer who had been to the city was describing to his friends the splendor of the hotel he put up at.

"Everything was perfect," said he, "with exception of one thing—they kept the light burning all night in my bed-room—a thing I ain't used to."

"Well," said one of them, "why didn't you blow it out?"

"Blow it out!" said the farmer, "how could I? The blessed thing was inside a bottle!"

## No More Room.

Once in Dublin toward the end of the opera Satan was conducting Faust through a trap-door which represented the gates of hades. His majesty got through all right—he was used to going below—but Faust, who was quite stout, got only about half way in, and no squeezing would get him any farther. Suddenly an Irishman in the gallery exclaimed devoutly, "Thank God, hell is full!"

## Not Altogether Bad.

A policeman saw a man acting rather suspiciously near a jeweler's one evening, and going over to him he demanded to know who the man was and what he wanted.

"I'm thinking of opening a jeweler's store in this neighborhood," replied the man, "and I'm watching to see if there is much trade."

Whereupon the policeman went on his way satisfied.

Next morning word was received at the station that the store had been entered and robbed during the night. The policeman who had accosted the mysterious stranger said, reflectively:

"He may be a thafe, but he's no liar!"—*Philadelphia Inquirer*.

**Nothing Doing.**

Mistress—"Alice, I saw the milkman kiss you this morning. Hereafter I shall go out after the milk, myself."

Servant—"It won't do you no good, ma'am; he promised not to kiss any other woman but me."—*Harper's Weekly*.

**Point Well Taken.**

Representative John Sharp Williams was compelled to struggle with the question of prohibition during his recent campaign for the United States Senate. One of the candidates for the governorship was the Hon. Jeff Truly, who, according to Mr. Williams, found prohibition also a difficult corner to turn. Mr. Truly was speaking to a gathering in a small town. At the end of a flowery period a Methodist minister rose and asked permission to propound a question. "Brother Truly," said the minister, "I want to ask you, do you ever take a drink of whisky?"

"Before I answer that," relied the wary Brother Truly, "I want to know whether it is an inquiry or an invitation."—*Exchange*.

**Figured It Out.**

A negro who lived in Macon, Ga., was suddenly bereaved of his wife, who had relatives in Augusta. During the completion of the funeral arrangements the widower had gone to the railroad station and asked the price of round-trip tickets to Augusta—two tickets, one for himself and one for the remains. The agent explained that while the widower might need a round-trip ticket for himself, it would be necessary to purchase only a one-way ticket for the late lamented, the agent taking it for granted that the interment was to be at Augusta.

"I know wha I'm doin!" protested the negro, somewhat heatedly. "I've got a definite idea what I wants! Mah wife has got more'n eighty-nine kinfolks down to Augusty, an' all o' 'em wants to see her befo' she's buried. I'se got it all figgered out dat it'll be more economical fo' me to take her to Augusty and back here agin dan it'll be to feed a passel of col'd people dat would come from Augusty to de funeral heah!"—*Atlanta Constitution*.

**Laconic.**

"Is the proprietor in " asked the visitor.

"No, sir," replied the office boy.

"Is he in the city?"

"Yes, sir."

"Will he be back soon?"

"No, sir."

"Tonight?"

"Tomorrow sometime?"

"No, sir."

"Did he leave any word for Mr. Nash?"

"No, sir."

The stranger looked at the office boy sharply.

"When did he go?"

"Yesterday afternoon."

"Didn't he say when he'd be back?"

"No, sir."

"Well, where the dickens is he?"

"At the undertakers."

"What's the matter?"

"He's dead."—*Harper's Weekly*.

**Informal.**

Mr. Ten Eyck, discussing rowing one day in Syracuse, said success depended on form. He explained what he meant by form. Then, by way of illustration, he added:

"Everything, everything goes by form. Thus, out West, in the old days, it was the essence of form to be informal. My father used to tell about a squire who would marry the young couple that came to him in some such form as this:

"'Bill, do ye take this gal, whose hand ye're a-squeezin' to be yer lawful wife, in flush times an—'

"'I guess that's about the size of it, squire.'

"'Mame, do you take this cuss ye've j'ined fists with to be yer pard through thick an' thin?'

"'Ye're right for once, old man.'

"'All right, then. Kiss in court, an' I reckon ye're married about as tight as the law can jine ye. I guess four bits 'll do, Bill, if I don't have to kiss the bride. If I do, it's six bits extry.'"—*Terre Haute Tribune*.

# Our Correspondents



## ONLY TWO POSSIBLE SOCIAL ORBITS.

“ONCE get an idea imbedded in the human mind, and though all the facts of the universe protest against it, they protest in vain. Mankind formed his main conception of life in general and most things in particular in the time of his racial youth, when he was fresh and cock-sure. That accounts for the contradictory absurdities prevailing yet in the human mind.” That was stated by a fine American lady writer in the *Harper's Bazar* for last December. It was applied to the narrow conceptions most men have yet about the low mentality of women, and so the need of their submission to the higher one of us, men, who have always made a wretched hash in what we call civilization.

That our mothers, sisters, wives and daughters should not be as good and bright as we men in all the important affairs of life; that God should give to our precious lady friends in all the channels of life souls inferior to our own, what an aberration! No wonder that we, the best of us, have not yet learned the A B C of the duties we owe to our “*All Father*,” and to each other on earth.

One of the first conceptions that man, the male creature, ought to have learned, is that woman should be necessarily the complementary element of man. Not until we accept that as one of the most inexorable axioms in the universe, not until then shall we men know how to deal with each other in such a way as to make this life worth living. Thus far we have made our terrestrial existence a wild night—more, a demon's dream, in relation to what life can be in this glorious planet of ours.

We can go over the best literature of even our modern three or four decades, and

we find it saturated with the idea that sorrow and pain and conflicts and gloom, and *fate*, when not luck, are the masters of our own volitions, in many cases, anyhow; that occasional joys are only to be a concomitant, a fragment of our own development.

By fate we mean some great especial misfortune to some of us, undeserved, inevitable, illogical. By luck we mean the reverse, some especial good fortune to some of us, also undeserved, inevitable, illogical. The simple logic of the universe ought to have taught men fifty centuries ago that both fate and luck or any approach to either are but results coming from the perpetual battle we see fit to have between the extreme simplicity of divine decrees and the extreme complexity of men's decrees, laws.

Nowhere can we find, in the natural or moral order, a single process or combination, what we call law, that does not work for the eternal beauty and unity of universal altruism in all imaginable manifestations, material as well as spiritual, in the realm of matter and that of conscious life, always provided the fact remains that conscious individuals do their share, their duty, and rebel not against the eternal and natural order of things.

Look now at the grand totality of combinations manipulated by human laws. There we find intense selfishness, egotism in all essentials, forever splitting the unity of truth and life into fragments. All is there sacrificed to the triumphs, success, heroisms and supposed sanctities of some men over other men.

Our whole human development is conditioned on two methods or systems of social and industrial life. We must either legalize the robbery of human rights in our industrial and social activities, or we must simply legalize the equity of human



rights in that life. It is by the legalization of the robbery of human rights, in this or that form, open or hidden, that all nations have always managed to develop crooked human types from top to bottom in every social group. We have never even seen fit to grasp the conception of equity in wealth production and distribution. Yet, that equity alone can evolve normal, natural human types on the face of the planet. That is the perpetual proclamation of the universe around, through its symmetrical, orderly evolution. The same happens with the eternal morality of divine law, which we still consider a mere platitude, to be simply used in some of the petty incidents of our private life. Why to discard the moral law, as we are yet doing, in all the most vital activities constituting the essence and ensemble of the life of all of us?

The very existence of men in need of government and social combinations proves that our private development is inexorably connected with our combined, collective conditions, so that we all should have the opportunity of growth from the imperfect into the perfect. The latter can not mean any foolish impossibility. It can only mean the natural power to be sensible with each other, that of simply granting to each other what every man longs for, always provided those longings are compatible with obedience to God's laws of joy. We are yet taught how to long for the foolish, perishable pleasures we have no right to have. We thus stand by human laws distorting all human life, in sanitation and equity, in the domestic and social group, individually and collectively.

In the mind of a righteous God the real value of each human soul must necessarily rest on its willingness to stand by the bottom rights of every other human soul, for the completion and full life of each soul. That can only be done by normalizing the general, social and industrial conditions of all of us. The unity of life and truth implies, ordains that the real happiness and manhood of each one of us should be inextricably conditioned to the manhood and happiness of all of us. Outside of that universal law there can be but universal misery and moral or spiritual inanity for

all of us. That is why we all remain bundles of poor human sticks, what religion calls "*miserable sinners.*"

Only two possible orbits of social development, or two religious philosophies have been given to the children of men. One, of a very simple character, admirably conducive to the rapid evolution of universal goodness and joy, in accord with the symphony of creation. We superior people, teachers of humanity and leaders of nations, have always declined the actualization of that religious philosophy. We have always preferred the philosophy which evolves but some incidental goodness here and there. We have thus created inferior and bottom classes. To them we have never given the right to improve our wretched human laws. We ourselves have never seen fit to learn how to make any better laws.

Some prophets we have always had, with higher ideals than ourselves, superior people. Those prophets we have always crucified, in some form or other. Their teachings we have always ignored or attacked, have always ridiculed or declined to accept. Good, universal, solid joys to all—that has never appealed to our superior class spirit. That class spirit has been the curse of all ages. It is the curse today. It antagonizes all the teachings of Christ and all sound common sense.

JOSE GROS.

#### THAT U. S. MAIL.

The article in the November issue of the journal, written by "A Live Issue" on carrying the mail is an old issue, and from all indications will remain so.

Undoubtedly it is one of the worst impositions that we are compelled to tolerate. Nearly every operator who handles the mail could relate some incident where he has been under strain to comply with the rules regarding the U. S. mail.

For my part, I handle the mail and consider it my duty, as I am the postmaster, but I contend that the postmaster receives pay (part pay) for the handling of the mail, and that he should do it.

I only see one solution for this problem, and that is through Congress. Congress is now in session; let every operator appeal

to the congressman of his district to introduce a bill in Congress carrying an appropriation for the handling of the U. S. mail and relieve us of this duty. I do not think we can obtain this end through hot air; we must put our thoughts into action.

There has been altogether too much ink wasted on this subject, and I would suggest that our president or some capable official draft a bill on this subject and endeavor to have some congressman introduce it in Congress. Think over this idea and take it for what you think it is worth.

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### SERMONS IN COMMON THINGS.

Interesting and profitable are a series of "Don'ts" printed in *Machinery*. Practical ideas, every one of them—for machinists, especially, but in principle applicable to every chap in any kind of a shop. Some of them are highly suggestive. They are sermons in epitome. Here's one: "Don't try to make a finishing cut on scale." That's horse sense. You can't do it with men, either. You can't put a polish on a fellow who has all the hardness suggested by the scaly surface of a chunk of cast iron. You've got to get at something beneath his vest before you can fit him with the right kind of an overcoat—to use another figure of speech. Somebody once said that men are wrong when they look "out" for opportunities—they should look "in," for that is where they come from. There is usually a soft spot beneath the scale, that will permit of a beautiful polish—if you can only get at it. Sometimes it looks like a hopeless task, but it has been done, and what has been done, may be done.

"Don't make a piece of work too small, and then bend the gauge to fit it," is another hint. Mean, sneaky business that, anywhere. But some fellows are quite ready to lower standards in order to accommodate their own small deeds.

"Don't work to a calliper that has been set by another man; set it yourself." That means that our temperaments are different. Our sense of touch varies. The temperature of men's hands may make a difference in the expansion or contraction of a sensitive gauge. There's an individuality about every

man which influences every job that he tackles. But here's the point—every fellow must make good in his own way. We can't fight in another man's armor. We can't do our best work with another's tools. If we do, they must be given the test of our own experience, and that practically makes them our own.

Look about you. You'll find many a sermon in the shop actually staring you in the face. You will find

"—tongues in trees, books in the running brooks,  
Sermons in stones, and good in everything."

REV. CHARLES STELZLE.

### SENIORITY.

One of the most vexed questions which confronts a General Committee in the revision of a schedule is that of the rule applying to seniority.

In the case of applying for positions and vacancies which are regularly bulletined, the condition is easily met and understood, as the position is (other things being equal) justly due to the senior bidder only.

It is in the case of reduction of working force, by abolishing a position or otherwise, that a peculiar condition arises which makes it difficult to construe seniority in a manner just and impartial to all concerned without inflicting undue hardship upon some worthy member of the Order. This question has been met in various ways by different committees, and is yet, we believe, to be satisfactorily settled.

"Bumping," as the process is termed, is no particular hardship in the train service where men are running out of the same terminal, as it usually means going out and returning home on another schedule and possible change in the rate of pay. In the case of an operator or agent it is likely to mean that he must leave a home which he has purchased or built up and perhaps private business interests, as well as taking from his children educational advantages which his present position may afford. It may also be a fact that he has for years been looking forward to a condition which he has just realized, when a man of greater

seniority is displaced and chooses to deprive him of his position because he has suffered a similar loss and feels entitled to something good in return for his extended term of service.

Straight seniority may thus prove a hardship as well as a blessing, and on this theory a more inconsistent rule has grown up in some territory, the plan being for the employe displaced to take his place upon the extra list and wait until a desirable position is advertised to which his seniority will entitle him.

Still another solution has been found in the employe displaced, displacing in turn the youngest employe in the same class of service, and the employe thus displaced reverting to the extra list.

Each condition presents an extreme so far as concerns the employe originally displaced, and the sentiment seems to be about equally divided as to the disposition of his case.

In order to get an expression of the membership at large upon the question, the writer desires to submit three distinct propositions, and earnestly desires that each member place himself upon record by voting in the space allotted for one of the three rules.

Rule 1. Vote ..... ☐

Any employe within the provision of this schedule, when displaced by reason of reduction of force, temporarily or otherwise, or by abolishing an office or position, may displace any employe of the same class having less seniority.

Rule 2. Vote ..... ☐

Employes within the provision of this schedule, when displaced by reduction of force, or abolishing a position, may displace any employe of less seniority, except that employes who have held positions which they now occupy for a period of five consecutive years, and said positions were regularly bulletined and bid in by them, shall not be thus displaced.

In reducing the force the youngest employe shall be displaced first, but shall retain seniority on the extra list.

Rule 3. Vote ..... ☐

Employes within the provisions of this schedule, when displaced by reason of abolishing a position or reducing the force temporarily or otherwise, may, if they choose, retain seniority, remaining on the extra list. Otherwise *they will displace employes of less seniority* in their class of service. Any employe thus displaced, deeming his displacement unjust, shall have *right of appeal to an unbiased committee* of five to be appointed by his chairman, which shall decide upon the merit of the case; and *if said committee decides that he should not be displaced*, the local chairman shall report the same to the employing official to the end that a displacement may be effected elsewhere.

Rule 4. Vote ..... ☐

Employes within the provision of this schedule displaced on account of closing of stations or reduction in force, shall be placed on the extra list, but shall retain their seniority rights with privilege of bidding in next position vacated to which their seniority entitles them.

N. B.—Rule 3 is designed to give full seniority providing immunity in exceptional cases, and is believed by the writer to fill a long-felt want in telegraphers' schedules.

In order to get an expression, the writer is willing to become the recipient of a vote from every member of the organization who will send this leaf from THE TELEGRAPHER with a cross-mark in the square representing the rule which he favors.

Address your enclosure to S. J. Egelston, Churchville, N. Y., and he will count the ballots and make the result known in the columns of a subsequent issue of the official organ.

S. J. EGELSTON,

Churchville, N. Y.

#### SOUVENIR POSTAL CARDS.

The late strike found our local several hundred dollars in debt, and as we can not openly declare ourselves we find it a very slow process in liquidating. We are assured that all good O. R. T. men are anxious to see our organization again in

the ascendancy, and we are sure that you will be willing to help in this small way: Send ten cents in silver to the undersigned, in return for which you will be forwarded by first mail two beautiful souvenir postal cards of Rocky Mountain scenery. This is a small item to you, but means much toward putting us again on our feet. We shall appreciate larger orders on the same basis.

C. M. WORTH.

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### THE WIRE TEST.

There are those, perhaps, who will accuse me of being a trouble-monger—a pessimist, if you please—but as history discloses the interesting fact that all, or nearly all, great forward movements have met with opposition at the moment of their appearance, and the authors thereof with adverse criticism, I presume I should not expect to prove an exception to the rule. Nevertheless, I have had assurance enough from various representative railroad telegraphers throughout the country to warrant this article and lead me to the belief that just such a thing will happen. That is to say, I am quite confident that the disclosure which I shall make will prove to be an interesting one and meet the immediate approval of the membership at large, and it is my earnest desire that this will include the Grand Officers themselves.

Reform is the password of the day. It is in the very atmosphere; we find it in our government, both National and State; in corporations, both large and small. A little correction here, and a little adjustment there, and every where with beneficial results. In fact, the reform wave which struck us some five years ago has been so broad in its scope that few of our large institutions have escaped it. That the Order of Telegraphers should be caught in this net need not, therefore, shock any one perceptibly, for he has a defect that should be corrected which stands out conspicuously. I refer to that part of our secret work which prohibits the use of the wire test save in cases of emergency or dire distress. To say that we are virtually without any

wire test whatever, would scarcely be to exaggerate; for, in view of my extensive experience, I do not hesitate to say that of the membership of 40,000 telegraphers, more than half of them do not at this moment know their secret work, and would not recognize their wire test if they met it coming down the road, and that simply because it is never used. This being true—and I hear no dissenting voice—then we must admit that there is need of some action which will tend to add additional life to our organization. Having arrived at this conclusion it behooves us to seek an immediate remedy.

The achievements of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers in its brief history has been, no less remarkable than difficult; she has surpassed, no doubt, anything ever dreamed of by her most ardent sponsor at her inception at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, June 9th, 1886. To review the history of this organization is to follow an unbroken line of achievements, and today she stands almost at the zenith of organization.

But let us add a "reform" to our Order that will contribute to its further upbuilding. What we want is a wire test that can be used any and everywhere and all the time. Let it be used as a brotherly greeting instead of a sign of distress, as is now the case.

Most every operator who has traveled much—and that includes the majority of us—will at once appreciate what a splendid innovation this would be for us. For who of you can not recall some embarrassing experience on the wire as a result of some good, zealous brother accosting you on the wire about the second night of your employment on some new line in a manner similar to this: "Say, old man, are you up-to-date?" Or, perhaps it would be this: "Have you a card?" At the same time you will doubtless remember how this remark from a stranger to you in a strange country sort of put you "up against it," so to speak. Very likely you had a card in your little old card-case at that very moment, but, being somewhat conscious of the fact that this prolonged dialogue had attracted the attention of all the operators as well as the dispatcher, and being prudent as most all

union men usually are, perhaps you took exception to this cross-examining method and your response mayhaps were about like this: "Sign." Your interrogator not wishing to disclose his own identity did not sign, and the matter was dropped there. Or if by chance he should change over and call you on the W. U. wire and tell you who he was, you are not always sure that he asks the question in good faith. On the other hand, it does not take a sage to see that some nice, patriotic and brief secret test, which would not be easily detected, would serve as a pleasant reminder to the brother on a strange road that he was among friends; while to the "non" it would be an unpleasant reminder that he was out in the cold.

This is an age of progress and business administration. Everything nowadays must be reduced to the science of business, if we are to succeed in any vocation we must adopt businesslike methods. Even the housewife of today must conduct her affairs on a business principle. The telegraph operator is no exception to this rule.

As an illustration of the wonderful effect that this little wire test has in the way of keeping up interest among the men I will relate the experience of a well-known railroad operator who entered the service of the W. U. about three months prior to the late commercial strike. He told me the story in about the following words: "It was on Monday, May the 13th, I entered the W. U. telegraph office in a certain large city in the West. As they were in the need of men at that time I was promptly put to work. About 12:30 p. m. I found myself on the sending side of the first Denver, and as I had done commercial work before, I felt quite at home and, beginning, said, 'Good-evening; who takes?' He came back: 'BK,' go ahead to 'M,' good-evening, 'W. T. B.' As I did not understand for sure just what he did say, and thinking that it was irrelevant, I proceeded to send. Shortly during the moment of idleness the receiving man at my end leaned over to me and said, 'I see you don't wear the button.' I replied by showing him an up-to-date O. R. T. card and added that I intended to come into the C. T. U. A. about the first pay-day.

As is the custom in W. U. offices I was successively changed from one wire to another and either sending or receiving. Everywhere I was confronted with that 'W. T. B.' (I was sure by this time that it was 'W. T. B.'). First, Denver, then Helena, Spokane, Seattle, Oakland, Los Angeles, and even Pocatello, all challenged me with this 'W. T. B.' As they invariably followed this challenge with the very proper admonition, 'get a card,' I was soon aware, of course, that this 'W. T. B.' was a secret challenge, and to say that it annoyed and embarrassed me is expressing it mildly."

The operator whom I have just now quoted assured me that during those two weeks of his probation there, that which to the member, was a pleasant greeting and a token of good feeling soon amounted to almost persecution to him, and he says that no sooner had pay-day arrived than he went post-haste to the local president, filled out his papers, accompanied them with the necessary fees and taking a hold of the president's lapel, said, 'For God's sake tell me what the wire test stands for and how shall I answer it.' The president smilingly replied that, although he was not entitled to know the secret work until he had been accepted, as there was no doubt as to that, inasmuch as he carried an O. R. T. card, he would tell him. This is what it meant: *Wear the button*, or was equivalent to saying, "Do you wear the button?" and that the manner in which you were to reply was by giving the first and third letter of the name of the city or town at which you were located.

It is obvious, therefore, that could we adopt something on that order it would enable us, no matter where situated, to know who were and who were not our brothers in unionism. And can't you see how nice it would be as a stranger in a strange land to be greeted by some such pleasant test, and again, can not you see how it would continually keep before you the fact that it pays to belong to such a noble organization? Can't you see that what to you as an up-to-date member would be as a friendly hand-clasp; to the non a continual annoyance? Can you think of anything that would more persistently re-

mind him that he was becoming more and more alone every day, and do you not agree with me that this very prevalence of a wire-test greeting would be an immensely strong factor in causing an exodus from Non-ville, such as has never been witnessed at any time in the history of this organization? Do you not believe that this very thing would cause our membership to forge towards complete organization in leaps and bounds, and thereby enabling us to reach that millennium for which we have so long striven? I say, don't you?

WYOMING.

### THE C. T. U. OF A.

Fellow telegraphers, it was originally my intention to run but one or two letters in *THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER*, calling your attention to a means of working for our mutual advantage. The interest developed, however, is sufficient to justify this method of organization, and I wish to thank the large number of O. R. T. members for their splendid co-operation. Since the first letter was published in this journal we have felt the effect. In fact, I found the way paved so well that upon visiting several cities commercial employes were waiting with their money—due to the efforts of their O. R. T. friends.

We are having a boom at present that can be developed into a substantial rally with your assistance. If this can be done within the next few months we can turn the defeat of 1907 into a victory. One of the secrets of a labor union's success lies in its recuperative power. If it can rebuild quickly and press its demands anew within a reasonable length of time, they invariably succeed in accomplishing the second time in gaining without a strike what they could not gain at first through striking.

The reason for this is plain, inasmuch as employers are governed entirely by business methods in dealing with their employes. It is always a question as to which will pay the best—grant the demands and have peace, or refuse and fight.

If they feel that defeat of the men means disruption of their union, they will court a strike; but if they believe that the same

struggle will be repeated over and over again without destroying the union, then they will negotiate and try to reach an agreement.

In the commercial service the officials believed they could destroy the C. T. U. A. They were mistaken. Now, our next move is to reorganize rapidly. Convince them we are here to stay and must be dealt with accordingly.

Inasmuch as all telegraphers are affected by the raising or lowering of the standard of wages, this interests you as well as it does me.

Have you ever stopped to think of the students taught in your home W. U. or postal office that later entered into competition for your railroad job? The thorough organization of the smaller towns would solve many of our problems.

The manager who does his own telegraphing is a telegrapher, and should be a member of the C. T. U. A. He is to the commercial company what the agent-telegrapher is to a railroad.

Should you find any difficulty in convincing your friends of their duty towards the C. T. U. A., let us hear from you.

The \$1.75 rate will be continued until March 31st, and will not be renewed. This pays fees and dues to March 31st. M. B. D. optional. Yours fraternally,

S. J. KONENKAMP,

President Commercial Telegrapher's Union of America.

### MORE NEW DEPARTMENTS PROPOSED.

Well pleased with New York Leo's proposal of a technical or Electrical Department in the journal, I wake up to the fact that dreaming about some one else getting busy won't hit. Being on night duty I often keep myself awake by reading our own and up-to-date periodicals. More than once have I been impelled to suggest that other columns be added to cover more fully the whereabouts of a telegrapher's multifarious duties.

But, to get busy, I herewith suggest:

1st. A Religious Department—a consideration that should be first in everybody's

life and business. Being a Salvation Army railroad man for a number of years I will render any assistance I may be capable of, always with the end in view of interesting bad and good. Don't grin; I won't make a *War Cry* out of THE TELEGRAPHER. One column or a page should be large enough with an occasional illustration for each issue. Amen?

2d. A Question and Answer Department, to deal with every conceivable thing that butts into a railroad telegrapher's life, the Editor to solicit conundrums for same either from his own store of wisdom and knowledge or by arranging the appointment of some individual on various railroads, and possibly announcing each previous month who the wise joker is that will put the answers up in tissue paper the next month, or by some improved suggestion.

3d. And last. If present faculties, capabilities, etc., not sufficient, why not endow a fund sufficient to improve THE TELEGRAPHER in every conceivable manner, making it the front rank paper of the universe dealing with all that concerns railroad telegraphers, the prize of all union men the world over; a paper up-to-date in scientific research, acknowledged and quoted worldwide, stirring even the soul of the ghost that first put the bridle on electricity. And now for the "hay," G. N.

CERT. 217, Div. 7.

#### FROM A SILENT WORKER.

I have been a member of the Order for the past six years, but have never offered an article for publication in our journal, as it seems to be out of my line. I try to do some good in my own way in assisting to better our condition by getting "the nons" to join our ranks by showing them the benefit they derive from it. We should all know by this time what individual effort means.

There are others, I presume, like myself, that are not able to express their views to their own satisfaction or that of others, but who help in other ways than by contributing articles to our journal, the reading of which inspires us to greater efforts; but if we are conscious of doing our best, no matter in

which direction, we feel better, and are not only helping ourselves but others.

Let us always show our colors and be honest, upright and true to our fellow-men; let us practice what we preach.

Do not sacrifice principle for temporal gain, for remember in doing so you are committing a great crime, and are building a foundation of sand for your own downfall. Do not be afraid to call up your fellow telegraphers and ascertain if they are with us, and if they are not, in the name of common sense ask them to join our ranks and become brothers. Make it a point to know whether they are up-to-date. If you will use what influence you possess in favor of the O. R. T., your dividends will be larger and life will be more satisfactory.

After you have awakened to the fact that there are others, call up the nons, talk to them in a friendly manner, and advise them to join our noble Order, and see that they occasionally get our journal; find the "ham factories" and do all in your power to have them discontinued.

You know as well as I do all about the \$75 minimum and the eight-hour day. We have been working eight or nine hours since last March, when the law went into effect. Let every one of us wake up and give gilt-edge service. Do your whole duty and you will be the gainer. Finally, pay up your dues promptly and you will always be in good standing.

CERT. 613, Div. 33.

#### A MORSE-O-LOGUE.

We have crossed the threshold of a new year and a momentous year in the railroad telegraph field spreads out before us.

Many things that we may be justly proud of have been accomplished during the past, but we will have to unite more firmly from now on to accomplish things that will work for our mutual benefit.

Let us make this a banner year. In union there is strength, and each and every true American should paste those memorable words of Patrick Henry's inside his hat: "United we stand, divided we fall."

Brothers, if we don't "hang together," we will hang separately, or we might as well, for our living wage will be cut down.

It is the tendency of all the railroad systems throughout the country now, since the American Railway Association, at its last meeting, recommended the telephone for train dispatching, to start the telephoner on at a salary much below that which is paid to a telegrapher. The railroads say, "Well, the telephoner is unskilled because he does not telegraph." Now, a man has to know just as much to run a tower by telephone as he does by telegraph, simply the means of transmitting information is being changed. It will be the tendency on the part of the railroad corporations to try and reduce wages in a tower or office where the telegraph has been abandoned in favor of the telephone. That is, if we let them.

And how will we stop this operation of the sliding scale, for that is what it is and nothing more? That self-same sliding scale that the commercial telegraphers have opposed so bitterly.

There is only one way. By organization. Every telegrapher and telephoner, who has the welfare and the interests of his family at heart, must get a card and keep up-to-date.

We must keep apace with the progress of the times; we can not stand still. If we don't go forward we will go backward, and there is none of us who want to give up the things we have fought so hard and long for.

Now, what each and every member throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico must do to start the year right is to get a card. There is no alternative; we must combine and form ourselves into a solid phalanx of brothers and sisters in the ranks of the O. R. T.

There is only one way that this can be done, and that is, each and every member must appoint him or herself a committee of one and get after the non nearest to him or her, and keep after them until they are in, and those that are members must keep paid up.

If each and every member did his share, we would be much farther advanced than we are today. Why, there shouldn't be a tower in the whole country that paid less

than three dollars a day for eight hours, and if there are, they shouldn't exist.

I have just observed in a morning paper that seventy-one persons were killed and a score or more fatally injured in a head-on collision on the Denver & Rio Grande. The report stated that there was no telegraph office at the station where the collision occurred. The retrenchment policy will probably cost this road a pretty penny. There ought to be a thorough public investigation of the matter.

We have a motto, and one that we should rigidly adhere to: "No card, no favors."

LEO D. WILLIAMS.

#### GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

I wish to make a few remarks as to the way I view the situation, as outlined by Cert. 670, Div. 23, in December journal.

The only remedy I see for the workers is government ownership of all public industries, lands, etc., and operated democratically, or in favor of all the people instead of the few. It would be useless for the workers to try to do a certain kind of manufacturing, unless they had it in their power to do all the manufacturing and control all public industries.

Now, the question is asked, "A shoe factory owned and operated by the O. R. T. Do you think we would have trouble in selling our shoes?" Possibly we would be able to sell all our shoes at a small profit. But how are the operators going to compete in this establishment with the men of millions? The men of millions of dollars to invest can afford to give away more shoes than the operators can make on a few hundred thousand dollars. And they would do this, if necessary, to put the workers out of competition with them.

The same will apply to the O. R. C. or any other organization that would try to compete in the manufacturing world with the man of millions. Where would the O. R. T. get his leather for his shoes? Would he not have to buy the leather, or the hides that the leather is made from, from the men who control these markets, or the O. R. C. get his material? Would he not have to buy the raw material on the same



basis? And this basis would be governed by a corner of the market in Wall Street.

Now, if the workers could get all this raw material at the cost of production, they would stand a show of manufacturing the raw materials into useful products. Under government ownership the government would produce the articles that constitute the raw materials, and then manufacture into different products which humanity desires. This would not be done for profit but for the benefit of the masses. Under our present government, be it ever so corrupt, the government business is the only business that is not affected by panics. There is no government employee but what receives on an average better salary than the railroad man. The R. F. D. men, for six hours' work per day, all Sundays and holidays off, receive a better salary than the operators. The government debt at this time is between eight and nine hundred million dollars. We pay in interest on this debt something like twenty million per year. We pay to the Standard Oil Co. about seventy million per year above the cost of producing the products of the Standard. We pay to this concern alone nearly four times the amount of interest on the government debt. It is stated by the *Wall Street Journal*, the financial paper of New York, that the profit of the Standard Oil Co. during the last twenty-five and one-half years was something over nine hundred and twenty-nine million dollars. Now, suppose the government owned this one industry. This profit alone would pay our national debt and leave a balance to the credit of the nation of nearly one hundred million dollars. Then suppose the government operates all the industries. Can we not see that the government would be in position to give us more for our time? The government would not run the oil business to accumulate profits any more than it runs the mail business to make millions off the people. No government would wish to accumulate more than a good running balance.

With government ownership we would have no public debt. This would save us the interest of twenty million per year. I am with you, brother, for the workers are now being skinned legally. But the workers

will have to vote together and elect men who believe that the workers should have the equal of what they produce.

Under private ownership as at present, when times are close and the owners of the industries can not make a profit off the workers' labor, account not being able to sell the products, the industries are closed and humanity must suffer. Now, if the government owned the industries, do you believe that these industries would ever close as long as men wanted work, or that by their closing humanity would suffer? Suppose there were a set of officials at the different heads of the industries that really did not have any sympathy with the workers. Would they not have to come up with the goods when the people made demands, as in the case of the operators and the nine-hour law?

Brothers, let us get interested in our government; study economics and let us see if we can not find out the cause of the working man's troubles, and then work together for an adjustment. CERT. 289, Div. 14.

#### KEEP THE SABBATH.

With considerable interest I have just read on pages 2064 and 2065, in December's issue of our valued journal, an article entitled "Keep the Sabbath."

Now, as this article is intended to make men think, with your kind permission, in reply to Cert. 159, Div. 51, I will say that the answer of "the man next to you, whether he would like to see the Sabbath kept holy," will depend entirely upon his information regarding the Sabbath question.

The question now is not merely, shall we have a Sunday law, but which day is the Sabbath? There are many well-informed telegraphers that reply to this question by saying that there is not one text in the whole Bible requiring any of us to keep Sunday, and why should we ask the government to do for Sunday what God does not do? The Bible very plainly says, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work." Exodus 20:8, 11. These verses require the observance of the seventh day.

They make it plain that the seventh day is the Sabbath. Now, every well-informed person knows that the seventh day is Saturday and not Sunday. This must still be the divine law, for in Matthew 5:17 we read, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets, I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill."

Then Christ did not repeal the Sabbath law. In Mark 2:27 we read, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath." This verse refers not to Sunday but to the day kept at that time by the Jews, which was Saturday.

A careful reading of Mark 16:1-2 will show that the Sabbath is past when the first day (Sunday) comes. Christ kept the day the Bible calls the Sabbath. (See Luke, 4:16.) And the same may be said of Paul and others (Acts 17:2). We sometimes make a mistake regarding what is really up to us, and now it is, Why do we keep Sunday? Where is the text requiring its observance? It ought to be evident that the duty to enforce or even protect Sunday by law can not be up to any man or organization, when the Bible nowhere calls Sunday the Sabbath; then how can any one violate God's commandment by working on Sunday?

There is a much better way to show our appreciation of God's love than to help enforce a day that He nowhere calls His Sabbath.

"He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me." John, 14:21.

There are many people, and some are telegraphers, in this country that observe the Bible Sabbath (Saturday), yet we never hear them saying that it is up to them to see that the law compels others to keep that day. Before we are so forward in demanding such extreme and unreasonable penalties, would it not be well to learn from the Bible what God requires from man?

The writer is evidently a little confused when he talks about having Congress amend the present Sunday law reading, "Four dollars fine and six days jail" for such violation. The fact is, that the law referred to is not a national law but a Pennsylvania

law. Congress could not very well amend it. We have no national Sunday law yet. As far back as 1829 Congress was asked to make such a law, but the United States Senate replied that, "It is not the legitimate province of the legislature to determine what religion is true or false. Our government is a civil and not a religious institution. Our constitution recognizes no other power than that of persuasion for the enforcing of religious observance." The Supreme Court of California holds Sunday laws to be violations of the constitution.

In the early days of this nation congressional backbones were not in need of any of our stiffening; they would stand by the constitution and say no when asked to enact a religious law. The nation is in danger if, as we are told, congressmen are so weak that they stand ready to do whatever petitioners pray for, even though they know it to be unconstitutional.

If Sunday is not worth enough to us, or we have not backbone enough to say I will not work, let us not make matters worse by destroying congressional backbone; let us weave into our enthusiasm the principle of General Grant, who said: "Leave the matter of religion to the family altar, the church, and the private school. Keep the church and state forever separate."

CERT. 3399, Div. 2.

#### SUNDAY REST.

In the December number of THE TELEGRAPHER you will read an article written by Cert. No. 169, Div. No. 51.

I, for one, was greatly pleased to read this article in our journal, it being one of great importance to all mankind in a professed Christian country. Its importance lies in that it is in accordance with God's commandment, namely, to keep the Sabbath holy. We are breaking this great commandment as we are to do nothing only works of mercy on the Sabbath. The officials and stockholders of railroads, by working their employes on Sunday are responsible for this breach.

I do not wish to say that the ones that are most responsible for this broken commandment are not God-loving persons, but fear they are blinded to it in their desire

for this world's goods, which will perish and avail nothing. What will it profit a man if he gains the whole world for a few years and loses his soul for eternity by breaking, causing or allowing God's commandments to be broken?

I tremble when I reflect that God is just, His commandments positive and His promises sure. I have heard it said that rail-roading could not stop on the Sabbath. If it could not be stopped God would not have commanded that the Sabbath be kept holy.

He has given us steam, electricity and many other great inventions for our good, but we are using them for perishable gain and breaking His commandments after all His goodness to us.

Now, let us do as the good brother suggests—get a petition to Congress asking a heavy fine for breaking or causing this commandment to be broken. I think if there was a petition gotten out for each member to get signers on that we will be sure to win, for what God approves can not fail. Let us see if the O. R. T. can not bring this about by the help of God; let us make every effort to do our part.

A good Christian gentleman promised to do all in his power to help if we get a petition by taking it to his church and getting his brethren interested. I am sure others will do the same. Let us hear from other brothers on this worthy cause.

CERT. 178, Div. 82.

#### A WARNING.

If you have friends and have money in plenty, then your admirers are legion, your faults infinitesimal, your virtues supreme. I speak of the servile multitude who fawn and debase themselves. There are a few who question his saint-like attributes, but they are lacking in conservatism and should be fed to the lions.

Money rears around you a fortress, and only when the foundations of the fortune is crumbling does the citadel become pregnable to attack.

Then the skeleton is seen grinning hideously. Friends are in evidence as long as they are not needed and then their hollow professions are exposed. True

friendship is rarer than the largest diamonds in the crown of the King of England or the Sultan of Turkey. "The friends thou hast and their adoption tried, grapple them to thy soul with hooks of steel;" advise good and true if their adoption has been tried, but do not strain their loyalty too far for there may be a worm in its enfolded leaves. Self is supreme. "Blessed is he who expects nothing, for he shall not be disappointed," an axiom cynical, yet true, and he who leans on what he can accomplish himself is better off than the fellow who leans on a friend. We are all in a way dependent, but there must be an effort on the part of each of us, and he who is lacking in doing an essential part will soon fall by the wayside.

The world is eminently practical; she will share your advantages to the limit, but if you are lacking in entertainment your friends soon resolve themselves into the cynical acquaintance, the friend of yesterday. Ask few favors and bury your troubles deep down in the recesses of your own heart. Confide in the Lord and ask Him to help you; a more personal application may, if you are sensitive, save you embarrassment. If you are fortunate you will have a train of admirers, who will recite your successes, and you could have a chronicler to recite your life's history in lofty verse, yea, perhaps a modern Homer would undertake what the mighty Alexander longed for. Gold, gold, the star-eyed goddess, mighty as the legions of ancient Rome, invincible as Napoleon's guards, as powerful as the flower of Hannibal's army, pay her court, reverence her standards, despise every prompting of your manhood if it displeases fortune. Fortune is the sceptered monarch of the universe; she it is to whom the world "crooks the pregnant hinges of the knee that thrift may follow fawning."

It buys everything early worth while? Does it? But wait when the emissary of the eternal spheres comes, Death, then arrogant fortune stands in dread; all the gold mined out of the rock-ribbed earth can not bribe this inexorable reaper. Think of him, ye soulless systems who grind the poor; when you come face to face with that inevitable fate and pall and shroud demand

that you shall come with them, what shall your wealth compensate you? If you come face to face with the intolerable conditions you have helped to establish, perhaps Death will comfort you. Ask him, and when you see him grim and emotionless beckon you into the voiceless silences of the forever and forever, I doubt not that you would be glad to exchange destinies with those whose lives have been consecrated to alleviating human despair.

Are you responsible for any suicides? Have you assisted in damning some wretch's hope? Have you built your fortune upon the insufficient wages paid your work slaves? Have some of your faithful employes gone hungry? Have some of your wage-workers' loved ones gone without sufficient clothing because their pittance did not suffice? If so, then dread Death; fight for life, life eternal here, for perhaps beyond that chasm of sighs you will wish for annihilation rather than an eternity of remorse. We can not avoid the payment of the account as audited and the balance struck; when your pulseless heart shall grow cold and still, you will have paid the price and all your base gold can not buy you eternal peace or bridge the chasm of sighs.

WALTER BOOTH.

#### SUNDAY LABOR.

In December journal, page 2064, Cert. 169, I very urgently request all brothers to push this Sunday question. I, too, was deeply troubled over it, and nearly a year ago quit the Pere Marquette, left all I had or hoped to have, and settled in the wilds of Tennessee simply for conscience sake. I could not see my way clear to work Sundays and *I would not do so*. To me this is the only way to do—obey the voice of conscience, regardless of position. I left \$1.88 a day of eight hours and came here at 80 cents a day and half the time no work at that price; have three in the family and most of the time four, yet we live and, above all, feel at rest. I keep up my card in Grand Division, and always will, if possible to do so.

We have the scripture. If we are uneasy, better accept the promises and follow Him regardless of cost. CERT. 5874.

#### COAL MINE HORRORS.

To the Editor:—Is there no way of preventing these coal mine horrors with scores and hundreds of strong men wiped out in a moment from gas explosions? Is not civilization wise enough to cope with this problem?—S. A. H.

There is a very simple way of preventing most of the coal mine disasters that disgrace the United States. Make the coal companies liable for the support of the families of those who are killed and compel the coal companies to also pension each and every employe injured in a mine accident. Let these expenses be a lien on the property of the company, and, if the property is not sufficient to cover the cost, then make the stockholders liable to the amount of their stock. In a word, make it unprofitable to operate coal mines when they are in any way dangerous to life or limb.

Fire damp and other dangerous and inflammable gases in coal mines can be controlled. There are exceptions, as in the case of a sudden breaking into a "pocket" and an outpouring of gas for the moment beyond control. So while there will still be explosions, followed by loss of life, the disasters will be reduced to a minimum. There are now on the market a large number of life-saving devices, to which coal companies, as well as other employers of cheap labor, pay no attention, simply because it is cheaper to run their plants without them. A good example of this is the history of the introduction of self-coupling devices on steam cars. The railroads would not adopt them because it was cheaper to adhere to old systems. To them a few thousand lives and a few score thousand of maimed men was of little account compared to the payment of dividends. And they refused to adopt them until Congress passed drastic laws compelling their use.

The mine owners are in the same class. Making mines safe is not beyond human wisdom, but it interferes with profits. What is the life of a poor, ignorant miner—almost sure to be a foreigner—compared to the difference between 6 and 10 per cent? Extra shafts and systems of supplying fresh

air cost money—real money—and a miner's life costs nothing. As between profits and human life, profits win.

Insofar as mine explosions interfere with the working of the mines, the managers are alive to the necessity of preventing them, and incidentally the miners are benefited by this anxiety to prevent damage to mining property. But otherwise the mine owners

take little notice of what may happen to their employes should an accident occur. They don't have to. There is no scarcity of men willing to run any risk to obtain employment, and no matter how disastrous an explosion may be, immediately the debris are cleared away, the pay-roll is again filled up. Life is cheap, and saving appliances cost money.—*Detroit News*.





### St. Louis Div., No. 2.

Second Vice-President Bro. T. M. Pierson was at headquarters New Year's day, with plenty of good cigars. Tom says the telephone bears about the same relation to the railroad operator, that the safety razor bears to the barber. The barbers are still doing business at the old stand.

At our first meeting in January we had the pleasure of having First Vice-President Newman with us. Bro Newman reviewed the work done in his territory during the past year.

At our last meeting we were fortunate in having with us the members of the Wabash Railway General Committee. This committee has since closed its negotiations, and we are happy to be able to state they held their own and secured some concessions.

Bro. J. J. Dermody, fourth vice-president, mixed pleasure with business, and gave us a friendly call. Jack was smoking good cigars, wearing a smile and seemed highly elated over his success in the Southwest.

Your correspondent begs to announce, with a high degree of satisfaction, that through the efforts of our worthy secretary, organizers and individual members of No. 2 added 427 new members to her roll, during the year 1908; closed the year with 1,150 in good standing, and passed through the late panic with a gain.

Div. Cor.

### Sunbury Div., No. 12.

I desire to call the attention of all members to two erroneous articles which appeared in our December journal, in which a great injustice has been done to Bros. H. K. Bright and W. C. Smith, by classing them as non-members, this is a mistake, these men are both good members and have paid their dues far in advance.

Our meeting held at Nescopeck, January 18th, was a good one, and was well attended.

Bro. C. W. Eby has been assigned to second trick at Morris Junction.

Telegrapher J. A. Diehl assigned second trick at Rock.

There are a few operators on the Pottsville side who should look forward a little, and realize what our grand Order has done for us. The annual passes and eight hours work did not come through the good will of the company, but through the influence of the O. R. T. These are facts that you should think over, and not try to run down our Order when it is for your own good that you should give us all the assist-

ance you can to help build it up and make it firm. We are doing business for the benefit of telegraph operators; if you are one you should join the army that is fighting for you.

Business is picking up on all divisions, with the exception of the Lewistown Division which is dead; all scheduled trains have been taken off the Lewistown Division except the passenger trains and two local freight trains. January 11th the following changes were made on the branch: Operators at Nanticoke moved from passenger station to the office that has been erected at the east end of Nanticoke passing siding. Operators moved from East Bloomsburg station to the tower erected at the east end of passing siding. There is no operator at either of these passenger stations now, all messages for the agents are copied by the operators in their new offices, and then telephoned to the agent. Think of it! It's fine to do all the train order and block work, and then handle those messages twice, and over a telephone at that.

A new telephone train order and block office opened at Boyd passing siding. The operators at South Danville and Bluf are doing the train order work for this telephone office in addition to their regular work.

On January 4th Catawissa Junction and Moca-naqua were wiped off the face of the earth, that is the names only, the places still remain, but are now known as "CA" tower and Wren.

A new office has been erected at Lower St. Clair.

Bro. J. R. Geiger, second trick at East Bloomsburg, was on the sick list thirteen days, the fore part of this month; relieved by Telegraphers Schuster and Schell.

Mr. J. M. Hill, second trick at Rupert tower, took a three days' vacation; relieved by Bro A. R. Johnson.

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### Baltimore Div., No. 17.

It affords us great pleasure to tell you that the Organization has taken new life in the vicinity of the Baltimore Division of the N. C. R. R. & the Maryland Division of the P. B. & W. Many of the nons have cast their lot with Division No. 17, to all of which we extend the most hearty welcome, and most earnestly hope that they will each become aggressive workers, ever trying to win another for the O. R. T. A few months more of united effort and the Baltimore Division will be solid—O. R. T.

Our meetings have recently become real spicy and interesting, from the fact that there is a

diversity of opinion as to the advisability of the P. R. R. changing to a system division, and especially at this particular time and under existing circumstances.

We recently received greetings from Bro. F. B. Stonesifer, who is locating permanently in Houston, Tex. We realize that Bro. F. B. has the real stick-to-it-ness, and feel sure that he will make his mark (so mote it be).

Bro. Luckan has been appointed regularly at assistant train master's office at Baltimore. We hope that he and Bro. E. C. Bange will be able to keep things moving during the great inauguration rush.

MAYFIELD.

### New Haven Div., No. 29.

#### *Western Division—*

Bro. R. G. Halsted, of Berkshire Junction, is again pulling levers, after a short vacation spent with his parents in Poughkeepsie.

Bro. O. C. Wheaton is now doing a special stunt at Summit, and seems very much in love with the position.

Bro. Beatty, of Pouthquag, was recently over a section of the Western Division.

Bro. Van Deusen and wife, of New Milford, spent Sunday, January 17th, with his parents at Great Barrington. Bro. Cassidy, of Sheffield, relieving him.

Bro. Percy, of New Milford, will start for the South, together with his family, on the 17th of February, for a month's vacation. Bro. Van Deusen will work his job during his absence.

Bro. Bessette, of Hawleyville Junction, is visiting his home for a few days.

Bro. McCready, of Brookfield Junction, made a flying trip to Boston recently.

Bro. A. N. Virkler, agent at Brewster, has just returned from a vacation spent at his old home up-state. Bro. Leonard, of West Pawling, relieved him.

Bro. Kent, agent at West Patterson, has resumed work, after several days' absence on account of sickness. Bro. D. C. Woodin relieved Bro. Kent.

Bro. Lates, agent at Holmes, has resumed after a few days off. Bro. Woodin relieving.

Bro. M. E. Kane, extra, was in Brewster, January 16th.

Bro. Dewitt Woodin was a visitor in Carmel, Sunday, January 17th.

#### *Shore Line—*

We can now call Abraham Hatton, "Bro."

Bro. T. J. Sullivan has resumed work, after spending a pleasant two weeks hunting deer and bears in the Maine woods. Scoor.

This being the first news written during the New Year, it is not strange that the mind is lost in reflections. At the head of the line of mental march we behold the culmination of years and years of toil and tears personified in our first schedule. What rejoicing was made by everyone, those indirectly benefited as well as those

directly; even the fellow-workers in allied crafts joined gleefully, and magnified the sound of the echoes. No heartier shouts ever rent the air at Runnymede, at the birth of the Magna Charta, when in 1215 King John had to submit to the rights of the people, than those that thrilled the telegraphers at the birth of their Magna Charta of industrial liberty. They, with this realization, could appreciate the gratitude that pervaded the hearts of those millions of fellow-beings in other crafts who had been emancipated by the omnipotence of unionism. How well we remember the well filled meetings, how eagerly they crowded the halls, what sacrifices they made to attend, the long weary miles traveled, the round-about-ways employed, the all night vigils, the walk, the energetic enlisting in the strife, the desire to be a factor in the front to spread the teachings of industrial truth, the ceaseless arguments to the individual audience. Then came the period of probation, as it were, the experimental stage when there was an anxiety akin to silent fear; the trying out of its many conditions, and the applying of its rules in numerous cases; the news that the test had been made, and its triumphant ending with the reinstatement of brothers wrongfully discharged, and the restoring of pay for time lost; the testing of the wisdom of the stipulations relating to the bidding for positions and the reassurance that followed the affirmation of the schedule on the appeal taken. All of these in numerous bodies, follow in time-keeping step, and march and counter-march, in the mental parade at this beginning of a New Year, in so many columns that space forbids further enumeration.

My purpose in indulging in this mental reverie is to endeavor to contrast that time with now; to match the feelings manifested then with those manifested at present; to weigh the bulk of enthusiasm against that radiating at the moment; to measure the volume of gratitude for the multiplicity of benefits bestowed now, which are proportionally greater than those reaped then, and which call for a correspondingly increased devotion. Living as we have through a period of business depression, contrasted as it is with all previous prosperity diseases, statisticians have pronounced it as serious to the social, industrial and business body as any of its prototypes, yet we (and our schedule) survived it, and would not have been aware of its existence had we not heard the discontent of other craftsmen on every side. This is proof of the invulnerableness of a position protected by organization.

And this is the truth of our history of this period, notwithstanding the statement in the annual report to the stockholders made by a high official, remarking on the business depression, "that it was a deplorable state of affairs when labor and material was at the height that it enjoyed during the very zenith of prosperity which should, in all justness, be quoted in proportion to the volume of business or the degree of depression." In this there is food for thought,

and he that runs may read if he will but 'understand the lesson thereof.

The January meeting was one of much value. There was a goodly attendance. Some absentees from this immediate vicinity, who have but to put on their coat and board a car to be at the hall; their memory is failing or there is no red letter night in their calendar. The names of many brothers were nominated for their respective divisions for local chairman. The election will be held at the February meeting, when there will also be an election of representatives for the Atlanta convention. There are many candidates in the field, and each one is supported by a band of ardent friends; ere this is in print there will be some vanquished; there can be but four elected.

#### Midland Division—

The Union station is not all that the name implies, as long as those two men persist in their present line of action.

Bro. Vermylea absent from duty for a few nights; his trick being covered by Bro. Fogarty.

The third trick on the "Platform," "AD," has been closed, and Bros. Brooks and Johnson have to receive and return their train orders and train sheets to the Midland dispatcher's office.

Bro. D'Arche recently returned from a trip to Canada, where he spent ten days on business.

Business conditions have not improved much, and the brothers at the branch switch are still on twelve hours.

Bro. Generous recently called to New Bedford, to attend the funeral of a friend, who lost his life by being frozen in the Klondyke regions.

Thursday night, January 14th, will long be remembered by the trainmen in this section, as one of the worst nights in many years.

Leave it to Bro. Alsener to adjust a grievance.

Besides being the efficient agent at Hazardville, Bro. Leary is also a member of the Board of School Directors in his town.

East Longmeadow is still taking absent treatment (i. e.) getting something without giving anything in return.

Bro. Normandine, at "BD," spent the Christmas holidays at his old home in Canada.

Bro. Swaine had the misfortune to have his hand caught in the pay-car door (not drawer), and though he has managed to keep at work, his injury has been very painful.

During Bro. Normandine's absence, Bro. Doud worked the first trick.

Bro. Holmes is on first trick at Andover, during the absence of the agent.

Turnerville up for bid; here is a good chance for some brother who don't mind hard work, for it is not in vain the reward is there. Have not heard where Bro. White is going.

In looking over the various lines that go to make up this Midland Division, I find quite a few former members, and in consideration of past events and while the future holds for us, those

who for some unaccountable reason have allowed their membership to lapse, should not only again become members, but workers for the success of the Organization, which, reduced to cold facts, means our very living. Who got us what we have? Who will (with your help) maintain our present schedule, and to whom must we look for a future increase? Let us all ask ourselves these questions, and let us be governed by the answer.

At this writing the friendly contest for local chairmanship is on. When you read these lines, you will have determined by your vote whom you will have for your chairman. Who ever he may be, let us resolve to make his administration a success by our help. However willing he may be he can not succeed without our hearty co-operation, every one help a little and see how near solid we can make the Midland Division by January 1, 1910.

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#### Providence Div., No. 35.

January meeting of Division 35 was the "same old story in the same old way." Small attendance, but all full of enthusiasm for the welfare of our Order. The Auditing Committee's report of the business of the division for the past year was received and shows the division to be in a good, healthy, flourishing condition, both numerically and financially, with all books kept in a clean and business-like shape.

The job of auditing a year's business is one the brother did not envy those who were chosen, but we sure did feel a pang at not being there when they begin to tell about the "feed" which they received from good Mrs. Brown. Thus is added another to our many disappointments.

Local Chairman Bro. Joslin put it up strong and plenty to those ohronic stay-at-home absentees, who appear in meeting room only when there is a "feed" on, although working and living in the city or near vicinity. I have a faint impression that some of my letters in the past have touched upon this same point, but it seems that most of the brothers carry the idea that the division correspondent shall not be taken too seriously, but I most earnestly hope that this, my last appeal to them as division correspondent, to show their interest in the Order and appreciation for what has been done for them by turning out meeting nights in far greater numbers during 1909 than the previous year. If there should be no improvement in the near future the only remedy is system division covering the New Haven System, and which in my estimation would be far better for all concerned than the keeping up of local divisions in which no interest is shown by the members. With a system division it would be possible to hold both day and night meetings at all important points upon the road in their turn, whereby all members would be given a chance to attend, thus stimulating the interest in our Order, whereas now a great majority are unable to attend a meeting without a sacrifice on their part on account of their long distance from meeting



point. A system division would facilitate the handling of business, grievances, etc., would be adjusted much more easily and quickly than at present and with much less expense.

In this, my last letter as division correspondent of Division No. 35, I wish to kindly thank Bros. Joslin, Wood and Flavin, who were the only ones among the two hundred and more brothers of the division, who through my almost continuous solicitation during the past year for items for my monthly letter, kindly kept my wants in mind, and gave me whatever came under their observation in the shape of news. Their kind assistance shows up as the one bright spot throughout the many vicissitudes of my official career. The remaining brothers were content to let things be as they may.

The "delegate bee" has got in its insidious work with a vengeance among the brothers; must be the knowledge that Georgia is a prohibition State, is the reason so many desire to go.

Bro. Hardaway, third trick at Slocums, has left us, for Texas.

Some of the nons seem to feel offended at having their narrowmindedness shown up in these columns. One such, I understand, made inquiries of a brother to see if he could not use the columns of THE TELEGRAPHER in order to explain why he was doing the "sponge act" here. The true reason would no doubt prove interesting reading to not only the brothers here but elsewhere.

Bro. Masterton, third trick at East Greenwich, to second trick at Blackstone station.

The fool-killer is certainly camping on the trail of that towerman who recently received his second "set back," and he will land him too. There seems to be such a preponderance of porcine substance in some people's make-up, that they can not seem to realize when it is time to stop.

Bro. Sipple was the fortunate one to land third trick at Boston switch.

Bro. Jacobs, Local Chairman of Midland Division was present, and gave us an interesting and instructive address; and his report of a meeting which he attended as a representative of the Order was such that we were proud of the fact that we belonged to an up-to-date labor organization.

Bro. Jonsson, third trick, Apponaug, has the sympathy of all, over the illness of his wife, and we trust ere this appears in print she has entirely recovered her usual good health.

The way that suggestion for a lunch at the next meeting was frowned upon, looks as if the brothers all had good boarding places.

Those long cigars Bro. Maxwell gave out were all "to the good," but the supply gave out altogether too soon.

Five applications received and several new brothers added to our roll. Being put "through" by Bro. Manion, on his recent trip over the road.

Drv. Cor.

## IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God and His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst an honored brother and member of Providence Division No. 35;

*Resolved*, That we bow in humble submission to the act of the Divine Ruler of the Universe, but, while so doing, can not help expressing our sorrow over the death of our Bro. Arthur L. Armstrong;

*Resolved*, That our sympathy be extended to the bereaved family of the deceased brother, and that our charter be draped for a period of thirty days;

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, a copy sent to the bereaved family, and a copy forwarded to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

JOHN WOOD,  
THOMAS RAY,  
J. R. MAXWELL,  
W. J. SMITH,  
Committee.

## New Rochelle Div., No. 37.

Bro. Gilbert, formerly third trick at Rye, has landed first trick at Greenwich. "13" Bro. Gilbert has moved to Port Chester.

Bro. John Lynch, from New Rochelle yard, has taken third trick at Rye, on bid.

Bro. Christman, regular extra man, has taken third trick at New Rochelle yard.

Bro. Westover, from Oak Point, was the successful bidder on second trick at South Mt. Vernon; and Bro. Ristter from second to first there.

Bro. Langdon from first trick at South Mt. Vernon to first at New Rochelle yard.

G. S. Storm, from third trick at New Rochelle Junction, has received the third trick as load dispatcher's position at Cos Cob.

It has been rumored around lately that Cos Cob tower is going to be done away with shortly, but when Bro. Bell is approached on the subject he only smiles.

The writer would like to see a larger attendance every month at the meetings at New Rochelle. As the meetings are held only once a month, I see no reason why we should not have fifty present at the least. Let us all try and make our next meeting the banner one of Division No. 37, and every one that can turn out.

Bro. Guisham has bid in and accepted the second trick at West Chester yard tower.

Bro. T. J. Gallagher has been elected chairman of the New York Division, a position which he has faithfully filled for the past four years.

Mr. Thos. P. McHale, of Scranton, Pa., has been filling the position as extra leverman on the New York Division.

Bro. Howard Wagner, of Bridgeport, paid us a visit last month.

Chief Dispatcher H. E. Bailey's office, also dispatcher's office, and "HY," at Harlem River, have been moved to the second floor adjoining Superintendent Hopson's office.

Bro. Meisener has been temporarily assigned to third trick at New Rochelle Junction, until Storms has qualified for the position as load dispatcher.

Brothers, if you don't contribute a small portion of the news each month, your correspondent will be unable to give you a good showing in our journal. Lack of contributions necessitates a short story this month. SCRIBE.

### Springfield Div., No. 38.

Some of the boys on the Boston and Albany should shake hands with themselves, that they have not got the same principles as some who have been members for six or twelve months, and not seeing any benefit derived therefrom have dropped their card and sold out to the bar keepers and employers. In my wanderings I have come in contact with three or four of these men with unreasonable ideas, and succeeded in telling them where their next stopping place was; but judging of their having been in the rut on this road for over fifteen years, if it was for their efforts they would continue to do so. The days of giving up the ship are gone by, and good seamen generally stay aboard until it sinks, regardless of the gale and high seas; if it's well manned it reaches a port in safety. That is just the way we stand on this Boston and Albany R. R., a division of the America greatest railroad (the N. Y. C. system). Division No. 38 is in good hands, consequently do not be hasty, but pay your dues and get in all the nons that you know, and our ship will land in "Boston" in safety. "Pull together and you'll get the rope."

Bro. Kaiser, from East Greenbush, taking the place of Denmon at Tower 72.

Bro. Holmes, on spare list, is occupying "GB," during Bro. Kaiser's absence.

Hope a good number of our brothers attend our ball on the 17th, in order to make it a success that will long be remembered. "C."

### Boston Div., No. 41.

#### *Fitchburg Division—*

Bro. Coleman, of Holden, is away on account of his sister's death; Relief Agent Stone filling in for him.

Mr. Brightman, third trick at Erving, is on a vacation. Mr. Williams, from Marlboro, doing relief work.

Mr. LaBelle, doing second trick work at Athol, is off on account of sickness; his trick being filled by Mr. LeFavour, from Kennebunk.

Five new members from Cheshire branch voted in at last meeting, more to follow. This section is practically solid now, let the good work go on.

The charitable spirit shown by two of the brothers of old No. 41, in entering the Marathon races recently in aid of the Italian earthquake sufferers is highly commendable, although the brothers did not finish at the top of the list, still they showed the proper spirit in the matter.

F. C. McGRATH, Div. Cor.

### New York Div., No. 44.

Regular meeting held at Fraternity Hall, Jamaica, N. Y., Saturday evening, January 9, 1909. With one exception all officers were present. Register book shows eighty-seven members in attendance.

Minutes of previous meetings read, and there being no exceptions were approved.

Three new members elected. Two candidates initiated.

All bills approved for payment.

Communications read and disposed of in the usual manner.

One brother, in distress, was assisted.

The Entertainment Committee made a report satisfactory to the division, and report was accepted.

Many of the brothers present had much to say under Good of the Order. On the whole it was a successful meeting.

After adjournment, refreshments were served by the But-in-Committee.

Bros. Leonard and Thuma worked like beavers, serving the members with hot coffee, sandwiches and cake.

Bro. Turner brought a large O. R. T. cake. Mrs. Turner was given a vote of thanks for furnishing the cake.

#### *Atlantic Avenue Division—*

New ticket offices opened on the Avenue filled as follows: Ticket agent, Union Course, Miss Lillie Campbell; Rail Road Ave., Miss Charlotte E. Brush; Woodhaven, Miss Helen Irvin; Dunton, L. W. Long; Clarenceville, Miss Daisy Wood. The above are new offices on the west bound platforms.

The many friends of Bro. A. L. Bougher (who had the misfortune to break his kneecap several months ago) will be pleased to learn that he is back on the job at Amagansett, and it is said he is as good as new.

Relief Agent Bro. J. D. Webster, who has been at Cold Spring for some time, was relieved by Permanent Agent J. M. Madden.

Sister Palmer, of Broadway Flushing, has resumed duty after a long and serious illness.

A pretty good story, which by the way is true, is told of an operator on the L. S. R. R., who made a mistake in copying a message recently.

The message was addressed to Agent So and So.

My wife will be on express train No. 292.

Sig. ....

The receiving operator copied the message as follows:

"My cow will be on express train No. 292."

The agent who received the message got his stock run all ready, and all the station help on hand to unload the cow. After the train had come and gone, explanations followed, and it was one of those matters that has since adjusted itself.

Another one that is true. Bro. Van. was working at F. B. Ave., Brooklyn, last month, when the pay-car came around. He was kidding the other brothers, and with the remark, I will show

you the safest place to put your money, he placed the 90 plunkers in his stocking, and evidently gave the matter no further thought.

About midnight the most forlorn, woe begotten looking individual you ever saw came into the F. B. Ave. ticket office, and after some questioning admitted that he had lost his month's pay. Bro. Frankie Horsch happened to remember the stocking and suggested that Bro. Van, look there. To his surprise and joy he found it, and then stayed up all night watching it.

Once again Division No. 44 showed that its members were well up socially.

The entertainment given by the division, Saturday evening, January 16, 1909, was a complete success from every point of view, notwithstanding the inclement weather.

Log book shows 165 members and their friends present, every one who braved the elements had a good time, and showed the disposition to come again, no matter what the weather conditions might be.

Bro. Surine and Brookers' orchestra of fourteen pieces, furnished music for the occasion. And the musical program was the best the division ever had, and that is saying a good deal, because in times past division No. 44 has employed some pretty high-class musicians.

A friend of Bro. Surine's, whose name the writer did not learn, but who has a very fine tenor voice, sang several popular songs. His efforts were greatly appreciated.

The Morris Park Trio was next on the program, they were obliged to respond to several encores. This Trio consists of Messrs. Raymond Dawson, Arthur E. Koeppl and Charles N. Clements. They are good singers, and we will have the pleasure of hearing them again soon, as they have promised to come again.

Tom Tibbals did a black-face act.

Bro. W. A. Fuller acted as master of ceremonies.

Bro. Will Hartford, of the B. of L. E., was present, and favored us with several selections on the violin.

Bro. Jack Martin played several overtures on the piano.

Those present, who cared to, danced to their hearts' content.

Bro. Leonard was master of the kitchen, ably assisted by Bro. Thuma.

Ice cream, sandwiches, cake and coffee were served and thoroughly enjoyed.

We regret to state that we can not recall the names of the ladies who played in the orchestra, but the division gives them a vote of thanks, and hopes that they will visit us again.

On the whole the evening was one of the most enjoyable that the division ever experienced.

Bro. J. L. Haley, who has been spending his vacation in Pennsylvania, has returned to work; relieved by Bro. Wm. Scally during his absence.

Bro. G. B. Hay, of Lynbrook, off for a few days; relieved by Bro. Camman, of Metropolitan Ave.

Bro. Crossman and Kelly attended the Green-point theater one afternoon.

Bro. A. G. Basch, of L. I. Crossover, off for a few days' vacation; relieved by Bro. Wright.

Bro. J. W. Davis is holding second trick at Oakdale.

Bro. T. J. Cunneely received a nice mess of Frost fish, recently caught by Bro. Thos. Walker who used a lantern for bait.

P. T. Mackin, formerly an old-time L. I. R. R. towerman, who has been with the Automatic Fire Alarm Co. for the past five years, has returned, and is now located at Jamaica Block.

Bro. M. S. Scatton has been transferred from Hammels Junction to third trick at Jamaica Cross switches. Bro. Thos. Bennett from Penna Ave. to second trick at Hammels Junction.

Recently a towerman was assigned to a position on a remote point on Long Island, where boarding accommodations were scarce, and the only place available was at the home of the second trick man, who is a brother in good standing. The new-comer upon applying to the good wife of the brother for accommodations was promptly asked, "Do you carry an up-to-date card in the O. R. T?" He was somewhat stunned and admitted that he did not, but assured her that he would lose no time in procuring one if she would but take him in. She trusted to his honesty. This is a right move along the right lines. She has set a good example, and we trust the brothers will see that their better-halves do likewise.

Bro. G. Baumgarten, of Liberty Ave., off for a few days; relieved by Bro. Wm. Scally.

Bro. Wm. Scally, who is acting as relief signalman, was recently kicked in the face by a switch lever, which relieved him of some of his teeth.

Members changing their post-office address should be prompt in notifying the local and general secretary and treasurer.

For the benefit of those members who have not yet remitted their dues to the local secretary and treasurer for the current term, your attention is called to section 26 of the statutes. Only those members in good standing are eligible to share in our Death Benefit Fund, and other benefits as set forth in our laws.

J. F. Henderson, of Laurelton, has bid in second trick at Hempstead; relieved by Mr. Miller. Bro. E. M. Jones, who still continues to hold down the first trick, was off two days on account of the demise of Mrs. Jones's father, of New York City.

C. F. Van Wickle, formerly of Far Rockaway, has left the service; relieved by Bro. Hopkins.

Drv. Coa.

#### Pittsburg Div., No. 52.

Second meeting in December held December 26th; presided over by First Vice-President A. A. Kolb. Only routine business was transacted. Bills amounting to \$5.75, and sick claims amounting to \$50.00 were ordered paid. Sister E. I. Wilson was reported on the sick list.

First meeting in January held January 9th; presided over by Chief Telegrapher J. J. Standley. Nothing "strange or startling" came before the division, and routine business only was disposed of. Bills amounting to \$30.00, and sick claims amounting to \$40.00 were ordered paid. Result of nomination for local chairman was announced, and election will be held by mail during the month of February. Result of election will, in all probability, be announced at our regular meeting February 27th.

I can not understand what is wrong with the attendance at our meetings, there appears to be no good reason why we should not have thirty or forty present at each and every meeting. New Year's resolutions are now in order, why not resolve to attend meetings regular, and bring at least one other member along with you; if you will but do this, I can assure you that we will have some of the most interesting meetings you could wish for. Think it over. It looks as if we will have five delegates to the convention at Atlanta, next May, which is more than we have ever had, I believe. From present indications we appear to have a busy and prosperous year ahead of us, which should, and no doubt will, result in much good for the organization and individual membership thereof. KLING.

#### RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst, our Brother Telegrapher L. J. Rebel, and while bowing in humble submission to His Divine will, be it,

*Resolved*, That in his death Pittsburg Division No. 52, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, lose a staunch and faithful member, and his parents and family a devoted son and brother;

*Resolved*, That the members of this Organization extend to the bereaved family their most heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of sore trial and great grief;

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy be spread upon the minutes of this division, and a copy be sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

D. C. BARGMAN,  
S. A. WITHUM,  
E. J. SMITH,

*Committee.*

#### Wilmington Div., No. 58.

##### *Delaware Division—*

We have begun the year of 1909 with almost a solid front from the Delaware Division. We received four applications during January up to the evening of our meeting. That isn't bad for a start on the new year.

I presume that we operators on the main line will be trying to use the 'phone system for train movements by the time this appears in the journal. Well, boys, it remains to be seen if it is a

success. You will hear our comments on the system after it is installed.

Brothers, in reference to the 'phone, don't cross the river until you reach it. Our superintendent in an interview with a newspaper correspondent, said it was not their intention to reduce the salaries of the operators; they can't work a 'phone operator but eight hours. Don't take a pessimistic view of things too soon; it is better for your nervous system to live an optimistic life than a pessimistic one, even though the sun doesn't always shine on you.

We want to keep lined up in the O. R. T. and live strictly to "no cards, no favors." Remember united we stand, divided we fall."

Before we see this in print, we will have elected two delegates from this division to our grand convention in Atlanta next spring. At present there are two candidates in the field from the Delaware Division and one from the Maryland Division.

Don't worry about the telephone eliminating you from railroad life. Telegraphy is only a small part of your duties and skill. Don't play ostrich (stick your head in the sand) and refuse to believe the telephone is coming. Face the facts and if it comes be able to show the company you are still necessary in the business by making good on your other duties. If you are doing good work it is hardly likely they will attempt to replace you with a cheaper man, one of inferior ability, and the competent man will not submit to a very big reduction with a live organization back of him. We all know that the railroads are not handling the amount of business they should, and while this industrial depression continues we can not secure any increase in wages, but we should have a stronger organization than ever, as the company will try to let the employees assist in making a better showing in expenses. No matter how distasteful it is to our superior officers to reduce the salaries they are compelled to shield themselves, but if every branch of the railroad service is well organized and is kept up, there will not be any great wage reductions.

Bro. Messick, of Frankford, off one day recently.

Mr. W. M. Needles, agent at Franklin City, is in Johns Hopkins Hospital, where he was compelled to undergo an operation. We all hope to see him back at Franklin City soon.

Bro. Dryden, operator at Franklin City, spent a Sunday at his home in Millsboro recently.

Bro. Pennewell, of Dagsboro, off on a week's vacation recently.

Bro. Taylor, Snow Hill, spent a day in Wilmington during January.

Bro. (Cenator) Iliffe has been appointed on some of the most important committees in the Legislature at Dover. We extend our congratulations to him.

Bro. Williams, Rehoboth, off a few days in January.

Our genial relief agent, Bro. T. E. Allen, spent a week up in New England during the first of

January; reports having a good time and enjoying the scenery.

Bro. Milby, Trappe, off one day in January.

Boys, turn out to the meetings; they are a great benefit to us, inspiring and encouraging.

Bro. Roe spent his relief day in Wilmington.

CERT, 285.

### Washington Div., No. 60.

Yes, boys, I know this is a surprise to all of you, but I am tired of not seeing our division represented once in a while. We were represented about three times during last year. Now, is there any reason why we should not have a write-up each month? Surely there is enough doing for at least a short one. If there is no other way, why not elect a correspondent and see that he is right on the job every month. No, I am not hunting the position and this will prove that I am not the one for it. Elect some one who can attend the meetings so that we can have all the news. Think about this next meeting night and do even more, act.

Bro. Mayhood, of St. Louis, gave us a visit last week. He has been all over the Penna system in the interest of the O. R. T. I understand he got three new applications in Division No. 60. This shows us up in a pretty bad light. Why could we not have had these before? There are still some left for us to work on though, so let's get busy and see if we can not do as well.

Some of the boys have been kept guessing since Deanwood was cut out as to where they will finally land. As a starter we have Bro. Jordan going to Landover 4 p. m. Expect to have Mr. Shirrif as our relief man in place of Mr. Bealle, who hopes to get in "WD" office.

Now, who is going to show their "nerve" next month?

CERT. 19.

### Campbellton Div., No. 61.

We have seen nothing in our journal lately from the Intercolonial. I will endeavor to break the silence.

Bro. Shalmers now day agent at Gibson.

Mr. Grant about the only non on the division now at Petit Rocher.

Bro. Corbett is in charge of New Castle freight office temporarily.

Bro. Hamilton at Chatham Junction nights.

Bro. McKay is assisting Bro. Theberger in Campbellton freight office. This is where he won the championship for wrestling.

Bro. Lovoil, who has been on McDuhe's Division, has been appointed agent at Salmon Lake.

Election of officers February's meeting. All the boys should make a special effort and sacrifice a little sleep and attend in good numbers. There is no reason why one man from each station manned by two can not attend meetings. Don't forget dues.

RESTIGOUCHE.

### Oskaloosa Div., No. 71.

The committee has asked for a meeting with the management, and are now waiting for a date to be set for the important event. Hope we will have good tidings in our next month's items.

Operator C. W. Brooks, of Elrick Junction, will be able to wear our button from now on, having joined the big band in January.

Bro. F. H. Lacey, from the C. R. I. & P., has been doing the night stunt at Olds. Bro. Howard still sojourning in the Sunny South.

W. A. Heritage is working his old trick steady now on the east end, coming on at 4 p. m.

We wonder why stations are not being bulletined as per our schedule, and why the new positions are not being advertised with rates of pay, etc.? Can some one tell us why operators are being brought in here and given positions some of our home guard boys would like to have, and would ask for, if same were bulletined as per our schedule? One reason is the home guard boy can give bonds, and the company seems to have the idea if they can place these boys at some station at \$47.50 per, and keep them there a few years, it's all right, and it don't make any difference how many operators they import for the \$60.00 jobs.

Well, we hope our committee will be able to adjust this seniority business a little bit. We know they will try it.

Over on the east end, a short time ago, the Western Union wire was connected with Chicago for about two days, and it certainly was a relief to those east enders to get a message off without having to call "P" for two hours. However, it was too good to last long, and they are again putting in most of their time over there calling the Peoria office. It usually takes from thirty minutes to three hours to get a message through the Peoria office, and from what we hear, the boys hate to have a message filed over that way. While Chicago was cut through, one or two calls were sufficient, and your message was gone. Guess the Western Union does not need the business, anyway.

Ye correspondent got called down for giving Tom Ray and Ed Flatley the title of Bro. It seems whenever Tom works in Oskaloosa, it takes all his loose change to pay for his mistakes, and he does not have the price of a card. As to Flatley, the secretary advises there is only one Flatley entitled to the brotherly courtesy and that is W. M., at Hanna. It really was not my fault, for I certainly thought any man that ever served on the committee would not let his dues lapse.

We hear the bond company was hot on the track of Agent Richmond, of Mason City Junction, and he was let out with a shortage of some \$200 hanging to him. W. P. Vannoy is now "it" at the junction.

Bro. S. J. Rankin relieved Bro. E. R. Urbine as agent at Rockwell, and is there as permanent agent. Bro. Urbine has been holding down New Sharon agency while Bro. Al Christianson has been out West.

Bro. F. L. Kirby has been transferred from Chapin to Little York agency, and H. C. Burnham, non, from Little York to Chapin. The east end was the winner, and the north end loser in that deal, surely.

Bro. S. J. Nessa and wife, of Latimer, took a spin to Elmore, Minn., and Bancroft, Ia., to visit relatives recently. J. F. Cullivan, of Belmond, acted as relief. These short vacations mean a great deal to we fellows that are shut up in an office the greater part of our time.

Understand agent at Algona has another student. Student teaching seems to be the chief industry of the Iowa Central at Algona.

Our local chairmen report that some of the nons and delinquents had the nerve to make the suggestion on the information blanks sent them that they thought they should have an increase in pay of \$5.00 to \$10.00 per, all in one schedule. And what do you think of that?

No card, no favors.

Cor.

### Trenton Div., No. 85.

#### Belvidere Division—

Trenton Division No. 85 held their usual meeting on January 15th, and we had a very nice time. Come out, boys, and learn what is doing. You won't regret it. "13" that the boys on this division are paying up promptly and I am very glad to hear it.

The new block towers at Moore and Dickinson will be completed and in service before this is in print. This will make the road all equipped with block and it will make the boys work all day Sunday; that is the worst of it.

Bro. Gaunt, from Milford, has bid in first trick at Dickinson block tower. When the block goes into service on lower end they are going to cut out the combined position of operator and agent at Washington's Crossing and put an operator and agent both there.

"13" that the five Bedford students that came here didn't make out very well; only two of them stayed. They say they want to come with us soon, as they have had the necessary experience of one year. The three that returned were turned down completely. So much for the ham factory. They were all graduates; don't know if they had their diplomas or not.

Bro. Cochram, first trick at Coal Port, back with us again after a long spell of typhoid fever.

We are doing some biz on this pike nowadays. Send from forty to seventy orders daily on lower end and don't know how many on upper end. That's biz for about fifty miles of railroad, isn't it?

At our meeting of January 15th Bro. Bryson was nominated for delegate to the Atlanta convention and was the only nominee. The right man in the right place.

Bro. Callahan was renominated for local chairman of Belvidere Division, the only nominee.

Again the right man in the right place. Bro. Callahan has served the Order faithfully and makes a good local chairman. If you have any grievances don't hesitate to send them to him, for he will be glad to take them up for you.

Boys, get that non that works with you if there is one, and come out to the meetings. It is the third Friday night of each month. Send me all the notes you can and let us have a good write-up every month. There are a lot of things I can not get a chance to hear of, so if some brother will send me the notes from the upper end I will promise you a good write-up every month.

Div. Cor.

### Altoona Div., No. 86.

Bro. V. R. Henkels has been filling in at "RV," second trick, for some time in place of Bro. Stoner, working at "FG," second trick.

Mr. W. B. McKillips contracted pneumonia sometime ago and was in a serious condition for a few days, but is now on the road to recovery. He had been displaced at "RV" and took third trick at "WI."

H. M. Cameron, displaced at "FA," took second trick at "RM," Bro. M. M. O'Mara, displaced, took second at "DI," Bro. TerHaar, displaced, working extra at "BQ," Mr. Stevens, second at "BQ," took first at "PH." Understand he intends to buy a farm near there.

The new pay day arrangements should make more convenience at the pay car.

Did you notice the use of the term "Signalman" on the last discipline bulletin? By the way, boys, do your best to keep off that list, as we can keep off all the year if we try hard enough.

Do you stand high enough up on the roster?

Don't forget that President Gompers, John Mitchell, Vice-President, and Frank Morrison, of the A. F. of L., have terms of one year, nine months and six months respectively, hanging over their heads for contempt of court. Why? Have you read the case up and understand it? Why not come to the meetings where it can be talked over? In case of a strike do you know that you are liable to be cut off from money, supplies or perhaps food, because some court enjoins the union supplying aid? We are guaranteed the right of free speech, free press and public assemblage, etc., until some court enjoins these rights, as in the case of Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison. Maybe I'll have an injunction served on me before this is finished.

Boys, don't forget that we hold meetings at 10:15 a. m. second Wednesday and 7:30 p. m. fourth Wednesday each month. February will see who the officers will be for 1909. Who will go to the convention at Atlanta, Ga., for you? Show your face at the meetings and help get the business attended to promptly and efficiently.

"SCRIBE,"

**Boston Div., No. 89.**

Relief Towerman E. L. Donnell makes a day's visit at Tower 10 each week.

Friends of Interlocking Maintainer Frederic D. Thomes are pleased to hear that he is gaining fast. Mr. Thomes was struck by a draft in front of Tower 6 and had a very narrow escape.

Bros. Purtell and Regan are doing light house-keeping at Tower B. "JR" is chef.

M. J. Hooper is maintaining while F. D. Thomes is recovering.

Bro. W. D. Henderson was off Sunday, January 10. Bro. J. A. Willard worked for him.

Bro. Allen, of Tower 2, has a whistle attached to his tower now. Tower 8 needs one to wake up a few engineers.

Towerman White has bid in a job at "RH" (Forest Hills). CERT. 165.

**IN MEMORIAM.**

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom, to call to his heavenly home our dearly beloved Bro. Joseph Oscar Blasenak; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, By the members of Boston Division No. 89, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family in this their great bereavement; and be it further

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be presented to his family, a copy be spread upon the minutes of this division, and a copy be published in THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPH.

J. RUDOLPH BARTELT,  
CORNELIUS F. RILEY,  
JERIMIAH J. RILEY,  
*Committee.*

**CARD OF THANKS.**

On behalf of my family and myself I sincerely thank you all for your beautiful floral tribute and sweet and heavenly sympathy to us in our bereavement.

J. RUDOLPH BARTELT.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

BROTHERS—We can never sufficiently express our thanks or repay the generous contributions from brother operators, agents, trainmen and the many other fellow employees for their kind sympathy and generous gifts to us.

Although for the last year we have had continued sickness in our family, and our resources were taxed to the limit to meet bills for medical attendance, and added to this our home and all it contained was destroyed by fire; through the kindness of these friends we are more than repaid for our seeming hardships. We are almost in better circumstances financially than ever. We are free from the claims of sickness. It is good to live.

There is a universal brotherhood of man. There is a particular brotherhood in the O. R. T.  
In behalf of myself and family, I am

Yours sincerely,

D. D. MacLEOD, Div. 89.

Whitman, Mass., January 12, 1909.

**Chicago Div., No. 91.****NOTICE.**

Hereafter meetings of the division will be called to order promptly at 8 o'clock, and will adjourn at 10:30, unless business of importance is being discussed. This move is to give out-of-town members a chance to attend the meetings and hear all of the proceedings and still get through in time to catch their trains. It will also allow city members and visiting brothers to attend the meetings and get home at a reasonable hour.

All members of the division are urged to attend our next meeting, Saturday, February 27th. Officers will be elected for the year commencing March 1st, and delegates and alternates to the convention at Atlanta next May, delegates to the Chicago Federation of Labor and delegates to the Illinois State Federation of Labor.

Only members working for railroads in our jurisdiction are eligible for election as delegates and alternates, so come to the meeting and send the men you want.

W. F. McDONALD,  
*Secretary and Treasurer.*

Every one who missed our meeting on January 23d missed a red letter night. We had with us President Perham, First Vice-President Newman, Grand Organizer Sohner and the members of the C., B. & Q. Schedule Committee. President Perham talked to us for an hour on the benefits to be derived from the Railroad Branch of the American Federation of Labor, of which branch he has been elected president. Congratulations are due the A. F. of L. for the executive officer they have secured. Those who missed that hour's talk lost sixty golden minutes.

First Vice-President Newman's talk was no less interesting, and was thoroughly appreciated by all present. We have had Bro. Newman with us eight times in the last twelve months, and expect him again at our next meeting. So don't miss it. Organizer Sohner spoke for only fifteen minutes, but his talk was both instructive and witty. We're going to petition the Grand Division to keep him around Chicago so that he can be with us. The "Q" members had to leave at 10:30 to catch their trains. Our members have heard the good brothers on that committee at meetings of other divisions here, and regretted their having to leave before we could have the pleasure of their instructive talks.

This is but a lame chronicle of what took place at our last meeting, boys. To appreciate our good times you should come to the meetings.

The Switchmen's Union held an open meeting at Musicians' Hall, 134 Van Buren street, December 20th, in honor of the presidents of the different organizations composing the Railroad Branch of the A. F. of L., they being in the city in conference. President Hawley, our own President Perham and Past President Ramsey were the principal speakers of the evening, although the presidents of the other organizations also gave short talks. All of the allied organizations were invited to attend and a large crowd was the result, Division 91 being well represented.

The officers of the different locals of the Switchmen's Union in Chicago gave a banquet to President Hawley, of their organization, on Tuesday evening, January 26th, at King's. President Perham and First Vice-President Newman were unable to be present, so Chief Telegrapher Jones was there representing the O. R. T. President Hawley and Grand Master Dan Smith, of the Switchmen, President W. D. Mahon, of the Amalgamated Street Railway Employees Association, and Chief Telegrapher Jones were the speakers. The dinner lasted from 7 till midnight. Not the least noticeable thing on the bill of fare was the absence of wine in any form, which is as it should be at Union meetings.

Second Vice-President Connors, of the Switchmen, was toastmaster at the banquet, and also presided at the meeting on December 20th. "Big Jim" has a warm spot in his heart for telegraphers, and has promised to attend a meeting of No. 91 and line us up. Every telegrapher in Chicago heard him speak at C. T. U. meetings during their strike, and look forward with pleasure to his meeting with us.

#### C. & W. I. Notes—

A number of the boys on the Belt took advantage of the presence of a number of extra men and laid off during the holidays and visited their relatives and friends.

H. W. Grace, of Pullman Junction, is back after a two weeks' lay-off taken to spend the holidays with his best girl.

Guy Brown is back at "CU," 112th street. Guy promised to attend our meetings if they were not held Sunday nights.

R. M. McCullough, of Oakdale, is back at work after a thirty days' lay-off, spent in the land of sunshine. A. S. Crippen filled in during his absence.

I. B. Downey, son of Chief Dispatcher Downey, and a former C. T. U. man, relieved the agent at Fernwood, who resigned.

An employe of the Belt, a former member of the Order, is running a "ham" factory at 79th street. So far his efforts have not resulted in any surplus of operators.

We have some good material for delegates to the Atlanta convention on our road. Brothers, attend the meeting February 27th and help elect at least one of them.

CERT. 412.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to take from us our loyal brother and co-worker, W. H. Hancock; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That Chicago Division No. 91 extend to the family our heartfelt sympathy; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the records of our division, a copy sent to the deceased brother's family, and one to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

G. DAL JONES,  
W. E. CARTER,  
W. F. McDONALD,

*Committee.*

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to take from us the wife of our loyal brother and co-worker, Bro. O. T. Anderson; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That Chicago Division No. 91 extends to the bereaved brother its heartfelt sympathy; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the records of our division, a copy sent to the bereaved brother and one to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

G. DAL JONES,  
W. E. CARTER,  
W. F. McDONALD,

*Committee.*

#### Concord Div., No. 105.

Our December meeting had the largest attendance for some time. Bro. Gage gave us a talk on the conference with the officials at Boston regarding revising the schedule. A few changes were made and the wage question was postponed until some time in March.

During the year 1908 our membership was increased over one-fourth. Enfield, Canaan and Bristol are now solid; in fact, the main line is nearly solid, but there are lots to come in on the side lines yet. Think it would be a good idea to send a man over that part of our division and have the division pay his expenses and time lost, provided he did not get applications enough to do so. The annual report just forwarded to the Grand Secretary shows this division to be in the most prosperous condition since organization, both in members and finance.

Understand several stations are to have new names to eliminate compound word and similarity. East Lebanon already changed to Mascota.

Everybody arrange to attend the February meeting on account of election of officers for the ensuing year.

If the boys will send me what news they know of from time to time I will arrange to send it along; believe it would please the members of this division to have our division represented once in a while in this department.



Not many vacancies posted, everyone seems satisfied with what they have.

A good share of the members ought to give a little more interest in the Order and plan to attend the meetings more often. If some would plan to attend once in six months it would be better than not to come at all, some not having attended since joining. Boys, you ought to be willing to give up one evening away from home when you stop and realize what the O. R. T. has done for you. Compare that pay envelope with the one you got a few years ago; also your working conditions, and then see if you have any good excuses for staying away from the meetings month after month. Don't think just because you pay your dues and have an up-to-date card that that is all expected of you, and all you ought to do. Look up the boys, find out who are still nons and get after them, and come to the meetings and help make it more interesting for us all; don't leave it all for the rest to do and wait and expect great increase in salary and better hours when the schedule comes out. It costs good money to rent the hall and it isn't right for you to stay at home thinking it will be just the same if you don't come. If the cap fits wear it. Sec'y.

#### Hagerstown Div., No. 106.

Our New Year resolutions are: We refuse to be "dead ones" any longer. Boys, wake up and send in the items; keep the ball rolling and let us show our sister divisions that though we are small in numbers, we can make a big noise.

Bro. Larrick, our chief, "HJ" tower, off on vacation during the Christmas holidays, visiting his home, Middletown, Va., relieved by Bro. Smith, Mason-Dixon. On his return he relieved Mr. Shank, "HN," for a few days.

Bro. Wroe holding down first at "MD" tower, Shorty Myers third, during Bro. Smith's absence.

Bro. Sanders, "Z" tower, Waynesboro Jct., off several days during the holidays, visiting friends in Harrisburg and the North, his trick being covered by Bros. Shartle and Kauffman.

Bro. Neff, second trick "SF" tower, absent one week during the holidays, visiting his wife in York, Pa., and Hanover, Pa. His hours covered by Bro. Gibble, Div. 9.

Telegrapher Wright, "FJ," Chambersburg Yard, former member, lost some time last month on account of illness of himself and family.

Bro. Fisher, "NC" tower, Hagerstown, off several days on a side trip.

Bro. Trace, Newville, off several days during the holidays.

Bro. Hoover, "DX," Hagerstown, working several days in dispatcher's office, Chambersburg relieving a Mr. Kutz, relieved by Bro. Hines, "BY" tower.

Understand three new men at "H" tower, 84-mile Siding; can not say whether up-to-date or not.

All of the boys very sorry to hear of the change in the dispatcher's office, Chambersburg. Mr. C. E. Kanaga, our popular chief, after ably

filling that important post to the satisfaction of everybody, is now running trains on the east end, Shippensburg to Harrisburg. "Pop," as he is genially known to the boys, always treated us with due consideration, was greatly esteemed and will be missed very much. Succeeded by a Mr. Lowman.

Bro. Seibert, third at "HN," off a day or two on account of illness of his brother-in-law; relieved by Bro. Larrick, "HJ" tower.

Am sorry to say there is no improvement in the condition of Bro. Schleicher's father, who has been very ill.

Bro. Baird, who had been attending school at Conway Hall, Carlisle, has returned to the service, and is now working at "QN" tower, Carlisle.

Because of the illness of his father, Bro. Hursh, "QN" tower, Carlisle, has been off duty for several days at his home in Newville.

Bro. McNeal moved from "QN" to "RN" tower, Harrisburg. Seems to be hard to keep a man there.

Bro. Barnhart, "SU," off duty recently to attend funeral, his trick covered by Bros. Walters and Brechbill.

Opr. H. E. Einstein, who gained notoriety in Harrisburg during recent strike of commercial telegraphers, now working at Carlisle passenger station nights. He is said to have offered his services for much less than his predecessor received.

Mr. W. H. Otto, who was recently dismissed for insubordination, desires it to be known that his dismissal was not caused by a violation of rules or of negligence, but because of his refusal to work twelve hours at "RN." Mr. Otto reported the case to the commission, but nothing came of it, nor will there. He has given us an example to emulate. Very hard to keep men in that place.

J. K. S.

#### Renovo Div., No. 110.

The regular January meeting was held at the St. Charles Hotel, Emporium, January 20th, with a good attendance from the east end. Chief Telegrapher Bro. O'Leary was in his proper place and Bro. A. L. Goodwin acted as Secretary and Treasurer in the absence of Bro. Getchell. The withdrawal of Miss E. V. Neylon was tendered and accepted. She is acting as teacher of the Y. M. C. A. telegraph school at Renovo and therefore it was impossible for her to continue her union principles.

We are sorry to hear that the mother of Bro. James Bechtold, of Wistar, is quite ill at this writing.

Opr. John Schell is working third trick at "KS" tower, Sinnemahoning. We hope that he will soon follow in the footsteps of his father and prefix "Bro." to his name. We are also anxiously waiting for Miss Kane, at "AK," Renovo, to become a sister to us.

Opr. Gakle was painfully injured at "KS" tower, Sinnemahoning, a short time ago by some one

putting coal oil in the coal bucket, the oil exploding while coal was being put in the stove.

Bro. J. M. Pfoutz, of "HU," Hulings, enjoyed a ten days' vacation this month, relieved by Opr. Gakle.

Bro. Newberry, of "AK," Renovo, relieved Opr. Pewterball at Shintown for ten days and was in turn relieved by Opr. Hutchins.

Our old friend, Master Carpenter Youtz, has been placed on the retired list and all the brothers will miss him greatly.

I am sorry to say that nothing in the way of news has been received from the west end. Now, brothers and sisters, don't go back on the old scribe.

Bro. Mohan, of St. Marys, has been on the sick list, relieved by Relief Opr. Cupp.

Before this write-up comes to your eyes we will have had our annual election. Let us all try and make the year of 1909 the banner year of the division. That is the best way to make Bro. Quick smile. We have the good working hours now; let us get the decent living wages.

Div. Cor.

#### Fredericksburg Div., No. 125.

January meeting called to order 7:16 p. m., January 8th; Bro. Smith in the chair. The attendance showing a big gain over the previous meeting, due mainly, I presume, to the fact that our worthy Vive-President Bro. T. M. Pierson would be with us, if due to this fact they were not disappointed for he was present, and gave us a talk that was appreciated.

"Procrastination is the thief of Time." Stop it, and get down to business; try to improve your time, by becoming acquainted with things of vital importance to yourself and your associates. Redeem yourself before it is too late.

The resolution passed at our December meeting, to have the secretary furnished with information as to members becoming dilatory in their work, must be given consideration, and this information should be furnished when possible; so the cases may be handled for improvement. We will try, and if supported we will succeed in bettering ourselves individually and collectively.

CERT. 56.

#### North Adams Div., No. 139.

I am pleased to report one of the most interesting meetings of the division January 9th. Application of Bro. Powers, agent at West Valley Falls, was presented, and the wreath and soulder is worn by him, which adds one more link to our proposed solid chain on this system. We are building one of the best organizations of any road in the East, which means protection and better conditions for the agent and telegrapher. Several candidates were initiated. A report from our Local Chairman Bro. Potter. A vote of thanks was extended to our General Chairman J. B. Bode, and C. K. Potter for their loyal and efficient work in our behalf. Bro. Potter was the unanimous

choice of the division to succeed himself as local chairman for the coming two years. He enters in his New Year with the support of the full membership of Division No. 139, and the confidence of the general committee and national officials.

Operators Bateson and O'Neil, and Day Chief Mattison, of Union station, Troy, have applications for February. If we can land operators at "DE" freight office the Troy branch will be solid to Johnsonville, inclusive.

I have been requested to defer the write-up of the few nons and back-sliders, as several have asked for application blanks. We will give them a chance to make good.

Several new men with the line; boys, get after them, and see if they got the goods.

Agent Bro. Beard and wife, of North Powual, are enjoying a pleasure trip to Los Angeles, Cal., expecting to be absent two months. Bro. Burt, of North Bennington, is acting agent during his absence.

Bro. Oliver, who was the successful bidder on Petersburg Junction, has taken his position.

At Petersburg Junction, Bro. Van Wort undertook to start the fire with kerosene. Results: loss of eye-brows, hair and dickies.

Operator Garrigan is clerk and operator at North Bennington, during Bro. Burts' absence.

A word on encouraging the union movement. Ask for goods with the union label, and take no substitutes as "Just as good." Goods made under conditions granted union labor are superior to the sweat shop class.

After an absence of several weeks Bro. Colton has resumed second trick at Eagle Bridge. Bro. C. A. Brown on the extra list.

The yard office at Williamstown opened again after several months. This relieves the telegraphers of considerable work, and their positions are desirable once more.

Bro. Howard Aken, of Johnsonville, has booked for the season with the Ronoakes of Virginia, as pitcher. "H" is marked up in the professional class.

A word on organized labor. Recently talking with our brother in "XO" tower, one of the hottest jobs on the pike, 2,100 hundred movements in eight hours, under the D. & H. Co., pays \$60 flat; Johnsonville on the East, \$72; Crescent on the West, \$67.50. Still the D. & H. boys kick, but refuse to organize. Only one man in "XO" is a member of our Order, the other two, I believe, back-sliders, because they did not receive a direct raise at the first schedule meeting. We do not care about the nons and back-sliders. They deserve their condition, but it's hard on our brothers to be held back by this class of labor.

These joint positions are placed under the management of the road paying the smallest salaries, and the wages are kept below the standard. It is this attitude of the corporations which compels men to organize for protection. Men who came up from the rank and file of labor to a

position of prominence soon forget their struggles and obligations, and try to make records by grinding their fellow-men. Observe these men in the latter years of their life, they prosper only for a time. There seems to be a law of nature if violated results in disaster. If it were not the law of nature which limits the years of life, these men with their schemes to hoard wealth for themselves and the corporations which they represent would result in no less than slaving for the laborer. The more I observe the attitude of capital, the more I am led to believe that public ownership is necessary to control the railroads and telegraph lines. Some call this Socialism, I call it necessity. The one thing for the laborer is to organize, be ready to meet the conditions as they present themselves.

A \$2.00 minimum for telegraphers, ten hours per day for agents, with a \$2.50 minimum should be our slogan for the near future. The wage of the section man nearly equals that of the telegrapher, and the section foreman has shorter hours and higher wages on the average than the agent. We all know the section men earn every dollar they get. We also know the other named class earn more than they receive. The necessary training together with the responsibility should command a fair recompense. It's the agent that stands between the public and the company. With fair treatment the so-called unfair laws against railroads could be avoided. The influence of the agent and operator are unlimited.

By the time these items reach the public, our division officers for the ensuing year will have been elected. We desire renewed interest of the members, and hope every man will give the new official his best support. We also hope the members will endeavor to co-operate with the company this year, as never before, to make it one of the most profitable years of its history. Careful attention to business, prompt service to the public, on time to your work, careful observance of the rules, will make a satisfied public, and confident employer. Do your best. We will risk the results.

We congratulate President H. B. Perham, in his new position at the head of the new organization, known as the Railway Department of the American Federation of Labor; which was formed January 19th, in Chicago. This federates the machinists, blacksmiths, boiler-makers, telegraphers, switchmen, trackmen and freight handlers. It is declared to be the most powerful combination of railroad workers ever formed. Bro. Perham was elected president, and D. W. Roberts, of Chicago, secretary.

Our next meeting will be held March 13th, remember the date and place.

The last day to pay dues and retain your membership is February 28th. If not paid up, be sure and get a money order made payable to H. F. Cook, secretary and treasurer, Shebourne Falls, Mass. He will do the rest.

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## Grand Trunk Ry.

### *Eastern Division, First and Second Districts—*

We intend to turn over a new leaf this year, and will try to scrape up some news for the journal oftener than has been done in the past, which, I think, was about once in two years, or perhaps longer.

I am sure that most of the brothers on this Division would be quite surprised if they knew how well organized the old pike has become, and what a lot of good O. R. T. men we have along the line, whom they never suspected as being members of the Order. Recently I have learned of many that have been members for years, and I had never been aware of the fact although I had worked on the same district with them for four or five years. Don't think for a minute that the O. R. T. is dead on the old G. T., and if any of you fellows get discouraged, and feel like dropping out of the Order, just stop and think it over before doing so, and when you realize what the Order has done for us, and all that it means to us, I am sure you will promptly send in your dues to Bro. Shaw, and get another up-to-date card.

Our last committee secured a substantial increase in wages, and although it was not all we went after, still they did remarkably well under the circumstances, and they deserve our praise, for they were up against a mighty hard proposition, as the general depression in business was just beginning to be felt all over the country, and the officials were laying awake nights, figuring how to reduce expenses. We should feel doubly thankful for the increase, and for the protection of the O. R. T., for, had we not been organized during this depression, we would surely have been cut in our wages, instead of having them raised, as we did.

Another thing which has been brought about through the efforts of the O. R. T. is the nine-hour law, which most of us in the United States have been enjoying for nearly a year now. This was one of the greatest victories the telegraphers ever achieved, and we would be "easy," indeed, if we laid down now and let the railroads beat us out of it, after we had such hard work to get what we had been fighting for so long. We must all get in line and stand solid to a man, we are liable to wake up some fine day and find ourselves "ditched."

To the brothers on the Canadian side of the line, I would say, just keep on with the good work, get hold of all those nons, and when they wake up and realize where they are, then will be the time to get something as good, if not better, than the nine-hour law. Canada is an up-to-date country, and will not be far behind in adopting laws that will promote the safety of her traveling public.

There has been a lot of grumbling about the nine-hour law by some agents at one-man offices. They say it does not help them at all, as they still have to put in twelve hours, the same as they did before. This is quite true, but still

they are no worse off than they were formerly, they don't seem to think that one step has been gained towards more perfect working conditions. One cannot expect to have everything perfect the first try, and all these little difficulties and defects will have to be remedied later. This can easily be done if these fellows would only stop "chewing" about it, and stand by the Order, instead of backing up and saying the O. R. T. is no good. How can they ever expect to have these things straightened out, if they give right up, and don't put up a fight for what they want. It seems that they are waiting for some one else to go ahead and do the fighting for them, then they are quite ready and willing to come in for a share of any benefits that may be secured. This looks rather hoggish doesn't it? There are some who could make a better living by selling the bristles off their own backs, to some brush factory, than they could working for the best railroad in the country.

Not as much business this winter as was expected, although several new night offices have been opened.

Yarmouth opened nights with Bro. F. L. Anglea from the Texas and Pacific at the bat.

West Paris opened night. A beginner, Mr. Hebert, got the job. He has filled out the papers and will be a brother when this goes to press.

Mr. Corbett relieved of third trick at Bryants Pond, by Bro. E. L. Totten, who holds an up-to-date in Division No. 105. Mr. Corbett later put to Bethel, night, where he remained a short time, and was relieved by Mr. F. D. White from the Boston & Albany.

Night office opened at Gilead, but am unable to say who the man is.

Bro. Reid transferred from the agency at Cop-perville, to agency at Lockes Mills.

Bro. Jack Reeve is working third trick at Deer-ing yard office, having relieved Bro. G. L. Farrell, who has gone back to his old stand in Island Pond dispatchers office.

Understand Bro. Johnson is on the day trick on the message wires in Island Pond office.

Bro. Ed. Ashcroft is now at Richmond, dis-patching on the Third District.

Cumberland station was burned recently, and Agent Corliiss is now holding forth in an old B. & B. department car.

Things have been running pretty smooth this winter, so far nothing more serious than a box car getting off the iron occasionally.

A certain night operator on the First District seems to have got cold feet when the cold weather came on, so he and one of his chums quietly appropriated a few cases of shoes from the way-car one night. As they had more shoes than they could wear out in several years, they took a trip to Portland, where they tried to sell some of them, and were promptly "pinched," and are now stopping at Uncle Sam's boarding house in Auburn. We are glad to say that this operator was not a brother, and never had been one. If he had been sensible enough to be a good O. R. T.

man he would have known better than to get into such a scrape.

Several new members have been added during the last couple of months, and quite a number have promised to come in after January pay day. Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today. "Do it now" is a good motto.

The students are getting to be a thing of the past on the First District. Wish the boys on the Second and Third Districts would wake up and think what they are doing, when they have from one to three students in their offices, and are taking great pride in them. Boys, this will never do! I thought a human being was born with eyes open. It doesn't look that way though.

The boys on this district have been doing business, and I am proud to say that the old First is almost solid once more. Three cheers!

Now if that fellow on the other trick is a non, get right after him, and make him see where he is wrong, and as soon as you need a set of application papers for him, just drop a line to your Local Chairman Bro. B. J. Rowell, at Mechanic Falls, Me., or to Bro. D. L. Shaw, London, Ont., and the papers will be promptly sent you.

If some members on each district would send in a few notes to their chairman each month, we could have a good write-up every month, just as well as the other roads do. Don't wait for some one else to do it, but if you hear a bit of news or anything that would be interesting, just make a note of it, and at the end of the month send it along, and when all these are put together they will make a good showing.

I wish to thank Bro. "RG," who so kindly assisted in this write-up, and I hope others will follow his example, and pick up some news.

DUTCHY.

#### *Middle Division, Twenty-fourth District—*

I have been doing all I can to make this pike solid, for instance, I was instrumental in securing two new member in December, and if the other members would do likewise, why we would be solid in two weeks.

There are a few nons out in the cold, yet.

We have three ex-members. I can not understand why they don't pay up their dues. They should be ashamed of themselves for accepting benefits secured through the O. R. T., and then refuse to help maintain them by their support as members.

Some of them say they are hard up. I would state to those boys, that by investing a few dollars in the O. R. T., they will receive more percent on their money than they could secure at any bank, stocks, or any other investments that I know of.

Bro. Carlisle, of Belgrave, had his sister visiting him for a few days.

Bro. Martin, at Wingham, I understand, is after the nons on the Twenty-third District.

Relieving Operator Bro. Knox is at present relieving the night operator at Komoka.

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**Wabash Ry.***Detroit-Chicago Division—*

Mr. M. H. Floyd, a new man on the Wabash, relieved Bro. Shoup, at Belleville.

Bro. D. E. Taylor, of Milan, resumed work January 25th, after spending a month with his parents down in "Old Virginia," and with friends in Benton, Ind. Relieved by Mr. C. M. Gulde, a new man on the Wabash.

Bro. V. A. Wood, of Milan, resumed work January 23d, after spending a few days in St. Louis, on the General Committee; also took a side trip to Kansas City. He was relieved by Bro. T. R. Haviland, who was later relieved by Mr. D. G. Wilkins. Bro. Haviland going to Hamilton, Ind., to relieve Agent C. W. Edson for about three months. Mr. Wilkins was later sent to Montpelier to work a few nights, and Bro. T. F. Osborn was sent to Milan.

Bro. Frank Hitchingham, of "BO" tower, is away for a month's vacation; relieved by Sister Frances Jones.

Bro. Clyde Curry, of Hand, has resigned, and left for parts unknown. The last heard of him, he was in Kentucky.

Sister Olga George got third trick at Hand, on bulletin.

Bro. J. M. Seibert and wife, of Romulus, spent New Years with relatives and friends in Defiance, Ohio. Bro. F. J. Osborn relieving him.

Bro. W. H. Sellers, Romulus, first trick, relieved Agent C. L. Iliff, of Romulus, for a few days. Bro. Iliff's absence caused by the death of his mother. Mr. R. N. Mills relieved Bro. Sellers.

Bro. Michael Fohey, of "BO" tower, is back at work again, after a long absence. Sister Frances Jones did the relief work.

Bro. Phillips, of Belleville, off for a few days; relieved by Bro. N. E. Long.

Miss French did the relief work at Wakarusa, while Bro. Hofner was off a few days.

Bro. Carl Smith, of Gary, resumed work January 5th. He having been called to his home in Defiance, O., by the death of his brother, who was struck by a train at Hobart, Ind.

Bro. J. H. Whippert, of Gary, off for a few days; relieved by Mr. R. N. Mills.

Bro. Dwenger, of Wolcottville, has now taken second trick at Croker, regular.

The hours of the tricks at Gary have been changed. The first trick is now from 8 a. m. until 5 p. m., and the second trick from 6 p. m. until 3 a. m. The office is closed the rest of the time.

Bro. Lewis Jonas, of North Morenci, spent a few days at his home in Laport, Ind.; was relieved by Miss May.

The new tower at Magee will soon be completed.

Sisters V. A. Towns, E. M. Jackel and Frances Jones, of Sand Creek, Adrian and "BO" tower, respectively, spent a pleasant day in Detroit recently.

Mrs. A. F. Klages, wife of Bro. Klages, of Romulus, is visiting her parents at Willis, Mich.

Bro. Paul Heath, of Westville, is laying off on account of his wife being sick. Miss May relieving him.

Account of the scarcity of operators, Bro. Sutton's trick, at Westville, was discontinued, and he was sent to North Liberty, until a man could be found to go there.

Bro. Yoder, Sisters Olga George and Frances Jones each sent in a nice lot of items this month. Will be pleased to hear from them again next month.

Anyone having items for the journal will please send them to Bro. J. M. Seibert, at Romulus, and try and get them to him no later than the 23d of the month. These items must be in St. Louis by the 28th, and it takes some time to fix them up and send them in. Div. Cor.

*Peru Division—*

As our worthy correspondent, Bro. J. K. Lipsett, is enjoying a vacation of sixty days, visiting his parents at Blakesley, O., and looking after some business interests in Peru, Ind., he has asked me to try and furnish a few items during his absence, so that the Peru Division would be represented.

A great many operators are asking for a leave of absence, and are having quite a little difficulty in getting away just when they want to on account of being a little hard to get operators. It has not been very long ago that you couldn't scare an operator into the notion of taking a vacation on account of the panic, but as we all are getting confidence, we feel like laying off a few days and giving the extra men a chance to make a few dimes, and we have confidence that there are better times in store for the operators that have been out of work for a long time.

The telephone system seems to attract a great deal of attention among the telegraph operators of late. Some of them have called my attention to different pieces in the largest capitalist papers, and without a doubt the pieces were written by some official of some railroad, for the purpose of pulling the wool over the public's eyes, by stating that the train dispatchers and telephone operators were very much in favor of the telephone system in handling trains; for myself I have not heard one telegrapher state that it was a good system. I was talking to a traveling passenger agent off of one of the Western roads, and he informed me that it was very uncertain, and that some times it took from 17 to 20 minutes to get orders for trains; if this is the kind of system the telephone system is, how long will the public stand for it? I have yet been unable to find one person that is in sympathy with such a system, and if the public does not want it, I do not see how it will survive. If there are any operators getting scared about losing their \$50.00 jobs on account of the telephone system coming in and crowding them out, I would advise them to subscribe for a laboring man's paper, and read it, then they will get both sides of such a system, and I think it would make them feel stronger on

labor's side of a great many questions. If you would take some good laboring man's daily paper as well as a capitalist paper, I would suggest that any one who does not take a labor daily to write Bro. W. P. Shutt, local chairman, at Delphi, Ind., and he would be pleased to inform you of some good daily papers, that if you would subscribe for would be of great interest, as well as a great benefit to you. I refer you to Bro. Shutt because he put me next to one, that I think is one of the greatest papers that is printed today.

Bro. J. L. Steele, of Andrews, has returned to his duties, after several days of absence.

Operator Hood, of Logansport, has done the necessary, and we will give our hand and trust he will be true to his obligation and the Order.

Bro. Shutt did not get away in December, as it was stated he would, but he is now in St. Louis with the general committee, arranging for a revised schedule. We all wish him great success.

Bro. W. E. Spencer, of Westpoint, is enjoying a few days' vacation, visiting his old home at Dupont, Ind., and his brothers in Muncie, Ind. Bro. Helwig, of West Lebanon, is working his trick while he is absent.

Operator Peters, of Attica, has resigned. Bro. Roy Zentmyer is filling his place temporary; the place is to be sold to the highest bidder; this far no one has bid it in.

Bro. D. C. Burke and wife, of Logansport, were visiting friends in Huntington a few days ago.

Operator Robertson has grasped the idea and has come forward with the papers. We all give him a glad hand. Hope that the nons will sit up and take notice, and follow Mr. Robertson's plan of doing things, and fill out the papers and hand them to some O. R. T. friend, and get in line (do it now).

We are sorry to learn that Bro. Bechtel, of Lafayette is on the sick list, and is now in the hospital at Lafayette. We hope he will have a speedy recovery and will be back at the old stand soon. Operator Raddi is relieving Bro. Bechtel. Mr. Raddi is a member in good standing in the C. T. U. A.

Bro. R. E. Helwig, of West Lebanon, second trick, laid off two weeks, and got married; also visited relatives in Rensselaer, Hammond and Whiting, Ind., and Chicago, Ill. Bro. Murray is relieving Bro. Helwig while away, until the small-pox scare is over. Bro. Helwig is working Bro. W. E. Spencer's trick at Westpoint, and as soon as the small-pox is over he will return to West Lebanon.

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#### *Detroit Division—*

Miss Katherine May is relieving Bro. Lewis Jonas, third trick, at North Morenci; Bro. Jonas spending a few days with his parents at La Porte, Ind.

Sister V. R. Cook, Townes, was called home December 22d, on account of sickness. No one to relieve her, so Sand Creek closed four nights. Opened December 26th with Operator Marion

Floyd at the post; new face on Wabash, came from the commercial ranks.

Mr. Floyd worked at Hand a few nights, and is now second trick at Belleville.

Bro. Earl Howard is off a few days; relieved by Operator Floyd.

Bro. H. S. List, formerly agent at Millensburg, bid in second trick at "BO" tower, when his office was reduced and wire taken out.

Sister Frances I. Jones relieved Bro. M. O. Fohey, first trick, at "BO" tower, during the month of December. Bro. Fohey is on the sick list.

Sister Gertie Mack, while relieving Bro. Paul Heath, second trick, at Westville, was taken seriously ill, a few days before Christmas, and went to Harper Hospital, Detroit, suffering from a bad case of appendicitis. For nearly two weeks her chances for recovery were slight, but she is improving now, and we expect to see her out again by the middle of February.

Sisters V. R. Coor Townes and Elizabeth M. Jackel called on Sister Mack, at the hospital, January 2d.

Sister Jackel, third trick, at Adrian, spent December 23rd in Toledo, shopping, and Xmas with relatives in Detroit.

We are, indeed, thankful to Sister Jackel for the nice lot of items she contributed this month, and wish to see them each issue. Thanks.

I wish here to ask the brothers and sisters to help us maintain our prestige this year, as in the last few years we have made a great advancement, and by all keeping up-to-date cards in their cases and working hard, we can make a better showing this year than any one yet. It means work, work and then work some more.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

#### *Seventeenth District—*

Mr. Ed. Sexton, second trick dispatcher, at Brunswick to Council Bluffs, who is one of the old veterans who couldn't see any good in the O. R. T., has taken up teaching telegraphy in the Wabash Telegraph School, in the Y. M. C. A. Building, in Moberly, at a salary of \$25.00 per month in addition to his regular salary. Boys, how do you like to work with that kind of a man? I believe in "no card, no favors." He is working right along with Order men, then turning against them by running a ham factory. What do you think of that kind of a man? What does he expect? What can he expect?

Mr. Tom Kelly, an old veteran dispatcher, first trick, Moberly to Kansas City, is on the sick list. Relieved by Dispatcher Davis.

Bro. A. E. Wallace bid in agency at Dalton on bulletin. Bro. G. W. Knierim getting Wallace's place at Huntsville.

Bro. J. F. Knox, of Clifton, our local chairman, was off a few days in November, trying his luck on securing that \$200.00 prize. He had good luck, but was not off long enough to get

over all of his territory. Bro. W. L. Beams, relief man from Kawenda relieving him.

Bro. Wooley, agent at Keytesville, had the misfortune to lose his depot and nearly all that was in it.

Bro. L. R. Hood, formerly agent at Dalton, has resigned, and gone to Colorado Springs. Don't know whether he is going to locate there or not.

Bro. T. F. Curtis, third trick, Brunswick, has resigned, and returned to his home at Pattonsburg. M. M. Eidson is filling third trick until it is filled on bulletin.

Bro. R. G. Brotherton bid in third trick at Carrollton. Mr. R. L. Simmons having resigned. Understand he is in the train service on Missouri Pacific.

The Santa Fe hires the men from Carrollton Junction to Camden Junction. No Order men allowed to work for them if they can find it out.

Bro. F. Cpx, agent at Orrick, has been trying his hand at batching, on account of his wife and boys visiting in Higbee.

Bro. R. H. Clutter has resumed work at Excelsior Springs Junction, on third trick. Bro. Woods, who was relieving him, went to Gallatin as second trick man. This change throws Bro. O. S. Gregory, second trick, and Bro. Paul Gregory, first trick and agency.

Bro. Thorp, telegrapher at Excelsior Springs, has an up-to-date now, and you can call him brother hereafter. Knox ran him in.

Bro. Donovan, at Missouri City, is having a good coal business since the cold weather, on account of the gas going out in Kansas City.

CERT. 3416.

#### Omaha Line—

Bro. B. W. Thompson is off for a few days; relieved by a Mr. Scheffer, from the east end.

Bro. M. H. Meeker, second trick operator at East switch, recently visited home folks in Missouri. Can't say who relieved him.

Bro. Brown has been gone the last thirty days. Bro. M. H. Meeker is working first trick.

Sister M. L. Meeker, of Malvern, has been enjoying a ten days' vacation; Mr. B. Hughes relieving her. He did not "make good," and was laid off for a while. Mr. Hageman from the east end is the man that did the business.

Bro. R. H. Miller, agent at Malvern, has been off sick a few days. Night Operator M. L. Meeker taking care of the agent's work. Mr. C. C. Powell is working second trick. We are glad to report Mr. Powell is interested, and says he intends to be one of us soon.

We understand that Agent J. F. Miller, at Shenandoah, doesn't have enough work to keep him busy, so he goes down to Bingham and helps the new agent there. Think she will soon be a professional, although she hasn't yet attained the honor (?) of being called a student. The only good point about it is that there are no wires there, now.

CERT. 2207.

#### Clover Leaf Ry.

##### Toledo District—

We are looking forward and waiting with all eagerness for the results from our committee whom we expect will be negotiating with the officials in Chicago at an early date. We wish them success. But must not stop at that. We must put our shoulder to the wheel and each member take an earnest appeal to every non, of which I am sorry to say we have a few around who seem to think that there is nothing in organization. Their ambition seems to be "self alone." I have noticed a few cases of this kind. Let me say, brothers, the sooner we are organized and have the opportunity to meet one another and get acquainted the sooner that spark of brotherly love will kindle into a good feeling for each other. It will do away with that grouchy disposition; in its stead we will be more accommodating to one another on the wire and work will become less a burden to us.

Now get busy, brothers, and keep an up-to-date card, and endeavor to show the non where he stands. Our genial brother and secretary, J. W. LaFever, will furnish you all the necessary application blanks that you may need; it only takes a postal card.

One more word, brothers, and that is this. Above all things give good service, attend strictly to business. We have a fine set of dispatchers, and they certainly appreciate good service from the operators. Now with just a little effort on our part we can render them great assistance, and at the same time will be doing good for ourselves and Order. Don't let them call to raise you, but be on hand ready to advise them of everything that is going on around you relative to trains, etc. Get after the conductor and get his OS check, find out how soon he will be ready to leave. All these things assist a dispatcher in moving trains.

Keep your office neat, windows clean; don't sleep on duty, don't turn relays down, but come in on the wire occasionally, and ask relay operator if anything for you, be on hand for yard report, 2 p. m. car report, and "37" report at 5 p. m. Don't let this man be compelled to call you; remember he is always burdened with wire work, and you can save him hours of hard work by being attentive to business. Try this, see if they appreciate it.

This is important, brothers; pay close attention to your instruments. It is a duty you owe the company and if each one takes it upon himself to do this, the sooner the officials will learn to appreciate our service and will be more willing to meet our committees when they go before them from time to time.

Bro. Wilson, of "MI" office, Malinta, O., was off a few days the latter part of December, taking in the sights along the line, and getting acquainted.

At Dupont, "ON," we find, what? Well, sorry to say, but I am told a man drawing salary, not large, however, but being paid for telegraphing, and in connection is running a "ham factory." A train man told me he counted four students there a few days ago. Boys, this looks bad. Can't some

neighbor brother show this man his error and induce him to come over; remember overstocking the market makes cheap wages.

Bro. Benton, from "J" office, Delphos Yards, went to Frankfort the first of the year, now working message wire in dispatcher's office; relieved by Bro. Lynch, now working 10 a. m. to 9 p. m. at "J," and Bro. Pittinger working 9 p. m. till 7 a. m., both tricks being split enough to evade the nine-hour law.

Mr. G. C. Marston, a member of the B. of L. F. and agent, at Ohio City, O., was called to Toledo the 13th of the month to attend court for the company.

Now, brothers, if you will kindly co-work with me, we will try and have a neat line-up every month. Let's everyone get busy, send in your items.

Bro. Benton is relieving Bro. Zimmerschide in "DS" office, Frankfort, now working morning trick on message wire.

Mr. J. W. Walters, agent at Van Buren, was off a few days in December, relieved by Relief Agent O. D. Cartwright.

CERT. 3399.

### Mobile & Ohio Ry.

#### St. Louis Division—

Well, what do you think? I never received any of those petitions. I am sure those fellows forgot. A man that will not join is sleeping, anyway; those fellows still are looking for 1909.

Bro. Kimball, first trick at Shannon, has the chicken-pox. Bro. Newson, from Union City, relieved Bro. Kimball.

Bro. Earl Taylor was assigned to second trick Shannon, relieving Mr. Sanders.

Mr. Wamble, second trick Henderson, off a few days, relieved by Bro. K. Summers.

Bro. W. F. May has been assigned regular third trick dispatcher, Johnson to Tamms.

Mr. Taylor bid in Percy, Ill. Second trick is now regular.

Bro. Bailey, third trick operator Union City, and relief agent, is relieving Bro. Barr, at McNairey, Tenn. Bro. Barr is spending his vacation at Dyer, with home folks.

Bro. Hardcastel, agent at Fruitland, off on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. R. Bailey, ex-agent.

Mr. Ed Ramer, day operator at Booneville, off on vacation; relieved by Mr. Casebere. Bro. Newsom relieved Mr. Casebere at Union City.

Mr. F. Morgan has been assigned first trick, "JN," relieving Bro. Armstrong. Bro. Armstrong goes back nights at "JN." Bro. Murdaugh goes back to first trick, Clamore.

Mr. G. Rosser, freight clerk at Jackson, has sent in the necessary papers and will soon be a full-fledged brother. Bro. Rosser expects to go to telegraphing in a short while.

Bro. W. S. Estes, third trick at Clamore, off about ten days to get married; has returned to work.

Bro. J. W. Newsom, extra, after two months' work at Clamore, has returned to his home in Mayfield, Ky.; relieved by Bro. J. C. Smith.

Bro. J. E. Reynolds, working third trick at Perry, on account of resignation of Mr. M. F. Rutledge.

Bro. Roberson, of Oakton, and Mr. Carroll, of Moscow, have exchanged places. Bro. Roberson is now located as agent at Moscow, his home, and Mr. Carroll goes back to "KI," his former position.

Bro. McCullar, regular third trick man at Baldwin, off on vacation; relieved by Opr. Stovall.

Bro. Passler, third trick at Ruslor, off on vacation; relieved by Mr. Rutledge, from Perry.

Bro. Hemphill, second trick at Bethel, off on vacation; relieved by Mr. Reynolds.

I am very sorry we did not succeed in landing any of our unbelievers the first of January, but owing to Xmas we can excuse those fellows if they will only come clean this pay day. I believe some of them will come on up this time. I have had several promises, but promises are like pie crust, easily broken. I will live in hopes if I am forced to die in despair. "73."

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

### Chicago & Alton Ry.

#### Eastern Division—

Well, brothers, can't we ever get together and ever get a schedule on this road? I think we sure could if we would all pull together the way we should. We should not wait for the other to start, but each one try to start first. Let's all try to be the first one to start hereafter. Each one get after the nons and make them come across with enough to purchase one of our new up-to-date cards.

The way business is now on this road there is little room, if any, to doubt about getting a schedule. Of course, we are all aware of the fact that it takes time to accomplish anything of importance, and we all realize that it sure is important to secure a schedule.

Have you all got an up-to-date card? If not, why? Don't you think it would go hard against us if Train Master Reeves came around again and should want to know if we belonged to the O. R. T. and should want to see our cards? What would he think if he found about half of us without an up-to-date card? Do you think he would recommend giving us a schedule? Or any other official going over the different divisions and finding out how many of us belonged to the grand O. R. T.

Now, brothers, let's take it into consideration that if only a few of us have cards we can very easily be beaten by the company. But suppose we are solid O. R. T., then what? It is like taking a stick; you can very easily break one stick, but take a large bunch and combine them together, can you break them? I should say you can't. That is



the way it is with the operators. Now, let's all combine ourselves together and see if the company can break us up. You all know what the result would be. The best way to start this is to all get an up-to-date card now; will have one as soon as pay day comes around again. It's up to us now.

Business is very good over the entire system. Sunday, December 20th, was the heaviest day in the history of the C. & A.

Bro. Minor, of Funks Grove, is laying off and Bro. Flynn is taking his place during Bro. Minor's absence.

Bro. Young, who has been working third trick at Mclean, has resigned and is now working for the Big Four. Bro. Mason, whose home is at Mclean, landed the third trick there.

Bro. Mahan, of Lincoln, returned to work after a vacation of about a month. Bro. Phillips, night owl, relieved Mahan. Don't know who filled the night job.

Bro. Elwood, Laundale, is enjoying a six weeks' lay-off. SIMPLE SIMON.

#### *Western Division—*

The first of the year opens up with several nons in the neighborhood. "13" there is a factory on west end that manufactures them. However, there are some good men among them. Come, boys, let's try to get them in the Order.

Night operator at Hillview, Mrs. H. J. Moore, is off duty for a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Opr. Peck, from "BX," Borth.

Third Trick Operator Brandecker, "PR," was called home to Marshall, Mo., on account of the death of his father; relieved by operator from Kansas City. Haven't learned his name.

Bro. Pinder, third trick "PR," has left the road, going to his home at Warrensburg, Mo.

Opr. Pearson, "HN," Pleasant Hill, second trick, has been enjoying a few days' vacation; relieved by Bro. Bartley.

Bro. Hitch, agent "DK," Drake, after two months' sickness has resigned; relieved by Bro. Beasley, who will remain there as agent.

A letter from Bro. Suttles, who left the C. & A. a few months ago, says he has a good job on the Frisco.

Bro. Hicks is spending the holidays at his home at Drake.

Bro. Cushman, owl "AN," Strand, has returned to work after a month's vacation; relieved by Oprs. Griffith and Brandecker.

Bros. Blackwell and Bartley have landed second and third trick, "PR."

Clyde, of "BN," nights, spent a few days in St. Louis last week; relieved by Bro. Blackwell.

Let's hear from a few brothers along the line, so we will know what is going on, and do not forget to speak to that non that works with you or next door and see if you can't get him interested in the O. R. T. DIV. COR.

#### **Union Pacific Ry.**

##### *Colorado Division—*

Few changes since our last appearance:

Bro. Johnson, has resigned position of day operator at Pullman, and has gone to California.

Bro. Southworth is working extra at Pullman while vacancies being bulletined; Bro. Hardin being assigned the day operators position, leaving vacancy in the agency at that point which has been assigned to Bro. Kane from Bennett.

W. C. Sale, from Sterling, to agency at Bennett.

W. J. Griffin, agent at Carr for several years, has been assigned the day operators position at that point; Bro. Sleater, of Agate, assigned the agency at Carr.

Bro. Jackson, nights, at Carr, laying off; relieved by Bro. Smith from the Santa Fe.

A. L. Ash, the old war horse, from River Bend, to agency at Agate.

Freshe and wire relieving at Agate.

Bro. Sage, extra, at Union Depot, Denver, has been assigned, nights, at Agate.

Bro. Myers, from Sedgwick, to agency at Hardin; relieving Bro. Swope, who has resigned, going to the farm to raise "spuds."

Bros. Graham and Gilman have vacated Speer, the new station on the Cut-off; Bro. Graham going to Dacono as agent, and Bro. Gilman going to Omaha; three new-comers at Speer, as we do not know them we will pass.

Nunn station on the Northern District will be opened soon. Bro. Dougherty, operator at Ault, has been assigned the new agency. "Watch Nunn Grow."

Bro. Hendrix, from Oakley, to agency at Weskan; Bro. Wilcox having resigned to go into the mercantile business.

Bro. Duxbury has been doing the relief act at Lucerne and Weskan for some time.

Bro. Dilts, from Cheyenne Wells, to agency at Grinnell; Bro. Cadagan resigned.

Bro. Brawner, from second trick, Cheyenne Wells, to Sharon Springs, on account moving terminals.

Bro. McGlaughlin has been doing the relief on the Julesburg District, for several months.

Bro. Gibson, agent at Palco, spent Christmas in the East; was relieved by Bro. Minnick, operator at Colby.

Bro. Stratton, from New Jersey, relieving at Colby, also at McAllaster.

Bro. Roberts, of McAllaster, spent the holidays in old Mizzo.

Bro. Everly is still relief agent, and is kept pretty busy. He has recently relieved at Ginter, Grinnell, Winona, Erie, Evans, La Salle and Sedgwick.

Bro. Fritts of Winona, laying off for a few months; being relieved by Bro. Thom.

We understand the usual interest is being taken in the biennial election of officers and delegates, especially the delegate end of it. COR.

*Eastern District, Kansas Division—*

Bro. Kessler, from some foreign division, is doing the heavy in dispatcher's office, nights, while Bro. Schuchman mutilates the Morse, days.

Bro. Klasse is relieving Bro. Stout, at Bonner Springs; understand Bro. Stout was called to Vandalia, Ill., on account of the illness of his sister.

Bro. Haney is back at Lenape; Mr. Price, brother of Bro. L. O. Price, formerly of St. George, is doing the extra work.

Bro. Engle, from Linwood to Lawrence, few days, relieving Sister Sims, who was on the sick list.

Bro. Stoddard is back at Bonner Springs; Mr. Wright going back to Perry; Bro. Farrell returned to Perry, and Mr. Bowker, of the limited vocabulary, going back to his student-ship at St. Mary.

Mr. J. Wray relieving Bro. Alexander at Silver Lake.

Mr. Hooven resigned again at Wamego; Bro. Waddle, from L. & N., relieving, and in turn was relieved by Bro. Klasse.

Bro. G. T. Temple checked in at Yocemento, vice Charles Grover Cleveland Folsome.

Bro. High, at Junction City, nights, taking a vacation; unable to say who is relieving.

If the assistant inspector in the Railway Telegraphic Service in the German Empire is called, "Eisenbahnbetriebstelegrapheninspektionsassistenten," what would you call G. W. Seiver?

The following is taken from a "near folder," issued by Rohrbought Bros., who are conducting the U. P. Official Telegraph School at Omaha: "This young man is located at Alliance, Neb., and his name is J. E. Mifka. In his letter to us he says: 'I have advanced greatly in the art of telegraphy, since leaving the Omaha Commercial College. I am now making \$140.00 per month, and only have to work eight hours each day. The treatment that I receive is like that of a mother. I am writing this letter to you while on duty, second trick, and on elaborate paper, and with a Burlington style pencil. You will therefore excuse me.' We can not say whether it was the 'elaborate paper' or the 'Burlington style pencil,' that caused the young man to have the spasm, but of one thing we are sure, and that is that all future correspondence to us will be ignored unless written on the elaborate paper furnished by the company, and with a 'Union Pacific style pencil.' We haven't located that \$140 job so far, and expect to draw our \$52.50 until we locate it. Don't all start at once. They also furnish a text book on Telegraphy for a dollar-thirty which will allow you to make considerable headway at home. If it is as interesting as the 'near folder,' we are almost persuaded to invest. There are sixty-four pages in the folder, consisting of 'testimonials,' pictures and a humorous collection of dope for the would-be telegraphic dispatchers. If any of you still believe that your services as an instructor are required, send for a little of this dope. It's very interesting and instructive."

Have you paid your dues yet?

If not, "Do It Now." We like this motto, do you? It has a ring about it that we all like. It hangs in the office of the big manufacturer, the railroad magnate and the bank cashier, and they practice it. We all ought to, and now is a good time for you to start it. Pay up, do it now. If you are out, get in. Do it now. Take a little interest in the working of your Order, and do it now.

Lets all get up on our toes this coming year, and do some work for the Order. Promise yourself to round-up a non-air and then do it, go after him now. We have a nice choice selection to work on, and the majority of them are old offenders; let's get together and put them all in the clear. Every now and then we lose one of our string-halted non-airs, which small favor from the powers that be is gratefully received, we still have one or two though, who if they were compelled to hold their positions on their ability alone, and without the protection of the Order to which they so desperately cling, they would stand no more show than a dog with tallow legs chasing an asbestos cat through Hades.

At the time this is written all nominating petitions should be in Bro. Hughey's hands, and by the time you read it, all ballots should have been cast. Regardless of who your local chairman is, give him your support, realize that he is only representing you, your attorney, and that he can only present the case as you present it to him. If you have a grievance, whether real or fancied, don't lay down and wonder why he doesn't take it up. Very few local chairmen are mind readers. The next chairman will have the entire Kansas Division to cover, and will no doubt have his hands full; help him out, get in the game and get your feet wet. Make a resolve to do something, don't wait for the other fellow to do something, he may be waiting for you. Start now.

Now is the time to start a Correspondence Course in "Telephonagraphy," or words to that effect.

Wanted:—A correspondent for the territory between Junction City and Ellis, including the branches.

It has been charged that a Labor Union was a "Trust." But had you noticed this difference? That the labor leaders get jail sentences, while the trust leaders get fines which the courts set aside.

Quite a few of the "Seiverite" helpers became disgusted with the out-look from a telegraphic view-point, and resigned of their own accord. Two on the Manhattan branch, all of which goes to show that there is some difference between a \$140.00 second trick job with the Burlington style pencils and elaborate paper, and a twenty dollar helper's job, at the business end of a two wheeled truck.

In a recent letter from Bro. V. O. Brunner, of Egbert, Wyo., he very vigorously protests against being called "Mister," and being mentioned in the same paragraph with another

"Mister," Bro. Brunner had good cause for a loud kick, and we very humbly apologize, and lay the blame on the printer. Our copy read Bro. Brunner.

We understand that Mr. Cosley, in "GN" office, has it figured out this way. That if he ever gets to Heaven, which is doubtful, considering that he has no card, and finds us there, which he considers doubtful, he will drop right out, and as a result St. Peter's Union will all go to smash about as quick as our's is now going. Ain't it awful?

Ho.

*Western District, Nebraska Division—*

Wanted! A hive of optimists, so we can do something.

The boy who starts in to prepare his graduation oration fully persuaded that he can't, will be very apt to make his best friends squirm in their seats when he delivers it; and the man who does not ride over the shady spots in the union, and hit the sunny spots the harder, is only making a bigger shadow.

If you keep continually moving your shadow does no harm. It is the spot that is always in the shade, where vegetation does not grow. It is still cold, but signs of returning spring are already abundant. Have you looked for signs of a warmer and healthier season for us? They are there:

Members paying current term dues unusually promptly (were you one)?

Nons requesting blanks without our earnest solicitation.

Active interest on account of the election of local officers.

Prospects of live questions to be considered, effective policies devised and renewed enthusiasm instilled by our convention at Atlanta in May.

The slow, but steady improvement in the business tone of the country.

Kindly remember you must adapt yourself to the world, not expect it to mould itself to you. This universe wasn't created for you. The quicker you get the idea that it is the men who most readily adapt themselves to conditions, who make the most of life, you will see the expediency of lining up with them.

I had a doctor tell me the other day that the greatest outrage ever perpetrated on human beings is forcing them to work seven days in the week, year in and year out. What has cut the hours of half the telegraphers in the country down 25 per cent? What has the slightest possibility of securing you more Sunday privileges, if not the same power—yourself and fellow-craftsmen? Some still persist in crossing bridges before they are reached. Make sure you have a bridge to cross on, and simply wait till you reach it, say I. But unlucky is the man who reaches the stream and has neglected to construct a bridge upon which to cross. That has happened in the past, are you going to repeat it? And supposing you have a bridge which has always carried you across before, but the waters are up a little and

a few hide-bound, actually incompetent, would-be hangers-on pronounce it unsafe, are you going to tear it down and leave yourself with none? After all it will be more safe than going it sink or swim, won't it?

The man who is abreast of the labor movement today, sees that the great struggle in which it is now engaged is to prove its right to the prestige and advantage it has gained; this must be done before its march ahead can again commence. Only one thing is needed for this—the support of every working man. Under those circumstances, a year would set us going again at the double quick time.

Do you remember that at any time in your telegraph career, publishing over a town you happened to be working in, that you were the dispatcher, when in reality you were only the humble night owl? If you had done so, it would have been simply to impose on the people, and give yourself a standing that you did not have? Then what do you think of your Seiver nurlings, who are sleeping the best part of their lives away at your station, giving it out over town that they are the "night operator," and trading on that standing? I presume you will help them keep up the delusion. Whenever a fellow reaches the stage that he does a thing like this, you can depend he is ignorant no longer; he recognizes what he is doing, and that the people have no use for him, and is willing to make himself so small that he perjures himself to try to gain standing with the public. Truly, one-half of the world don't know how the other half lives. Nor from the class of intelligence the majority of them—nurlings—have so far shown, do they realize that they are playing the role of night operator, and simply are filling the shoes of cheap help.

G. W. Collipriest, agent at Loup City, off on a vacation, on his farm in Oklahoma. Relieved by Bro. C. E. Cole, of "GE," Grand Island, who wants to rub up on station work again, and be the all-around man that all should strive to be. Fred Moeder, who has been out of telegraphing for several years, is holding down the night work in "GE" office.

Bro. J. C. Mahoney, at Poole, off a few days, looking after business interests at Kearney; relieved by C. C. Hansen.

Bro. T. A. Clark is now managing a Board of Trade in St. Paul, Neb., and never knew till now how many better jobs there are than railroading.

Bro. W. C. Henigan, of "GD" office, Grand Island, attending a hop at Columbus at present, and incidentally inspecting his social fences, which he always tries to keep in first-class repair. Account no relief available, the boys in Grand Island worked short a man.

Bro. W. F. Brinkmeyer, bid in Shelton agency; have not learned who secured the relief agency. You fellows who bid on it, it is up to you. Why can't you boys furnish your local chairman a copy of all bids on vacant positions? He has a

seniority list, and there would not be so much guess work as to who secure positions.

Bro. C. E. Ford is back at Watson's Ranch, after a rest on his ranch. Operator Sharpe has gone back East where he claims a wife and little ones are waiting for him. The best we can say is joy go with him. We want no booze-fighters mixed up with us. We have enough to contend with as it is.

Bro. B. O. Byrne was taken sick with pneumonia, while on third trick at Cozad, and has prospects of a month's confinement. Is better at this writing, however, and all hope that he quickly recovers, so he can land on that job at Schuyler, which he secured on bid.

Bro. C. T. Winters, of Gothenburg, off on a vacation with relatives. Relieved at present by Bro. O'Dell, of the Frisco system. During the rush ice season Gothenburg was given three operators, and a fledgling from Nurse Seiver's brood. Mr. G. C. Hansen was given a shot at first trick, but he was still a little short, and with the agent's help couldn't make good. Was then sent to Cozad, on third trick, but also was cold-footed there. This man has had about two years' work altogether now, which should demonstrate to any one who stops to think, that it never made an operator out of him, simply made his cheap help. Now that he has passed the examination, however, and is out to try his fortune, we are confident his change of position will quickly change his view-point, as it has done for others who have come up the same laborious road, and he will line up with us. These boys who have put in a year or two have learned a lot about glittering promises and hard facts, and my experience is that they see the point a great deal more readily than some of our old fossils who have been here so long that they think that they are a part and parcel of the very foundation. I needn't mention any names, you know them.

Bro. A. W. Ladd took a day off, to attend to some business affairs, the other day. You notice a great many of the best men are willing to give the road their best, as long as they are treated squarely, and when it reaches a point where they feel patience is no longer a virtue, they can take up some thing else. I fail to understand the policy of any corporation to take the responsibilities of securing and carrying on business out of the hands of old tried and reliable men, and putting it into the hands of children.

Do you ever talk these matters over with your help, ever mention them to the merchants, business men and shippers, with whom you come in contact? Is there any kind of sentiment in your neighborhood on these questions? In fact, is there any information with the public on these matters? You claim there is nothing you can do. You have a card, you never can see any of the boys, and don't know what more you can do. You can do that. You work for the company's interest, you secure them business in spite of competition. Why not slip in a word for your own welfare? If you have their confidence in

one way, why can't you get it in another? Until the public can see that it is directly concerned, you can hope for no support from them. This is no disloyalty to the company, it is simply loyalty to yourself.

Finally because opportunities have been neglected in the past, don't let's neglect any in the future. In the coming election, vote for the man for local chairman, who you feel will do the best work; do your part and let's pull together, and things will surely come our way. Let's take the new year with us, and push forward with this good old thought in mind:

"The heights by great men reached and kept,  
Were not attained by sudden flight;  
But they, while their companions slept,  
Were toiling upward in the night."

Every body push!

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#### *Wyoming Division—*

Bro. Horisky has delegated me to represent us in the capacity of correspondent; the appointment, however, came too late for me to get anything in the January issue.

We want to have a little revival among us, and I am going to ask all the brothers to come forward and extend a helping hand, and assist in making this a Banner Division. The absence of a monthly write-up from any division leads the telegraphers of the country to believe that there is nothing doing, and, to say the least, gives a bad impression generally.

I am going to ask the co-operation of each individual brother to aid me in every way possible in making our monthly items worthy of the space they occupy.

In taking a little retrospect since the first of the year, I find that we are surprisingly well organized, when it is considered that we were for some time without a head, subsequent to the departure of our faithful brother and Chairman Bro. Yantis, of Fort Steele station.

However, now that we have emerged from the confusion attending to the election of a man to succeed to that responsible, but thankless office, and have, in Bro. C. J. Horvsky, of the general office, Cheyenne, one whom I doubt not is peculiarly well-fitted to act in that capacity, I think that we may reasonably look forward to an active and successful year. The achievements of the railroad telegraphers in the year of 1908, stand out in marked contrast to the disastrous failure of our less fortunate commercial brothers, and is a compliment to the progressive and able officers of our organization. It is especially gratifying to note that our great Champion, Bro. Murphy, was returned to Congress.

It is also pleasing to observe that telegraphers, generally, throughout the entire country are taking an active interest in politics, as is evidenced by the election to important State and County offices, of not a few brothers. A brother from our midst, the Hon. T. F. Tighe, agent at Rock River, Wyo., was elected, last November, to the House

of Representatives, at Cheyenne, and is now at the Capitol City where his entire time is taken up with the duties of that distinguished office. We are glad, indeed, to see a brother thus honored, and hope that Representative Tighe will use his best efforts to the betterment of labor conditions, and then succeed himself many times. Bro. Grogan, formerly of first trick at Hanna, is filling the position of agent at Rock River, during the two or three months absence of Bro. Tighe.

As a bit of news for the boys who have come and gone during the past year, I will mention the appointment of Mr. W. Daley, to the position of chief dispatcher at Cheyenne, succeeding Mr. R. L. Davis, who was promoted to trainmaster of the Eastern Division, with headquarters at Kansas City, Mo. Mr. Daley is an old-timer on the Wyoming Division, having been chief at Laramie several years ago, when headquarters were at that point. That Mr. Daley intends to live up to the schedule there can be no doubt; if you don't believe me, ask either Bro. Hill at Corlett Junction, or Bro. Olsen at Egbert. I feel quite sure that we can expect a square deal from our chief, and any operator who does not in turn give Mr. Daley a square deal, in the way of reliable and competent service is not only doing an injustice to that gentleman, but to himself and the profession as well.

Bro. H. C. Kelsey, agent at Buford, returned about the first of the year, from a very enjoyable trip to Los Angeles; he was accompanied by Mrs. Kelsey.

Bro. E. C. Miles, second trick at Buford, was called home on account of the serious illness of his father, at Independence, Kan. He left on January 2d, and returned on the 14th. When seen by the staff reporter, Bro. Miles stated that he found his father much improved, and the trip proved to be a very pleasant vacation. He was also accompanied by Mrs. Miles and baby.

Bro. Frank Limpus, agent at Hermosa, after several weeks of vexatious waiting and exasperating delays, due to the inability of Omaha to secure operators, finally succeeded in getting away just one day too late to spend the holidays with his family at Colorado Springs, Colo., where he joined them about the second of January. Bro. Limpus resumed duty again on the tenth.

Bro. J. F. Evans got Dale Creek, second trick. I use the word "got" correctly, as he went right in to Cheyenne and "got" it.

In connection with this, let me say something: Do not begin bidding on every bulletin that is issued, as soon as you are comfortably settled down on this division, and when you bid, please do not bid on four or five jobs simultaneously. Wait till you have attained sufficient seniority to entitle you to some consideration, then select the position you want, and if you are fitted for it bid on it; in other words, don't bid often, but when you do bid, bid in earnest and keep your eye on it. If you don't get it when your ability and

length of service entitle you to it go after it, don't let them beat you out of it.

Take such matters up in the regular way, however, and do not resort to your local chairman unless you have a case that will enable him to handle it to a successful conclusion.

Our esteemed Bro. C. S. Hill, "the perpetual third trick man," who has been at Lookout since March 4, 1908, steadfastly refusing to be pried loose from that interesting (?) place, has finally developed a desire for civilization again, and was the successful bidder for first trick at Corlett Junction. Operator Thomas, who was bumped by Bro. Hill, is now on second trick at Corlett Junction. It seems that Thomas has been the special object of ambitious youths. I believe the distinction belongs to him, of being the most "bumped" man on the Wyoming Division. First Hermosa, then Howell and now Corlett Junction. Although I can not call him brother in the sense of the O. R. T., he is, nevertheless, a B. of R. T. brother.

Bro. Ochaltree, who was for some time doing heavy work in "N" office, Cheyenne, secured second trick at Sidney, on bulletin.

The new second trick man at Pine Bluffs is a C. T. U. A. brother, Harry Osborne, he comes from Chicago. Operator Bell, whom he succeeded, has gone to South Carolina. Bro. Osborne will be an O. R. T. brother also, before this reaches the press.

Bro. Coates, agent at Hillshale, pays taxes on a "stink wagon."

Bro. O. B. Olsen went to Egbert to take third trick, on bulletin.

It will be interesting to know that Bro. Britton was recently elected Mayor at Brownson. Were you ever at Brownson?

Bro. Johnson, formerly at Herdon, Neb., went to Sherman as third trick man, in the place of Bro. Smith.

Bro. E. Singer handles the levers on third trick at Lookout now  
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### Canadian Pac. Ry.

#### *District No. 3, Western Division—*

Now that we have entered upon the new year, and as our division correspondent has been overtaxed with his railway duties for some months past, owing to the increase in business, I will endeavor to give a brief review of our work during the year. The good old year which has just closed was intermingled with joys and sorrows alike for all of us.

To some it carries with it recollections which are dearest to the heart, while to others, it will always be a mark of sadness, owing to the death of loved ones and possibly for other reasons. During the year the hand of death reached into the homes of our beloved Bros. Owen McKay, H. J. Parkhill and C. W. Moir, calling them hence to try the solemn realities of an unknown world. To the friends and relatives of each, we desire to extend our heartfelt sympathy and brotherly affection. At this particular season of the year, we

are forcibly reminded of our duty to one another as brothers, and of man's humanity to man.

The past year has without doubt been marked by wonderful advancement and great achievements on the part of our organization, and the great cause of labor generally. The strongest powers in the universe have concentrated their efforts and made their attack, in every possible manner, but still the grand cause of God and humanity has more than held its own, which beautifully exemplifies the fact that "right, not might, must prevail." It is very gratifying to know that never in the history of our organization has it been in such a healthy condition from every standpoint, as it is at the present time. At headquarters in St. Louis perfect harmony, sound judgment, able and efficient management are the existing conditions, while locally the same essentials prevail between our Third Vice-President, General Chairman, General Secretary-Treasurer and the General Committee. As for the local chairmen we hear so very little from them that we do not know much about what is doing on other districts.

We have cause to feel proud that his particular district bears the enviable distinction of being the banner district on the whole C. P. R. system. Should this statement be challenged, I have to say that our worthy General Chairman is my authority for same, and for the benefit of other districts I will mention a few reasons why we claim superiority.

In the first place we hold our meetings regularly without exception once a month, and they are conducted strictly in accordance with the ritual. We were greatly pleased to have our General Chairman with us at a recent meeting in Calgary, when we put through an initiation for his special benefit which brought forth some very complimentary remarks from Bro. Robertson.

The second reason is that when Bro. Morris issued his list of delinquents for period ending December 31st, 1908, only one name on this district appeared out of some sixty-five men. The third reason is that we have established a local fund for the purpose of meeting all expenses of a local nature on the district, such as hall rent, grievances, stationery and other obligations in connection with our organization.

This fund is made up by a contribution of twenty-five cents per month from each member, which has a two-fold advantage. In the first place the different accounts which come up from time to time as soon as approved are immediately paid instead of having to wait the length of time necessary to go through the regular routine of being handled by the Assistant General Chairman, the General Chairman and then the General Secretary and Treasurer. This has proven to be a matter of much satisfaction to all concerned, but the principal reason is that the general funds of our organization are relieved to this extent.

The only financial assistance we require from the general fund of the organization will be for

schedule revision and expense in connection therewith. If every district on the system were to do likewise you can readily see the beneficial results that would be obtained. It is a well known fact that lack of funds has always been a hindrance on System Division 7 when going up for a revision of schedule. It must be admitted that our treasury is actually the back bone of the organization. It is very essential that it is kept in the healthiest possible condition in order that we may be in a suitable position to promptly meet any emergency that may arise. The year we have just entered upon will be an eventful one in many respects, and I can not urge too strongly the necessity of every brother on the district being conscious of his duties as a member. It is the greatest imaginable selfishness to expect your local chairman to do everything without any effort on your part. He is trying to do his part; have you ever attempted to do yours?

It is the duty of every member to pay his dues and assessments promptly and be in good standing all the time. If you know of a non-member, it is your duty to try and bring him in and show him the error of his ways. It is your duty to attend every meeting that you possibly can, and don't be afraid to make a little sacrifice at times to do so; if not convenient for you to attend make an effort to let some other brother go. Our meetings during the past two years have proven to be the one source of benefit in assisting our personal interests, as well as the organization in general. You need the assistance of the Order and the Order needs your assistance in this respect. Even if you have nothing to say your presence is encouraging to those who are trying to protect your interests. Where any infringement of our schedule comes to your notice it should be made known at once to your local chairman, as it is only in this way by the hearty co-operation of all that our interests can be properly looked after.

For the information of brothers who do not have an opportunity of attending our regular meetings, owing to distance or other causes, I have the pleasure in giving below a statement of our finances as given by our local treasurer, Bro. Finkle:

Cash receipts .....	\$82 00
Disbursements.	
Stationery and postage.....	\$14 65
Four copies of ritual.....	1 00
Hall rent .....	9 50
Balance on regalia.....	6 30
Legal advice .....	5 00
Floral contributions .....	21 00
	<u>\$57 45</u>
Cash on hand .....	\$24 55

Wishing one and all a very prosperous and happy New Year.

W. L. MACDONALD,  
Local Chairman.

*District 2, Pacific Division—*

Bro. W. E. D. McTaggart, from Kamloops nights, to Vancouver, to be relieving dispatcher, working the day trick in Vancouver yard office when not relieving.

Bro. W. Maxwell, recently relieving dispatcher, has applied for and been given the agency at Ashcroft.

Bro. F. Presley and wife have returned from their wedding tour to the former's home in the old country. Frank has closed his option on the New Westminster depot operating and ticket job. Bro. T. R. Clark, who was appointed during Bro. Presley's absence, has returned to his former position, day operator at North Bend.

Bro. E. B. Denechand, regular agent at Mission Junction, is away on five or six months' leave of absence. Understand he is taking an ocean voyage to the Orient or Australia for the benefit of his health in general, and particularly his eyes, which have been giving him more or less trouble recently. J. M. Chandler relieving.

Bro. Broderick has again returned to the road; at present nights at Agassay.

Bro. Wellington, from North Bend days, to Ashcroft nights, on account of Bro. Presley taking New Westminster depot job, and Bro. Clark getting his former position.

Bro. G. M. Thorn, who through the efforts of local and general officials, has been reinstated, is now doing business as agent at Merritt, a new agency recently opened on the Nicola Branch, to handle the business of the Nicola Valley Coal & Coke Co., which is developing very fast.

Bro. Poage, from Savonas to Kamloops nights.

Bro. Robinson, agent at Savonas, has returned to work from a short vacation. Relieving Agent Bro. Whitley is now relieving Bro. MacHaffie at Harrison Mills.

Bro. Jack Goodfellow is now copying in the Victoria dispatching office.

I am indebted to Bro. George Davidson, of Vancouver yard office, for assistance in compiling the above items. Drv. Coa.

*H. B. Spencer's Section, District No. 4—*

For the benefit of those who were not at the O. R. T. ball, will try and tell how it happened.

In the words of the Union Man's Friend the *Ottawa Evening Journal*, all arrangements were perfect and the music by Tippin's Orchestra was grand. As for the supper served by Caterer Walter Nixon it could not be beat. We also have to thank Bro. C. A. Appleton for his thoughtfulness in seeing that the tables were supplied with that best of mineral waters, "Magi," fresh and specially bottled for the occasion from the celebrated Caledonia Springs, where the Canadian Pacific Railway now keep their hotel open summer and winter.

Among those present we noticed Mr. R. W. McCormick, assistant superintendent of this district; Mr. J. A. Armstrong our chief dispatcher; Mr. Geo. Lang, assistant superintendent Ottawa Electric Railway; Alderman G. Wilson, Alderman

Farrow, Mr. J. S. McAdam, chief dispatcher G. T. Ry.; also Mr. H. White, dispatcher G. T. Ry. Letters of regret at their inability to be present were also received from General Superintendent C. Murphy, Mr. George Hodge, Superintendent District No. 3; Mr. J. E. West, Chief Dispatcher District No. 3; also telegram from our General Chairman, Bro. G. D. Robertson, as well as message from Bro. J. C. Rooney, our Assistant General Chairman. We also noticed Conductor's Morris, A. Baker and R. H. Young among those who seemed to enjoy the festivities and dreamy waltzes to the limit. Note, brothers, any favors that can be shown those who patronize your annual social evenings should at all times be shown them, even if it is an inconvenience to yourself.

We are sorry you do not appreciate a good thing or else according to our chief dispatcher, J. A. Armstrong, there would have been more requests for transportation and leave of absence and more than one brother present from either east or west end, as was the case on the one evening in the year especially chosen so as to suit the majority of the telegraphers in order that they might meet and enjoy a social evening together and get acquainted and allow our brotherly love make itself manifest. We must specially thank Bro. Bell, of District No. 2, for being present with us on this the occasion of our third annual ball; that he will attend next one goes without saying. Here is a sample of brotherly love and appreciation. One brother who practically owes his position to the good graces and money of the Order could not see his way clear to use a ball ticket or work for his mate after twelve midnight in order that he might attend. This is a fact; what do you think of it? I think it is mighty thin, and what about his superior? We believe strongly that "eaten bread is soon forgotten." Now, brothers, your committee specially selected this time as the one time in the year that telegraphers could attend. It did not interfere with Xmas cheap rates and what was more men were not up against the snow plow proposition as was the circumstances surrounding our two previous annual balls. As it is evident from the attendance that he feeling is broadcast that this affair is put on for the convenience and jollification of a few who are conveniently located around Ottawa. If such is the case, forget it, for believe me it is put on solely as stated above for the special purpose of a social evening for the telegraphers of District No. 4 and as such members are expected to specially patronize it both socially and financially. If every brother would but do their part your district would be the banner one of North America.

Donations thankfully received. Draw your breath easy now.

Bro. Konenkamp, President of the C. T. U. of A., paid Ottawa a visit in the interests of the men employed here, being met and escorted around to the several places where operators are employed and all who could promised to meet him at the Grand Union Hotel at 8:30 p. m., which they did. My opinion of the C. T. U. of A. President is that

they have a man who knows things worth knowing and his plan of organization is followed to the letter, in a very short time they will have one of the best organized armies in the labor world and nothing short of the best will suffice to settle with their opponents in the field. Now get busy, brothers, and help these brothers help themselves and in the helping of themselves they will greatly help you and I, making our path all the easier and theirs the brighter future. In the best armies of past the soldiers have obeyed their officers explicitly from the lowest to the highest and these were the men who did things. Therefore, brothers, obedience is manly; we believe you all to be men and men of brains. Brothers, give a small part of your time and energy to the help of Bro. Konenkamp in what he is trying to do for your betterment and uplifting and you will be surprised how soon there will be a change for the better.

"BILL DUGGAN."

#### Central—

Bro. Balmes, nights at Murillo, vice Bro. Cheverier, relieving the agent at Beausjour.

Bro. Irish returned to duty at Finmark, after enjoying his annual vacation at Toronto.

Bro. Harshbarger, nights at Finmark during the absence of Bro. Cross.

Bro. Marcotta, from Finmark, extra to Buda, nights. Bro. Tremmels days at Buda.

Bro. Smith extra dispatcher nights.

Bro. Bouchard is acting as agent while Bro. Lalabertle is East on ninety days' vacation.

Bro. Brotherton secured Savanne on bulletin. Best station on the pike. Oh! you can't keep a good man down.

At Upsala, Bro. Mickel days and Bro. Quinlan nights.

Bro. A. Waddell gets Ignace agency on bulletin.

Bro. Waugh transferred as day operator at Ignace.

Bro. Chappel, extra days at Ignace. Bro. G. Quinlan assigned Ignace nights on bulletin.

Bro. Cheverier, extra operator and agent, holding down Van until some one bids it in.

Bro. McGorman, from "Q," Fort William, and Bro. Barry, Port Arthur, attended the meeting in Verona on the night of January 2d.

Bro. Howitt nights at Eagle.

Bro. Johnson, from Dryden nights to Pine nights.

Bro. Taylor, Margoch Pit, East for vacation. Don't know who is relieving.

Bro. E. B. Crowe, from "S" office, Kenora, to "RS" yard office, bumping Bro. Sharpe, who took second trick, putting Bro. Best on third, leaving Chappie to bump some one else. Reduction of staff.

Train wire now from Kenora to Ft. William. One dispatcher handles whole thing.

Bro. O'Brien nights at Neewatin, extra.

Bro. Quinlan third trick at Busted nights.

Too many changes at Deception to keep track of the men there. Bro. A. C. Waugh, days.

Bro. Guay gets Ingolf agency on bulletin.

Broomhandle Hutch from Sewanne agency to Hazelridge agency.

Bro. Wallace to East Sekirk nights, vice Bro. Lussier, resigned to attend college at Valparaiso, Ind.

The force of operators on this division since the double track is in operation is considerable smaller, about half what it used to be.

Savanne and Bonheur closed nights until next fall. CERT. 2230.

#### New York Central & Hudson River Ry.

##### *Electric Division and G. C. T.—*

The ball of the Electric Division is now history. Several details will be remedied for our next one.

Bro. J. H. Smith, of "MJ," is still in the lead in the ticket selling race. Eighty-five tickets to date.

Bro. L. Thaler and Bro. Jack Lutz on sick list.

Bro. J. J. Airlie gets first trick at "MJ" on machine.

Bro. J. J. Welsh gets second trick at "NJ" on machine.

Bro. J. H. Baker, first trick at "JO," Woodlawn, on machine.

Bro. J. E. Jagger, "MX," Melrose, spent the holidays at Livingston Manor, N. Y.

Bro. E. H. Fenstermacher and wife celebrated their sixth wedding anniversary on December 16th. After the celebration Ed and wife went to Niagara Falls and Canada for a week.

News from New Haven says a perpetual contract between the N. Y. C. & N. Y., N. H. & H. for the use of G. C. T. and "MO" yards has been signed.

There was a law passed and signed last year saying "Railroad companies must pay semi-monthly." Why is it not enforced?

Travel in and out of Grand Central Station during and for a long time after the holidays was the heaviest in many years. Train 26Z, the Twentieth Century Limited, arrived in G. C. S. in two sections, on time, three times since January 1st. Each section discharged its passengers on the same platform, but from different tracks, at the same time, establishing a record in the G. C. S. All the through trains had two and three sections. This does not sound like hard times.

At a certain tower there is a magnese reinforced switch point. The third rail men did not know about it being put in and thought they had discovered a broken switch, notified towermen and placed red lamps on track. Towermen inspected same and they also thought it broken. Luckily the night track supervisor happened along in time to prevent delay to traffic. What he said to the bunch would not look well in print.

Don't forget to see that your ballot is properly filled out and mailed before February 26th. Every one is needed in this contest.

We extend a hearty invitation to the station men to attend our meetings.

A half dozen new members since last write-up. Keep up the good work.

How about the restoration of our vacations? About time to get busy, or a day a month off?



The Harlem drawbridge men wonder why they don't come in under the eight-hour law. Why not?

Div. Cor.

#### *Mohawk Division—*

Sister E. P. Tucker, formerly telegrapher and ticket agent at Ilion, "WS," is a patient at the Good Shepard Hospital, Syracuse, undergoing an operation. All hope that she may recover and be fully restored to health.

The meeting at Fonda, December 16th, was very poorly attended. The boys adjourned to Bro. Young's motion picture show gratis and enjoyed it very much.

The meeting of January 13th was better attended, but not what it should have been for the membership and the eight hours they are now enjoying. Do you think your attendance is not now desired that the eight hours has been secured, and there is nothing more to be done? If so, you are laboring under a decidedly wrong impression. Bear this in mind and mark your calendar for the next meeting. If the new working rules do not suit you, you have no kick coming. You all had a chance to propose anything for the betterment of your craft at the special meeting, held December 19th.

Bro. J. P. Brookhiser, second trick at "B. S. 32," is spending five days at his home in Johnstown. Telegrapher O'Mara is relieving him.

Bro. J. Driscoll off ten days recently on account of sprained neck, caused by leading the strenuous life at "B. S. 30." He is now back and holding the job down as faithful as ever.

The time is drawing near for election of officers and delegates to the grand convention to be held at Atlanta, Ga., next May, and likely by the time this reaches you it will be known who is chosen.

Engine 29 was over the Mohawk Division main line recently looking for a place on the wall to put the new telephone system.

Bro. I. C. Bross has bid in and been assigned to second trick at "UT" office. Mr. Miller, who covered this position for some time, has taken out the standard of unionism, the O. R. T. card.

Remember, no card, no favors. "Now is the accepted time." Div. Cor.

#### *Harlem Division—*

Bro. G. Wooding, first trick at "BA" tower, Ghent, enjoyed a two weeks' vacation last month. A Mr. Palmer relieved him. By the way, did you know that Bro. Wooding is now one of the leading merchants in Philmont.

Reporting trains at Croton Falls, Purdys and Chappaqua has been discontinued, and a man at each of these stations laid off to cut down expenses by the railroad.

W. E. Brennan, last trick at Tuckahoe, has filled out the necessary papers and should shortly have an up-to-date card in his pocket.

Mr. Kozlarek, who was laid off at Croton Falls, was sent to Bronxville for a while. Bro. Schully, at Bronxville, having left the railroad business, so I understand.

Bro. Bert Corrigan has shifted from relief agent to assistant at Amenia, in place of Bro. Linnehan, who is now on the double iron.

The fellow who disguised himself as a lineman and robbed the ticket drawer at Bronxville of \$65 was picked up on the Bowery in New York shortly after, and said his name was Henry Sanford.

Bro. Bristol, third trick at Chatham, took a couple of days' vacation last month, Bro. Benford relieving.

Commencing January 1st, it was expected that the Electric Division would be extended to White Plains, although it did not take effect. Store committee does not just seem to know why.

Bro. Nickerson has signed a contract to manage the Pawling baseball squad this year. Must be they got wise to the success Nick had with the O. R. T. nine last year.

Passenger trains on this division are running right on the dot since the big engines have got hold of them.

What's the semi-monthly pay law, which was passed a short time ago, going to amount to? Same as the \$29,000,000 Standard Oil fine?

H. R. G.

#### *Western Division—*

Here is a magazine which is read by operators who have worked for the N. Y. C. in former years who turn the leaves eagerly for news from home, and you can realize their disappointment in finding the Western Division omitted entirely because our membership do not forward items to the division correspondent.

Interest, energy and activity are three of the principal things that keep us united, and at the present time, during this financial depression, we must make use of art. There is nothing that brings us closer together than a good write-up, and in order to make this effective each one must do their part.

Now, boys, let us make next month's edition interesting to Division No. 8. Let each one send a few items of interest to my address by the 24th of each month, in order that they may be properly classified and forwarded to St. Louis by the 28th.

Again orders have been issued to cut expenses in all departments. This has affected DeWitt yard by closing two out of three telegraph offices. All work is now done at the Hump office, General Yardmaster McCormick's headquarters.

"XA," the engine house office, is closed, after a service of about forty-five years.

Miss Mullen, the telegraph operator at "XA," has a position as clerk in the motive power department.

"DY," west end yard office, is closed, and Bro. Dorey and Mr. Kulison, the oldest men, are at the Hump office, which is managed as follows: Sister Gorman, on Mohawk side, 7 a. m. to 3 p. m.; Mr. Kulison, on Western Division, 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.; Bro. Hart, from 3 p. m. to 11 p. m., works both sides to the best of his ability, alone, after 6 p. m.; Bro. Dorey, likewise alone, to do all the work 11 p. m. to 7 a. m.

The new 'phone is being tried out on the Western Division, from Syracuse to Rochester, and in this connection a word of warning is necessary. Those in charge of the 'phones are watching them closely, at night as well as during the day. Already several have been heard using the 'phone to tell stories, and other business besides the company's work. Some operators have been located who use very bad language on the 'phone. This will be taken up and will be good cause for dismissal if a stop is not put to it at once. The Order will not countenance any such work, and if an Order man loses his job through this cause it is up to him alone. Be warned in time.

Bro. H. H. Brown, being the youngest man in "MI" office in point of service, has been released, owing to reduction of force.

Manager C. M. Bahn, of "MI," and his family have been quarantined owing to a case of small-pox in the house where they live.

Bro. Casewell has been assigned "B. S. 48," Syracuse, afternoon trick. Bro. Masdin, regular relief, is filling his place at "B. S. 2."

Bro. Wilkins assigned "B. S. 3," Belle Isle, morning trick.

H. D. Webster—can not say whether brother or not—assigned "B. S. 5," Memphis.

C. W. Dawson—can not say as to being a brother or not—assigned Lyons Connection, W. S., morning trick.

Mr. Harry Bateman, "RW" tower, took a short vacation January 13th and 14th; relieved by Bro. Miles.

More trimming on account of expenses. We understand the regular relief men are to be taken off. Every penny counts.

Now, brothers, remember our division meeting in February. Every one will be notified by Sister Gorman as to date, and do not let any excuse be made on this account, as we want to make this a record breaker.

Remember, send any items of interest to your division correspondent, G. A. Hoyt, 201 Sedgwick street, Syracuse, before the 24th, for insertion the following month. Div. Cor.

#### *St. Lawrence Division—*

Before this reaches the readers of the journal our annual ball, held at Gouverneur, will be a thing of the past, socially, and, judging from all reports received and the activity of all the boys in selling their tickets, it will be a great financial success. We anxiously await the news as to who receives the prizes which we all covet.

On January 21st a delegation of the committee of the Brotherhood of Railroad Firemen and Engineers held a conference at Albany with Gov. Hughes, for the purpose of urging the enforcement of the semi-monthly pay law. We all hope attention will be given the cause, that we may have what little we do get semi-monthly.

We are told that complaint has been made on the D., L. & W. of the manner of working some of the operators' tricks. It is alleged that they are required to work contrary to the law.

Understand we are going to have a day operator at old "MJ" again, at \$55, to relieve the work at "UT."

Our list of members continues to grow. We are a goodly number, better than ever before, in spite of the hard times and many reverses. This, however, is no excuse to stop the fight, or to let up in our effort to make the system solid. Each one of us must keep his shoulder to the wheel and keep it moving, as we all know we are in the lead and want to keep there by a good distance; to get every desirable non and pay your dues promptly, observe the constitution, and work for your employers' interest is essential for every good O. R. T. man.

Bro. Oliver, of Glenfield, off a few days on sick list, but all are glad to hear him back again.

The ice cutting is at present making a good amount of business, for crews as well as operators. The crop is unusually nice this season.

Miss F. M. Rogers, of Barneveld, to Lowville, third trick.

Operator Backus, of Lowville, third trick, to Barneveld third.

Several helpers' jobs have been cancelled in the reduction of expenses sweep, rendering the agents' jobs so hard that some of them have resigned, and others are struggling on in an effort to overcome the evil, and hope for better times. Some of them were told they could hire extra help out of their express commissions, if the extra help was *needed*, thus reducing their own wages from \$40 to \$45 per month. This seems to be rubbing it in pretty hard, when a man has worked faithfully for, say, fifteen years and suddenly has help taken from his station force so as to render it impossible to keep the station in shape, and have to work fifteen to eighteen hours a day to keep his head above the pile; then be given the chance to hire help to run the station out of his own pocket or quit.

There *must* be a remedy for such usage. Let us all work for the overthrow of such circumstances.

We still have a few nons, where we don't want any. Div. Cor., 721.

#### *River Division—*

One of the most pleasing events that has ever taken place in our lodge room was at our last meeting, held January 16th, at which time and place we presented to our local chairman, V. Marcinkowski, a diamond ring as a token of our appreciation of his services as our leader of the O. R. T. on this division.

We take great pleasure in thanking all the members and non-members who so kindly supported the committee in their project.

The surprise which we gave him will long be remembered. Bro. Manion in presenting the token, made a very pleasing address, and in conclusion called Bro. Marcinkowski to the front and said: "You have been tried, but glad to say not found wanting." Bro. Vince, who was taken by surprise, lost his voice and after regaining himself thanked the boys from the bottom of his heart, and said

he did not expect any compensation for his services but the good will and support from us all, and hoped that the good fellowship which exists will continue and the River Division would still hold out as in the past.

Among our distinguished visitors were Bro. Manion, general chairman of the New Haven road; Bro. Wheeler, general chairman of Central New England line; Bro. West, local chairman of the Hudson Division; Bro. Freleigh, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; delegates from the Hudson Division and sisters from the Central New England.

Bro. Manion, as usual, gave us a very pleasing as well as instructive talk, and all were greatly pleased to hear from New Haven's worthy leader.

Bro. West also gave us some important facts, which we are all interested in.

I wish to take the privilege at this time, through the items of this division, to thank Bros. Manion, Wheeler, West, and all visiting sisters and brothers for their presence, and herewith extend a most cordial invitation to be with us at our meetings at all times.

For the good of the Order I wish to say that if there were more on this division like Bros. Manion, West and a few others, we would certainly have things humming on this side.

Glad to see the brothers who have never attended any of our meetings out among us and beginning to show our steady gain along the line.

The busy section gang were composed of Bros. Sloane, Hines, Bishop and Kloth, who had nerve enough to hand out ice cream on such a cold night, and play the game of freeze out.

Train No. 18 being late, gave the boys a good chance to hear a few words from our invited guests.

The eight-hour question is by this time in the hands of the Public Service Commission, and a decision is looked for at any early date.

CERT. 374.

#### *Beech Creek District—*

This is the month when nominations for representatives and alternates to the Grand Division, also local chairmen, are made. Brothers, we should lay aside all selfishness, etc., and nominate and elect the ones best fitted for the important positions. It is hoped you will all consider this question from every point of view and vote for the man that in your mind will best serve your interests, and don't neglect to vote.

During the month of December, 1908, the Pennsylvania Division of the N. Y. C. handled more cars than any previous December in the history of the road. Looks like prosperity again, but this month the rush has fallen off some and at this writing the business is below normal, but we are looking for it to return.

Quite a change was made on the 4th of January when the company began running all empties west from Clearfield over the old B. C. Line to Curry, via Clearfield Junction, instead of over the C. B. Line, as has been done in the last six years. This will place three men on duty at Clearfield Junction,

Dimeling and Keermoor, and cut out the overtime at these places. This will give the boys at these points an eight-hour day. While it will benefit our old grouch at the junction, I am safe in saying it will not bring him in the fold, and is more than he deserves, but can not prevent him from reaping the benefits of the O. R. T.

Dispatcher Hatwick has resigned and left for new fields. Bro. R. D. Pearce has been promoted to regular dispatcher to fill vacancy just caused by Mr. Hatwick.

Bro. Nichols reports business good on the Clearfield Southern and the Ambsbury engines making regular trips; 28 and 29 on time every day, work train appearing occasionally to make it interesting, and plenty of business on the P. R. R. Crossover. It looks good to the boys in that section.

Operator Salisbury worked second trick at "WN" in order to relieve Bro. Forcey.

Bro. C. C. Beauseigneur met with quite a serious accident on November 4th (election day) when he drove to Clearfield and on his way returning, at the top of a hill, about one and a half miles long, the harness broke and the horse became frightened and ran away. Bro. Beauseigneur managed to stay in the rig until he reached the foot of the hill, when he was thrown out and his skull fractured. He remained unconscious for about four hours. He was taken to his home and later removed to the Clearfield Hospital, where he remained for two weeks. We are glad to report him back at work again feeling somewhat worse for the spill. His brother, J. B. Beauseigneur has been working his trick for him, while C. C. is working third trick at Walton.

Bro. E. C. Foust was relieved a few days by Opr. Crist. Bro. R. H. Murry has bid in third trick at Deer, which is held down at present by Opr. Shearer, a new man. Bro. E. C. Foust has just completed himself a new home at Walton.

Bro. D. R. Bitner off a few days for a short visit to Snow Shoe to visit his sister.

Wish to thank a brother this month for news. Come again.

Bro. B. F. Sterling, of "UM," Lumber, third trick, enjoyed a two weeks' vacation; relieved by Opr. McQuown.

Bro. Ed Bierly, "XA," Hayes, third trick, off a couple of days, relieved by Opr. Salisbury.

Bro. D. R. Bitner, "BC," Beech Creek, second trick, off January 1st and 12th; relieved by Opr. Salisbury.

Bro. W. C. Barrow, of "YA" tower, third trick, off a couple of weeks getting married. After the wedding trip he relieved Bro. J. W. Martenis, our local chairman, of "YA" tower, first trick, a couple of days, Bro. Barrow being relieved by Bro. Gamble.

Bro. Wilson, of "BN," Browns, second trick, also took a couple days' vacation.

Quite a few changes have been made on the west end lately. "CW" tower closed second and third tricks. Clearfield Junction, Dimeling and Keermoor opened second and third tricks. These

positions have been bulletined this month together with Birch, first and third tricks, Curry, third trick, and Panther third trick. At present Opr. E. L. Crist and Bro. C. D. Meek are filling the vacancies at Clearfield Junction, Bro. Fisher and Opr. Darr at Dimeling and Bros. B. F. Sterling and Graham at Kerrmoor. The vacancy at Lumber filled by Opr. Fienuir.

Bro: H. E. Schuman, "ND," Mill Hall, third trick, on a vacation last month; relieved by Opr. Barrow.

Sister B. H. Seid working Panther third trick at present.

Bro. I. C. Miller, "RN," Panther, first trick, worked "NB," Newberry Junction, one day last month. Can't say who he was relieving, he being relieved by Opr. Darr.

The following was taken from a Lock Haven paper: "Miss Emelia Schnell has graduated from the Keeler School of Telegraphy, this city, and has through the principal secured a position with the N. Y. C. R. R., at Jersey Shore. The actual time that the young lady attended the school was twenty days, which speaks volumes for her adaptability; also for the school!"

Yes, volumes. Volumes of what? In twenty days. What a golden opportunity our young people of modern times are missing who do not enter the Keeler School of Telegraphy. In twenty days! What a lot of time and expense some students spend in learning when it is absolutely unnecessary. I venture the assertion there is not one operator holding a position today who has learned the art of telegraphy in twenty, forty or even sixty days, no matter should they be exceedingly bright.

Professor Keeler was at one time an operator working on the N. Y. C. R. R. Brothers and sisters remembering him will no doubt be surprised to learn of the remarkable progress of his students. And yet there are operators who are teaching students. Students who have the same opportunity of learning as this young lady are being taught by supposedly intelligent men, men who refuse to become members of our Order, but prefer rather the ill-will of the members.

Bro. J. D. Roffe taking a few days' vacation; relieved by Bro. W. C. Barrow; Bro. B. C. Gamble relieves Bro. Barrow.

Oprs. Hurley, Stroup and F. Barrow have left the service of the N. Y. C.

CERT. 2117.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

Camillus, N. Y., January 22.

I wish to extend through the columns of our official organ the heartfelt expression of my gratitude to those of my brothers who have so bountifully given to myself and family in the time of need. For nearly a year I have been hoping for the time to come when I can resume the labors of my office, but with the exception of a few days when I strove to bear up on the strength of my will alone I have been unable to perform any work

and it now seems that the prospect of ever being well is very remote.

During the period of my illness I have reflected much and often upon the possibilities open to the possessor of health and energy, and when the charity of my brothers has afforded me such timely relief I have experienced a feeling of thankfulness which no words of mine can adequately express.

I sincerely hope that the time may never come when those who have so kindly remembered me will come to sickness and want as I have done, but that the giver of all good things will ease their burden and brighten their lives as each token of sympathy and benevolence from their hands has brightened mine.

L. J. DARLING.

#### N. & W. Ry.

##### Norfolk & Western System—

Meeting of Division No. 14 held at Roanoke, Va., January 2 was a booming success. We were assembled early in order to get through with the business of the evening by 10 p. m., the time set for our seventh annual banquet.

The regular routine was promptly disposed of and time left for quite a number of splendid talks from some of our older heads, as the attendance was composed largely of those who are known as "old-timers." They are the ones who can appreciate what our organization has done, and is still doing for the uplifting of the telegraphers of our country. Had our conditions twenty years ago been as they are now, possibly we might have had fewer "bald heads and silver locks."

Another unusual but indeed pleasant feature of the meeting was the presence of two of our sisters. It is certainly a great pleasure to have our lady members present. If we had more of them at our meetings I am sure we would have better attendance by the brothers. All of us recognize the value of feminine counsel in the management of domestic affairs; just so with the business affairs of our organization. Those ladies who have chosen telegraphy as their profession are required to live under our laws as made by the organization, and we are glad to have their counsel in the making of them.

At the close of the business meeting a rising vote of thanks was extended the sisters for their presence, to which a fitting response was made.

At 9:30 p. m. meeting adjourned and all repaired to the Ponce DeLeon Hotel and joined the ladies who had been entertained by the Academy Orchestra's splendid music.

The Roanoke Times, one of the leading papers in the city, gives a splendid account of the banquet, which is as follows:

"One of the most brilliant and dazzling affairs of the Yuletide season was that of the seventh annual banquet given by the Order of Railroad Telegraphers of the Norfolk & Western System to its members, their wives, daughters, mothers and friends.

"The banquet was given at the Ponce DeLeon Hotel Saturday evening. There were 250 ladies

and gentlemen present; every city and town from Cincinnati and Columbus, O., to the sea was represented. Beauty, mirth and music was in evidence at every turn. The Academy Orchestra furnished the music for the occasion and everybody was delighted with the surroundings.

"Addresses were made by Mr. H. C. Calloway, of Graham, Va., followed by Mr. C. E. Layman, Troutville, Va., General Chairman of the Organization; C. B. Lane, Chairman Norfolk Division, Crewe, Va.; W. A. T. Overstreet, Chairman Radford Division, Vickar, Va.; E. B. Spedden, Chairman Shenandoah Division, Shepherdstown, W. Va., and R. J. Watts, Chairman Scioto Division, Dingess, W. Va. after which thanks were returned by Mr. T. O. Magann, Thaxton, Va.

"The Committee on Arrangements was composed of N. A. Schwinger, C. I. Kerr and C. S. Baber.

"The Ladies' Reception Committee was composed of Mrs. T. H. Lankford, Mrs. C. E. Balthis and Miss S. Baber.

"It was the opinion of all present that the banquet was the most delightful ever given by Division No. 14, Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

"At about 11:45 p. m. Home Sweet Home was heard and the evening of enjoyment had closed."

On behalf of the membership of Division No. 14 I want to congratulate the Committee on Arrangements and the Reception Committee on the success of the occasion.

M. G. HARPER, *Gen. Cor.*

#### *Scioto Valley Division—Cincinnati District—*

We are glad to note that Cincinnati District, with one exception, is solid and up-to-date.

We assure the good brothers that keeping up this way is an encouragement to the committee to work for better conditions and salaries.

Our Assistant Chairman Bro. Smith, of Winchester, was off duty a week recently; relieved by Mr. A. L. Peake, of Yorkville, Pa. Bro. Smith was in attendance at the banquet and meeting at Roanoke, and reports a grand time.

Bro. F. A. Smith, formerly extra man, has given up the railroad business, and taken up farm life.

At the present Bro. McKinney, at Williamsburg, is off on a short leave of absence, being relieved by Bro. O. L. Martin; also Agent Hulick, at Batavia, is off, being relieved by Bro. A. R. Nixon.

Bro. W. O. Hazelbaker, who was cut off during the recent depression, has entered the real estate business in Peebles, O., and we understand is doing a nice business, with no train orders, claims or Western Union error sheets to annoy him.

It is the supposition by a number of the brothers that Bro. W. F. Hoptry left the service of the Norfolk & Western, at Lindsey, W. Va., in bad circumstances. This is untrue and an injustice is done Bro. Hoptry, who left the company in good standing, having resigned to accept a position with the Western Union Telegraph Company. The agent relieving Bro. Hoptry disappeared a few days later, but it is not known

exactly what circumstances he left the company in, or his reason for leaving.

It is understood several work trains will soon be placed in service, three of which are allotted the Cincinnati Division.

A large force of men, probably 300 in number, have been put to work again on double track between Higbys and Kingston. It is said work will be pushed as rapidly as is possible, and every effort made to complete it this summer.

F. C. Stratton relieved first trick at Nangatuck Ave., New Year's day.

Some important changes have taken effect in official rank recently. Mr. H. L. Daw, formerly A. G. F. A., whose headquarters were at Columbus, O., has been transferred to Roanoke, Va. Succeeded by Miss Bridges, of Roanoke, Va.

Bro. C. A. Smith, agent at Winchester, off on his 1909 vacation, first fifteen days of January; relieved by Bro. A. L. Peake.

Bro. Shermon Miller, of Park, O., an old-timer and a solid O. R. T. man, has accepted a proposition from the Western Union people to establish a branch office in his place of business, corner 4th and Chillicothe Sts.

Bro. R. J. Walk, local chairman, is serving on general committee at Roanoke, at this writing; relieved by Bro. R. H. Chitwood.

A new local chairman, delegates and alternates to Biennial Convention of the O. R. T. are now in order, and will, no doubt, be selected by the time we are in print with these items. In your selection of these brothers, it is your duty to put up the ones we think best qualified for the position. Whom we would care to entrust the business of the organization with, as we all have our say by ballot in this matter, do not fail to exercise your liberty. We all realize the importance of good representatives.

A telegraph professor by the name of Buchannon has been reported from our Western terminus, located at the Y. M. C. A. Building, at Columbus, O., nights.

Advance information in State report of local coal production in the State of W. Va., for the year 1908, shows N. & W. handled the largest tonnage of any road entering the State.

Bro. R. J. Watts has resumed duties as agent at Dingers, W. Va.

The Virginian, a new line and likely a strong competitor of the N. & W., have opened their line from Roanoke to Norfolk for business, and will use a number of good agents. This will be a good chance for some of our boys who are down and out to get positions.

Williamson, W. Va., is enthusiastic over current report that N. & W. will soon begin making improvements at terminals in that city. Additions contemplated, estimated cost \$200,000. When built will be able to build an engine from the ground up.

It will also increase the force of work men from 150 to 200 men.

Vacancies, Webb, W. Va., third trick.

CERT. 750.

*Pocahontas Division—*

Business, in general, is looking up on the Pocahontas Division, and each heart beats much easier at this time than last year. Things look good to most of us and we predict that every worthy operator will have regular work by the spring, and none of us will have to go on the "hog."

Mr. Geo. P. Johnson, general superintendent Western Division, and Mr. W. S. Becker, superintendent Pocahontas, passed over their respective divisions on January 15th.

Now brothers, let us get our heads, hearts and up-to-date cards together, and push our cause to the front, and let each of us see that we line up the nons to assist in our progress; we have entirely too many of them with us.

Mr. Non, if you are standing back on account of money, just let some of those good brothers who have the cause at heart know the trouble, and I am sure you can get fixed up alright, if you are one of those who are worthy and get out of the company you now have on the non list. Honest boys, I wouldn't have my name published with that bunch for the price of a twelve months' card.

We are glad to see Bro. Hughes back with us at "SM."

Mr. Davis (we would like to say Bro.) has resumed his work at Cooper, since Bro. Hughes' return.

It is with regret we announce the resignation of Bro. Kinzer, whom we understand leaves the division; relieved at Cooper by Bro. Counts. Can't say who will bid the position in for keeps.

Bro. C. I. Butt, at Mendota, has resumed duty after a thirty days' visit with home folks in the Old Dominion, he also spent some time at Mrs. Butts' home in Mercer Co. Presume Bro. Coen takes the "hog," since Bro. Butts' return.

Understand Bro. Graves, at Mont Calm, is contemplating a return to the Buckeye State.

We were glad to see the Pocahontas so well represented at the banquet. "Yours Truly" never fails, and I want to say to Mr. Non, if he ever got his feet under one of these tables he would never be without his up-to-date again.

On account of the death of Mr. Burton, of Tazwell, Va., we have a vacancy that everybody wants, and we are sorry but one can get it; haven't heard who was the lucky one. I would like to ask you Mr. Non, if you think for a moment that a position like this would be given to the men who have worked for it, had we been without an organization. No, sir, there would have been nothing doing for our men, but some fellow who had more pull than ability probably get the place, and been sent there before you really knew there was a vacancy; such things have been done you know, our men always got the undesirable stations, but when a position like this one was vacant they knew us not. "JIM."

*Radford Division, New River District—*

We are starting out on another year, and we should strive to do all the good we can for our grand old Order. In what way can we do this? Why, get all the non-members that are worthy into our union, do not understand me to say all nons, for there are a few that are not worthy of being members in such a union as ours, still there are some non-members that are as good men as we have on the division, but we have the promise of them joining us at once, and I hope by the time this is in print that their application will be sent in, for such men as these realize the good that is in our union and have decided that they have been nons long enough. Then there are more ways to do good than to get all the men in our union. Lets send our division correspondent all the news we can get every month, and have a large space in the journal for the N. & W. And let all of us do the very best we possibly can toward giving the company we work for the very best of service, for they have granted us shorter hours and a very good salary, and we should attend to their business just right, and I am sure they will appreciate our good work. There have been several men dismissed from the service in the last year, but I am glad to say that most of them were nons.

Have all got their new card? If not get it right away.

Now, just a few more days and our committee will go before the proper officials to secure another agreement, and we may rest assured that they will not lose anything for us.

We regret very much to announce the injury of our esteemed Assistant Correspondent Bro. Wilson, who had the misfortune to be burned with acid recently; while Bro. Wilson's injuries were not serious, they were of a very painful nature.

Brothers, how about your next term dues? Now don't wait for the chairman to write you half a dozen times, he has something else to do; while he is writing to you fellows who are so slow, he might be able to accomplish something of great benefit to us all, and we should not burden him with this unnecessary correspondence. You know what you owe your organization and when it is due, so send it on in and feel good; you know you feel miserable to draw your check until this is paid. Let's do the square thing this year?

The extra men got plenty of work to do during Xmas holidays, think every man was working.

Bro. Woodard has been installed as agent at Ada.

Bro. Hendricks has third trick there.

Bro. R. C. Gilmer has been assigned to first trick at Pembroke, and Bro. Sabine second trick at Belspring, in place of Bro. Gilmer.

Bro. A. H. Williams has been off during Xmas holidays, being relieved by Mr. Durham; and several of the boys on the river off during holidays.

A. H. W.

*Shenandoah Division—*

Our regular annual banquet came off at the Ponce de Leon Hotel, Roanoke, Va., the night of January 2, 1909. We had quite an enjoyable evening, with good music to add to the charms, and also, last but not least, plenty of pretty girls.

We also had a fine meeting, before the banquet, at the K. P. Hall. There were between 200 and 300 operators present, including two lady operators, Sister White, from this division, was one of them, but did not learn the other sister's name, but nevertheless we feel complimented at their being present with us. After the usual business was dispensed with, we were entertained with interesting talks from Bros. Goldsmith, Calloway, Speeden, Nesbitt, Birchfield and others. Had we the chance to hear such talks often there is not a doubt that we would make better Order as well as railroad men.

Bro. Wise, agent at Riverside, was relieved by Bro. J. M. Brugh to attend the banquet.

Bro. and Mrs. Bender spent Christmas at Shepherdstown, Bro. Bender being relieved by Bro. McNiel.

We are starting the new year grand, so let us all try and keep the good work going. We are now solid with the exception of two or three operators, who have promised to put in their applications pay-day, which will make a fine record for the old Shenandoah Division. Just think of what a great honor it will be for the delegate from the Shenandoah Division who attends the next convention to be able to say that we have a solid division, and I know that every brother will consider it an honor to belong to a division that is solid. I wonder what the other divisions will think of us now. Well, it is up to them to do something for themselves. That is one thing, that the old Shenandoah is in the lead, so let us stay there.

The wire service is still improving, I am glad to say. Now, brothers, let us one and all try to make it better; yes, perfect. We can do it if we, dispatchers and all, try. "We need the lead in good service in our business, too."

We have made great progress in the last year. Now let us try and make more this year. We do not want to bring up the rear in anything. What we want is the lead in all the good work, and there is no question but that we can gain it and hold it if we only try.

We have a solid division, a write-up in the journal every month, our wire service is not the worst, and the bulletins of discipline do not show our general service to be so bad, although it could be improved upon, and I hope that everyone will make it his duty to see that there is an improvement this year, as we want to make a general good record for the grand old Shenandoah Division.

I wish to congratulate and thank Bros. Wise, Ed Moffett, Bush, Coleman and R. E. Bear and Bro. Parrett for the interest they have taken in the way of helping me out with notes this month.

Bro. Ed Moffett spent Christmas with his father, Bro. C. H. M., second trick at Shepherdstown.

Bro. C. A. Saum, agent at Rileyville, was off a few days on account of the death of his sister. He was relieved by Bro. Ed Moffett.

Bro. W. H. Humphries was called from Midvale, second trick, to take Mr. Bragg's place at Loch Laird, and Sister Threlkeld went to second trick at Midvale.

Relief agent, Bro. J. S. Biedler, who is working the agency at Front Royal, was off a few days to attend court, Bro. Ed Moffett relieving.

Bro. E. B. Spedden, our local chairman, and agent, Shepherdstown, is at present on committee work, being relieved by Bro. C. H. Moffett, second trick. Bro. "MO," in turn, being relieved by his son, Bro. Ed Moffett.

Bro. P. G. Parrett relieved Bro. Ed Moffett, second trick at Shepherdstown, for a few days, and then hit out for home to stay a few days. He did not stay long, however, as he was called to third trick at Basic, to relieve Bro. C. T. Cross. Do not know what happened to Bro. Cross.

The father of Bro. F. W. Schleicher, second trick at "HN," Hagerstown, Division No. 106, was stricken with paralysis during the holidays, and is in a very bad way. Bro. "S" says that the doctors have some hopes for him, and at the present writing he is a little better.

Bro. R. M. Helm, third trick at Winston-Salem, is off for fifteen days' vacation, being relieved by Bro. W. S. Rothrock.

Bro. W. T. Gentry, first trick at Winston-Salem, off one day to attend court, Bro. P. L. McNiel relieving.

Bro. O. H. Grubbs, second trick at Walnut Cove, is off for fifteen days' vacation; being relieved by Mr. H. R. Young.

Bro. F. S. Shultz, agent at Pine Hall, is still off, with Bro. J. W. Milton still chasing baggage and freight there. Have not learned how long Freddy is going to be off.

Relief agent, Bro. H. J. Probst has been on the Winston-Salem end. Think that he is relieving Bro. C. Custer at Rocky Mount.

Bro. H. S. Teague, agent at Martinsville, attended the meeting and banquet in Roanoke. He was relieved by Bro. S. Scott.

Bro. W. H. Shultz, first trick at Martinsville, attended the banquet and reported a fine time.

Bro. G. W. Skelton relieved Bro. A. K. Snyder, second trick at Berryville, for ten days during the holidays.

Bro. S. D. Brown, first trick at Shenandoah Junction, was relieved one day by Bro. Ed Moffett. Understand that Bro. B. spent the day in Roanoke.

Mr. H. L. Hammond, clerk in the roadmaster's office at Buena Vista, accompanied Bro. J. W. Taylor, first trick at Buena Vista, to the O. R. T. banquet in Roanoke.

Bro. B. G. Shatpe checked in as agent at Price, relieving Bro. Ed Moffett, who has been doing relief work there. Bro. Moffett went from there to Stoneville to relieve Bro. S. T. Hodgins for one day, and from there to Walkertown to relieve Bro. G. M. Hilton for fifteen days.

Bro. C. P. Harris, who connected up with the third trick at Glasgow, has resumed duty the first of the year. Bro. J. M. Brugh, who was relieving him, went to third trick at Loch Laird, to relieve Bro. W. H. Humphries, who returned to his regular place at Midvale.

Sister F. L. Threlkeld, from Midvale to second trick at Starkey, which she bid in on bulletin.

Bro. M. N. Wheeler drew third trick at Rocky Mount, and spends his spare moments reading the history of the Ferris wheel.

Bro. M. W. Atkins, agent at Ridgeway, was relieved a few days by Bro. S. Scott.

Bro. Scott, from Ridgeway to Rippon, to relieve Bro. P. W. Heirston on account of sickness.

Bro. D. F. Vines, first trick at Basic, relieved one day by Bro. Ed Moffett.

Relief agent, Bro. J. S. Biedler, is still doing the pedestrian act between Front Royal and Front Royal station.

Bro. R. S. Smylie, agent at Lithia, was relieved one day by Bro. Ed Moffett.

Bro. W. L. Burke, who has been on the sick list, is now improving nicely since he was operated upon, and expects to be back to work in a few weeks; relieved by Bro. H. H. Burks.

Bro. Bush is still holding down second trick at Glasgow, while Bro. H. H. Burks is doing the relief stunt.

Bro. C. B. Bear, agent at Glasgow, better known as "Isaac Bear," has resumed duty after taking his fifteen days' vacation. J. H. B.

#### Norfolk Division—

After the pleasant meeting at Roanoke, at which there was a good attendance, and the best of feeling prevailing, your general committee and all assistant chairmen were in session, formulating our agreement with the management. Many important matters confronting us as an organization, the responsibility of which is deeply felt by those you have elected as representatives. Every question was taken up and sifted down to "what is really best for our men as a whole." All individual matters, where it dealt with conditions at different points, were handled with the same care as though your representatives were working at these points, and you may rest assured that as far as it lies in the power of your general committee, such working conditions, salaries, etc., will be established as will do justice to our telegraphers in their several lines of responsibilities.

When men are assured of the love and confidence of their constituents, greater work can be done, and the work will be a pleasure, knowing that when they have dealt with matters to the best of their ability in view of the knowledge set before them, their efforts are appreciated. Now, boys, let's give our representatives our hearty co-operation and influence. I quote to you, as I have done before, "In unity there is strength." Let this unity of heart and purpose predominate in your hearts, and the results are sure to follow.

Did you ever think of the deep meaning of "opportunity?" Can you not look over the past year and see many "lost opportunities?"

Everywhere you find people bewailing their lack of chances or waiting on some imagined fate to come along and give them a lift.

Meanwhile a thousand opportunities slip by them unnoticed, for as time waits for no man, so opportunity, the child of time, is equally transitory.

Success demands that we learn conditions and perceive the value of opposites. Get in touch with varied experiences. Grasp your small opportunities. As long as you keep moving, undismayed by the inevitable losses and failures, you can not fail to achieve.

There never was a man yet, who kept active, who concentrated his energies, that did not succeed. Of course, *he made mistakes; the most successful men have made the most mistakes.*

Great things call for experiments. When we venture out in untried fields our efforts are necessarily tentative, and liable to error, but if we keep on, changing our course according to our best judgment, we shall reach somewhere, and our results will be found to have been worth all the effort.

And a sturdy move on our part leads to some very speedy results, which encourage us and quicken our expectations, so that our forces are impelled on to larger exertions.

Many people complain because of the small compensation they receive for their labors; and, not without cause. Still, an alert mind would recognize that work well done is a process of education, and thus pays for itself. A man need not for long be without good remuneration when he has learned to do his work well.

Let the power of the will assert itself. Away with the old habits and thoughts of weakness.

We are surrounded with opportunities. How many telegraphers, by availing themselves of the opportunity, could do grand and noble work for his craft? Encourage the feeble-hearted member, and make him feel interested in the Order; make each telegrapher feel that he holds a part in this organization. He can be a weak member, with all of the inactivities, or he can be a strong member, and be active. We need activity in our ranks. We need men that keep up with things, and press forward to greater achievements.

Get after the non that is in your office, or near you. If necessary, take a trip to see him, and put the gun right on him and show him "thou art the man" receiving what his brother telegraphers are working and paying for, and contributing nothing to maintain the organization.

Remember that when the sun is sinking in the West and you have let the day pass without doing something for humanity, or to forward the cause of your fraternity, it's a day lost. Let not this sin of omission be charged to your account. Be active.

We were glad to see some of our "old reliable members" out at the banquet.



*Crews to Petersburg—*

Mr. O. M. Bray has been off on vacation, relieved by Bro. J. H. Fitzgerald, third trick dispatcher on west end, who, in turn, was relieved by Bro. A. A. Owen, from division office.

Bro. Lane called away by illness of his father; relieved by Bro. Harlan.

Bros. W. S. Hubbard and W. P. Lewis working extra, while Owen and Harlan are doing the train "delaying" stunt. Fourth trick at "K," is in the question box just now. We hope to see regular man on it soon.

At Nottoway, Bro. John Cardwell off one night; relieved by Sister Minnie Davie. Sister Carter has returned to duty on second trick, which we "13" is still her regular position.

At Blackstone, Bro. W. H. White off one week; relieved by Mr. A. H. Jones, a local telegrapher, who does occasional extra work for the N. & W., in case of shortage. Bro. L. C. Coleman attended the banquet, January 2d.

At Wellville, Bro. W. H. Rogers off sick several days; relieved by Bro. Sutherland, regular relief agent.

At Wilson, Bros. Coleman and Nesbitt attended the banquet.

At Ford, Bro. S. W. Vaiden off three days, relieved by Mr. C. E. Poole, a C. T. U. of A. man, who has promised several times to come across.

At Church Road, Bro. Hardy returned to work December 3d, relieving extra man, Mr. W. P. Williams. Mr. Williams sent to Dwight, third.

At Addison, Bro. R. H. Moody off a couple of days; relieved by Mr. W. S. Rose.

Bro. J. W. Adams and wife attended the banquet.

Sorry we have no notes from "ZQ," the boys there will have to do something in order to get their names in print.

*East End, Norfolk District—*

At Portlick (end double track), Bro. V. Branch, second trick, off on vacation; relieved by Bro. L. D. Shannon, extra.

At Juniper, Bro. W. S. Rose, regular second trick, off for fifteen days; relieved by Bro. M. H. Rose, extra.

At Suffolk, Bro. W. T. Bailey, regular second trick, off on vacation; relieved by Bro. J. Carmack, extra. Bro. R. J. Bartley, regular first trick, off on vacation; relieved by Bro. J. Carmack, extra.

At Windsor, Bro. M. C. Eley off six days; relieved by Bro. C. P. Williams, from the west end, extra.

At Myrtle, Bro. Johnson, regular first trick, off on vacation, and Bro. Holland off one day, both relieved by Bro. M. H. Rose.

At Dwight, Bro. Bales, first trick, off on leave of absence; relieved by Bro. Horton, regular third trick; Mr. W. P. Williams, extra, relieving Bro. Horton; Mr. E. H. Williams working second trick, relieving Bro. Jackson, who was sent to Sutherland as agent.

At Ivor, Bro. James, second trick, off ten days on account of sickness in family; relieved by Mr. A. C. Johnson, extra.

At Wakefield, Bro. G. W. Collings, extra, first trick, sent to Suffolk as billing clerk; relieved by Bro. D. C. Bailey, extra. Bro. Bailey working for two days; relieved by Bro. Jacob Bonsack, who was regularly assigned to this position.

At Poe, Bro. Polland, third trick, off one day; relieved by Mr. A. C. Johnson, extra.

At Petersburg, Bro. Bates, first trick, off four days Christmas week; relieved by Mr. A. C. Johnson, extra. Bro. Dewsbury, third trick, off one day Christmas week; relieved by Mr. A. C. Johnson, extra.

T. O. M., CERT. 110.

**M. C. Ry.***Saginaw and Mackinaw Divisions—*

As the General Committee are now in session at Detroit and everything is very quiet along the line the write-up will necessarily be brief, but all the boys will be pleased to read of the presentation of a diamond ring to our old chief dispatcher, Mr. W. Steinhoff, on the occasion of his retirement from the active position of chief dispatcher on account of his advanced age and the increasing responsibilities of the position.

Mr. Steinhoff was held in the highest regard by all the men in his department as well as those in others and a purse had been made up by the employees of the company on this division to purchase some suitable memento to remind him that although he had grown old the regard for him and the appreciation of the kindnesses he had done had grown in proportion.

CERT. 89.

*Middle Division Valley—*

"Union Made" reports that there is an operator on the Air Line Division that made the assertion one foggy night that he would block trains if he did not fall asleep or words to that effect. Any operator found guilty of such an act should be dismissed from the service at once, as he shows himself to be mentally and willfully incompetent. Such work is deplorable to say the least and it is hoped that the operator in question is not a member of the Order. Such intimations and expressions sound "scabby."

It is reported that the telephones in use on the east end are working very well except in wet or stormy weather. The telegraph instruments have been left in the offices to be used in case the 'phones fail. As train orders are sent in the same form and similar manner as by telegraph it necessarily takes an experienced man to do the business and of course telegraph operators are employed. At present they seem a little slow and more bungling than the old way, as each word and figure has to be spelled out letter by letter, the same as by telegraph. However, it would seem that they are an additional safeguard so to speak, because should anything happen to the telegraph wires

there would still be a means of communication, and again the 'phones serve to relieve the wires that are always burdened with telegrams. "G."

#### *Main Line and Air Line, Jackson to Niles—*

Bro. Loveland, Kalamazoo first trick, was off about ten days on account of illness. Bro. H. F. Mead relieved him for a few days until he was taken ill himself and was confined to his home at Dowagiac for a few days with a very bad cold. Opr. Sweeney, from Jackson, finished the relief, Bro. Loveland returning New Year's Day.

Bro. J. T. Northrop, Niles third trick, was off a week during the holidays and with his wife spent the time visiting in Marshall. Opr. Sweeney relieved, returning to "SF," Jackson, to work after finishing at Niles.

Bro. Rourke, Dowagiac second trick, off a few days and with his wife visited in Jackson. Bro. Middletown relieved.

Bro. Harry Butler, Barron Lake, third trick, off a couple of weeks visiting in Decatur with his wife's relatives. Bro. F. J. White relieved.

Bro. Harold Fitch, second trick Hill Yard office, Niles, off a couple of weeks on account of illness. Opr. King relieved a few days and was in turn relieved by Bro. Mead. King went west to the Santa Fe.

Bro. Leo Wehrle, third trick Cassopolis tower, off a few days on account of sickness. He went to his home at Marshall to recuperate. Bro. Lutz relieved.

Bro. Ketchum, third trick Colon, bid in second trick at Kalamazoo and Bro. Rennor, second trick Colon, bid in third trick there, and Bro. Tom Morten, second at Tekonsha, bid in second at Colon.

Opr. Helt will be Bro. Helt before this is in print, as I am advised he has turned his papers in to Bro. Brown, our local chairman. We extend the glad hand of fellowship.

Bro. Wagner, second trick Homer tower, off a few days. Opr. Helt relieved.

Got the new card yet? Hope you all have. Bring all the desirable into the fold. There is no excuse for being a non on any line now, and especially as they are now enjoying a straight eight-hour day, secured by the untiring efforts of Bro. Murphy and the O. R. T.

Business is good just now and several extra conductors in the board.

Clyde Spencer, a son of Bro. Don Spencer, is night ticket clerk at Niles, Saunders going to Kalamazoo to take day clerkship position in ticket office there.

Some brother on 'the west end please send us a few items. Bro. Lewis can not give us a good write-up without some help.

Trust this finds all the brothers "on the job" and with an up-to-date card in their pocket. "73" to all.

CERT. 414.

## **The New York, Chicago & St. Louis Ry.**

### *Third District—*

Mr. L. E. Wagoner, second trick at Colby, has filled out his papers and is now a member. This makes Colby solid O. R. T.

Maple Grove agency must surely be a hoodoo. Bro. W. N. Baldwin, from Millers City, is the latest man to tackle it. He was relieved at Millers City by Bro. C. S. Dewey, formerly at Osborn.

Dispatchers were put in at Leipsic Junction January 4th. This begins to look as though good times were coming back to the "Nick" again. However, the lack of good water and the consequent trouble with the motive power makes lots of extra work for the dispatchers.

Dispatchers Gale, Saunders and Whittaker are doing the stunt at the Junction. Bro. Saylor on third, and Bro. Ericson, from third, to the message wire days, ten hours.

For the last month the water train has been running every day hauling water from Oakwood to Leipsic Junction. Talk about the Great American Desert; you don't have to go west to find it any more.

Bro. F. G. O'Neill, third at Continental, was off seriously sick the first week of January; relieved by Opr. A. A. Johnson, a new man. From here Johnson went to the west end for a few days and is now on third at Oakwood for a short time.

On account of too much work in connection with the agency at Argos, Bro. O. S. Smith was forced to resign the secretaryship and Bro. C. F. Mayer, local chairman of Second District, was appointed to fill the unexpired term. I understand that Bro. Smith will still continue to act as local chairman of the Fourth District.

Mr. Bigelow and Mr. Leeth, at Latty, have filled out papers and Latty is now solid.

Mr. Adams, agent at Melrose, is also a member, his papers going in this month.

In looking over the Third District, I believe that we are better off than ever before as regards membership. It is certainly gratifying to see that the men are beginning to open their eyes and protect themselves. If we keep the good work up the coming year and instruct our committee to legislate more for the agent operator who is still working thirteen hours a day, by the end of 1909 Division No. 18 will be in the top row. "Hix."

## **New York, Ontario & Western Ry.**

### *Northern Division—*

The annual ice harvest at Fargo began January 14th. Understand Opr. Kent will be in charge of the wire.

Bro. Bartlett, first trick Randallville, Dispatcher Potter and Conductor John Sharp started for California via New York and boat January 19th for a two months' sojourn in that sunny climate.

Plenty of snow and mercury 20 or 25 degrees below zero last week.

Andy Furman, from N. Y. C., and formerly on O. & W., was caller in Hamilton Saturday.

The hot water heater blew up at Hamilton station just as the cold snap reached us. The company has installed a Baker heater in its place.

Bro. Judd, Pecksport, third trick, goes to Randallsville same trick during absence of Bro. Bartlett, Bro. Miller going to Pecksport.

Will the brothers kindly send us any items of interest they may hear of. We can then have the N. Y. O. & W. represented in THE TELEGRAPHER every month.

Div. Cor.

#### *Southern Division—*

O. R. T. reception and ball at Linden Hall, Middletown, N. Y. Every one that can should attend.

Bro. H. S. Morgan has been taking a vacation visiting on the Northern Division. Bro. E. Preston, "ON," relieving him, closing third trick at "CF."

Bro. E. Preston is working third trick a few days at "HD," Cadesia, and Bro. L. E. Campbell, "RX," is taking a vacation for a week, visiting on the Northern Division. Relieved by Bro. J. D. Foote. Bro. R. Wright has been assigned third trick.

"HD," Cadesia, second trick, not posted yet; a good hot job for someone.

Bro. M. C. Straton, "CO," of "XY," Apex, has been assigned agency at "AX," Accord, and Bro. S. F. Misner has been appointed to Apex agency.

Bro. M. L. Beach, "WA," assigned second trick "UN," Mountain Dale.

Bro. Schoomaker, "SI," of "HD," Cadesia, is working third trick at "RX," Burnside tower.

Bro. H. McIntosh, "MC," has been assigned third trick at "RY," Liberty.

Bro. Brock is taking a vacation, Bro. McIntosh working second trick and I "13" "CN" is working first trick.

Bro. Dorman has been assigned third trick at "WN," Walton.

Bro. H. Quick, third trick "ZA," Northfield, has been having a vacation; relieved by Bro. Service.

Several of the brothers think we don't get the bulletins assigning the jobs quick enough. If there is any kick something should be done about it. It was a non that made the kick and grievances can not be handled for nons.

Hope everyone has paid their dues. If not, they should get busy. Why don't some of the brothers on the Northern Division get busy and give us a little news.

"WA."

#### **Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.**

##### *W. Valley Division—*

Business booming on W. Valley Division. Hauling a lot of logs now.

"13" a new man. second trick, at Mosinel, which Bro. Stunitzkey certainly deserves.

Bro. C. Hutchinson, formerly the handy man at Minocqua, is now working day side wire at Wausaw.

A. W. Warner is working side wire, nights.

Don J. Morrison is promoted from side wire man to third trick dispatcher.

Saynor office is again open and was taken by J. E. Whaley.

Bro. A. Case is working second trick at Minocqua.

R. H. McAdams is working second trick at Brokaw.

Bro. E. E. LaMarche is working from 10:30 a. m. until 8 p. m.

A BROTHER.

#### *La Crosse Division—*

It is a great pleasure to look over the records of success that the Order has made for the benefit of agents, operators and levermen on our entire system, we do not refer to the La Crosse Division in particular. It is well to call the attention to some of the boys who have made some complaints in one way and another in the past year, to the fact that probably no organization has been called upon to face more trying conditions than those that confronted the Order of Railroad Telegraphers at the beginning and the first of the year 1908. When we look over the financial depression, etc., it may be well to say it has been one of the greatest success ever attained in its history, and safe to say we will never have this proposition to face again. It is also well to remember that as far as Division No. 23, or our division is concerned we are but students on the road to success; only a few years gone by an organizer appeared upon this division, and safe to say at that time some of the operators then employed asked what he meant by organizing. Do they ask that today? We can not expect to be up to the high standard where some of the other great railway systems now are, for reference the old Southern Pacific, it has taken the brothers on that great system nearly the entire time since this Order has been known to build them up to the high standard they now occupy. Our first appeal for better working conditions and increase in wages was made but a few years ago, and great success has been made since that date. Several new and revised schedules having been granted pay for overtime, meal hours, etc., and what was it in the days gone by before you made known your wants, were you paid for overtime, meal hours, etc.? In my remembrances I can not recall that we were, but we were allowed to work a day of as many hours as the officers saw fit to hold us to and then some.

Div. Cor.

#### *I. & M. Division—*

While the joint meeting of the S. M. and I. & M. Division telegraphers held at Austin, January 17th, was a very satisfactory and entertaining one to the few who attended, it seemed to be of little interest to the majority of the membership, judging from the attendance, especially from the north and east end of the I. & M. Division. The west end S. M. Division turned out in good shape, and the Mason City Line turned out to a man, but the east end could show only two members. It seems strange that so many of our members take it for granted that all

that is necessary for them to do, for them to secure good wages and working conditions, is to join the Order, pay their dues, and then promptly forget all about the Order until another dues period arrives. Of what practical value is an Order that is backed by a membership that does not take enough interest in their own personal interest to get out to a meeting and show that they are alive, and what influence would the general committee have with the management if the entire membership showed the same interest in their affairs, as they do on the I. & M. Division? Now while we know there are fine loyal Order men on this division who could not attend, we also know that there are other good loyal men that have no excuse to offer. The writer has attended every meeting held for the last four years, and sees about the same faces at all of them. Now brothers, we are going to have another meeting in the spring and I hope to see a large number of new faces at this meeting, and if any thing has been said in these few lines that does not meet with the approval of any of the brothers, I hope they will attend the next meeting and show me the error of my ways.

Pay your dues promptly, cut out the students even though they are helpers, attend the division meetings, keep smiling, don't argue your grievances with train crews, but stay right behind your officers and every thing will come out right in the end.

General Chairman O. W. Renshaw and J. W. Barber, Local Chairman S. M. Division were in attendance at the meeting held at Austin, January 17th.

Bro. L. H. Grau placed his house at the disposal of the visiting members, and it proved a much more satisfactory place of meeting than a large cold hall.

Not much doing in the line of news, as all the boys are sticking pretty close.

H. C. Webster received the appointment to the side table at Minneapolis.

Bro. H. P. Mordaunt appointed third trick operator at Austin; Bro. E. Henry, third trick at Comus, and Mr. Fleetwood, third trick at Northfield. Understand the last named has come across with the necessary, and it is O. K. to call him brother now.

There have been several other changes in the second and third trick positions on the north end, but am unable to get any line on them.

Div. Cor.

#### *James River Division—*

Business is very dull, but we hope it will pick up soon. Several night offices closed, and third tricks cut out at all stations.

Aberdeen yard office, second trick, on bulletin. Bro. J. Collins got the appointment.

Mr. Allen, formerly third trick yard, resigned, and third trick discontinued.

Aberdeen dispatcher's office, second trick, closed. Dispatchers handle messages after 5 p. m., and have to handle train orders 12 a. m. to 5 a. m.

Mina, second trick, discontinued. Bro. Phelps lost out and has gone to Portage, Wis.

Another change has just taken place, day telegrapher has been dispensed with in dispatcher's office at Aberdeen. Bro. Phelps, regular man, bumped Mr. Downs, first trick in yard office. Mr. Downs would have lost out entirely but through the courtesies of Bro. Collins who consented to let Mr. Downs have the second trick in yard office till Dispatcher Gibson returns, who will bump Bro. Phelps and he will have to bump Mr. Downs.

Business is so dull they have abandoned way-freight on Molendge line going west. Time freight No. 63 hauls merchandise cars to Molendge, and No. 94 brings them back, only six crews in chain gang. We hope they are through cutting the force.

If a few of our agents and bill clerks would wake up and take notice, they would in time learn that Monango is not an L. C. L. transfer, and save many delays in the handling of their freight. Brush up a little.

When it comes to delivering the goods in North Dakota, the C. M. & St. P. is sure it. Nearly all the lines in that State were snowed in, but the Milwaukee still continued hiking the trains along.

W. B. Dille, a former member, who has been engaged in the lumber business at Monango, N. D., has sold out, and is contemplating moving to Washington. He still has to call around and take a message or two, just to keep in practice.

Roscoe, third trick, discontinued. Bro. Hopkinson lost out; has gone to Washington, Ia., to spend the cold months.

Bowdle, second trick, discontinued. Bro. Thackery, regular man, laying off, was relieved by Bro. Coughlan, who lost out.

Glenham, night office, closed. Bro. P. Dedrick lost out.

Dispatcher Gibson is taking a couple of weeks' lay off, and a trip over the system.

Bro. Hurlbert lost his helper.

Bro. Crandall lost lost helper and his warehouse man.

Dispatcher McCormick has returned from his two weeks' vacation. Div. Cor.

#### *Southern Minnesota Division—*

Several changes have taken place at La Crosse dispatcher's office: Mr. S. C. Sorenson has returned to Madison as chief. J. M. Moore, moving back to La Crosse, and resuming his former position that of first trick dispatcher. Mr. E. J. Whalen taking second trick, and Mr. C. M. Aughey, formerly chief train dispatcher at Dubuque taking third trick. Mr. O. H. Berg, from third trick at La Crosse, to chief at Dubuque. Bro. T. P. Horton, after nearly a year's service in La Crosse dispatcher's office, both on side wire and extra dispatching was "bumped" off the job by Bro. C. A. Berg, of Rushford. Bro. Horton left his family at La Crosse, and immediately went to work for the C. M. & St. P.,

of Montana, on the Musselshell Division, as extra dispatcher, while regular men laying off and is at present working at his old position at Ramsey, days, until business opens up on the Puget Sound Railway again.

H. H. Berg from Peterson station to Rushford, vice C. A. Berg assigned to division side wire at La Crosse, on permanent bulletin.

Bro. T. R. Benson assigned to Peterson station on permanent bulletin.

Bro. Miner enjoyed a short vacation during the holidays, being relieved by Bro. W. O. Burnett from Dexter.

Bro. W. E. Riordan, of Fountain, was also fortunate in being able to secure relief for a few days. Bro. Burnett furnished the relief.

Bro. J. W. Barber, local chairman, located at Spring Valley, spent some time over the line, looking up delinquents, new members and grievances. He found them all and did good work.

Bro. R. F. Gunderson acted as relief during the absence of Bro. Barber, and although the station is a "roast" he was game.

The trick at Ramsey, days, has passed through many hands. Bro. Clayton removed his family to Alden, Minn., on permanent assignment to that station. Bro. C. W. Stephenson, regular second trick worked days, until relieved by Bro. Gunderson. Bro. W. O. Burnett worked during Bro. Gunderson's absence at Spring Valley. Bro. Horton is the present incumbent.

H. M. Berg worked the third trick at Ramsey until Bro. Knudtson returned from Wells.

Bro. Severson is at present out of service, being relieved by Bro. Mathison, formerly of Lakefield, nights. Bro. Gunderson has been appointed to agency at Hayward, but we are all in hopes that Bro. Severson will return to work soon.

Bro. Fuller, at Alden, transferred to Mankato, as operator and clerk, replacing Bro. Creedon, assigned to the ticket office.

Bro. Sheehy is back at Easton, and Bro. Lieser assigned to Delavan, permanently. Odegard, at Winnebago, has his papers in and we can soon call him brother. Bro. C. M. Johnson, at Granada, taking a vacation; Bro. Gunderson doing the relief stunt.

Bro. E. H. Laugen, at Jackson, days, took a month off, relieved by Ed Malone and Bro. J. W. Malone. The pace was too swift for Ed Malone so "Spike Parker," from Austin, worked a couple of weeks on second trick. Spike has his papers in and we can soon attach the fraternal handle to his various other nick names.

Now I am up against the same old stump, namely, West of Jackson I am perfectly at sea as to what has or is taking place out there. Wish some good loyal brother out there, with time at his disposal would make it a point to make a note of any item of interest that takes place out there, and mail it to me at my country residence, R. F. D. 5, Austin, Minn.

Now I want to say a few words in regard to our recent meeting at Austin, on the 17th of

January. We were generously treated by Bro. Grau, day operator, at Austin, inasmuch as he threw open his home to us and furnished us with a most excellent meeting place. Bro. Renshaw was in attendance and gave us a very good talk and plenty of good advice. There was plenty of discussion and every one had a chance to spiel. It is to be deplored that we are not able to meet oftener, at least once a month, and thus create a friendly and brotherly feeling among the members. Let us all see what we can do toward it.

Hoping that you are all gratified to hear that our membership is increasing, and that every one will do his best to further our prosperity.

LOCAL COR.

#### *Third District Division—*

Bro. J. S. Spoor, agent at Rondout, and his family were called east to New York State on account of the death of Mrs. Spoor's mother.

Bro. C. M. Reed, operator at Rondout, "RR," says he had an enjoyable visit at home, in Indiana, during the holidays.

Bro. B. J. Simons, of Libertyville, is on a short vacation, looking at the country out in Montana; understand visiting Butte, Deerlodge and Miles City.

Mr. G. C. Brown is relieving at Libertyville.

Mr. J. H. Beland has resigned as agent at Truesdell, and has moved to Kenosha. Have not learned who is agent at Truesdell as yet.

Mr. R. L. Altice, of Tower A 68, third trick, has been on a thirty days' vacation; relieved by several different men, lastly by Bro. Lucas.

General Chairman Renshaw was in Chicago last week, and succeeded in adjusting the several grievances in the Third District; all in our favor. Still some of the nons don't see where the O. R. T. does any thing. "None so blind as those who will not see."

Bro. J. N. Julesen, of "CG," has been very sick with the diphtheria.

Four new members secured so far this month, all by the local chairman. What is the matter with you members working day after day with these nons, haven't you any influence, or is the real fact in the case, you don't try to use it?

Those that have not paid the first term 1909 dues should make a big effort to do so at once, and not be the cause of the local chairman and some of the workers expending time and effort in keeping you in line; this effort can be more profitably applied in rounding up the balance of the nons.

Bro. Nelligan, of Chicago Ave., days, was sick a few days the past month; relieved by the day man, Mr. Hinsey.

Quite a number of the members are very careless regarding the M. B. D. dues, some are under the impression that if they don't want the insurance they can drop it and still be an O. R. T. member. If you are accepted for insurance you will have to keep the M. B. D. up, as it is compulsory for membership; quite a number of

the delinquents are mixed as to their duty in regard to the M. B. D., it is either pay up the back dues in this department or go in as a new member. Get right in this and don't be so careless about sending in your dues with the proper slips and on time. CERT. 1129.

#### C. & C. B. Ill. & R. & S. W. Divisions—

Third trick, Savanna yard, and third trick, Ashdale, has been bulletined. Bro. Andrew, second trick, Beloit, secured Savanna yard. Have not heard who got third trick at Ashdale.

Bro. Miller, third trick at Rockton, took second trick at Beloit. Bro. Miller relieved at Rockton by Mr. Sloan, non.

Bro. Fretz, third trick at Freeport, is laying off on account sickness; relieved by Mr. Miller, son of agent at Shannon, Bro. Miller. This being the first job Mr. Miller has worked at it is a little early to ask him to come in, but it is safe to say that his being a son of a good, staunch O. R. T. boy like Bro. Miller, he will be one of us when the time comes for him to join.

Now see here, you boys on this pike like to see the division written up don't you? Well, it is up, strongly, to each and every one of you to do your share in letting the division correspondent know of each and every change at once. Drop a line to Bro. Correll, at Savanna, and don't forget it. This is positively the last time I am going to jog your brain-matter, so don't forget, or next month you won't have a write-up, nor the month after. All items will have to reach Bro. Carrell by the 20th of each month, in order to be published. Now wake up—keep awake and get "bizzy." JOHANN.

#### I. & G. N. Ry.

The holidays are over and all the boys who had taken vacations are back at their duties again.

Bro. L. W. Sledge, of Cotulla, has been attending court for the company, having been relieved by Bro. B. L. Livingston.

Bro. J. N. Young, of Buda, has also been attending court and was relieved by Bro. A. Pieper.

The gravel pit, "KN," was closed temporarily, putting Bro. F. E. Finnie on the extra list. The pit has, however, again resumed operations with a new man, Mr. Kehlms. Can not say whether he has an up-to-date or not.

Third trick at Laredo, "RG," was made vacant same having been bulletined, and Bro. F. E. Finnie is doing the stunt at that place until it has been bid for by some regular.

Mr. A. L. Lewis, of San Marcos Junction, was off a few days and was relieved by Mr. W. H. Breitenstein.

Bro. J. E. Hyland, of Hunter, was called to the bedside of his mother, who was not expected to live, being relieved by Mr. J. V. Blackwell.

Bro. W. T. McLean, of "MS," San Antonio, spent the holidays with home folks at Marquez, and Mr. J. M. Long, of "H," Palestine, relieved him.

Bro. Loving, of San Antonio, nights, also took a trip to Fort Worth. Mr. S. R. Jones from "H," Palestine, relieving him.

Bro. W. A. Matthews, of Manchaca, off for thirty days' hunt; relieved by Bro. Pieper.

Bro. C. B. Gillette, of Valley Junction, spent a few days in Palestine and was relieved by J. T. Robinson, who has just re-entered the telegraph service, after farming very extensively for awhile.

Bro. H. H. Young, at Roans Prairie, has been doing court service and was relieved by Mr. Webb, clerk from the Madisonville office.

There is a new man at Singleton, the joint agency with the T., B. & V., whose name we have not as yet learned, although I understand he is from Santa Fe.

Bro. Gayle is working the second trick at Bryan, bumping a younger man.

"L3," Mr. Seay, from College Station, gets Mumford on the bulletin.

Bro. Dunlap, formerly of H., T. & C., is working on the extra list on Ft. Worth Division now.

Bro. J. C. Hudson is regular agent at Gehring now.

Bro. Hunnicutt, after being off on a vacation, is again at Malone.

Bro. Armstrong is relieving Bro. Patzke, at Hufsmith, for a few weeks.

The Ft. Worth Division is coming wonderfully to the front, getting in something like eleven members in two weeks' time, which is a remarkably good showing. If the boys on the San Antonio & Gulf were all as enthusiastic and energetic as the membership on the Ft. Worth Division we would soon be 100 per cent strong. Suppose you all try? Div. Com.

#### Vandalia Ry.

##### West End, Subdivision, St. Louis Division—

Bro. H. E. Stephens, regular third trick at "BO," Smithboro, is off for a short time, and is visiting with some folks in Missouri. He was relieved by Mr. C. C. Schrader, regular second trick man at "PS," Pocahontas.

Bro. J. M. Cummings, who has been working third trick on Middle Division at Schoyer, is laying off for a few days on account of the illness of his wife, who is with her parents at Stubblefield.

Bro. J. E. McCracken, who has been working on the east end, is at present working third trick at Smithboro. The position is bulletined, but has not been permanently assigned to any one, although there are several who have bids in for it.

Bro. C. H. Wilson and H. E. Stephens found it necessary to double over at Smithboro one night a short time ago, on account of relief man, Mr. Nichols, being afraid to tackle the telephone system used by the "Q" in handling their trains. This was very pleasant for the brothers, of course.

Bro. G. C. Kilby, assistant agent at Mulberry Grove, has been on the sick list, but is reported improving nicely at this time.

Mr. E. P. Munie, third at "PS," Pocahontas, has sent in application blanks, and by the time

you read this you may distinguish him as Bro. Munie, as he will then be in possession of the proper credentials.

His brother, Mr. A. P. Munie, third at "FD," Stubblefield, has his papers made out and will send them in this month, and it will not be long until you may call him brother. The boys are showing the right spirit. We expect to make a creditable showing on this end within the next few months.

Part of the change proposed in last month's items to take place at Greenville have been put in effect. The operators will remain at the tower as at present, but the hours have been modified considerably and we are now working the nine hours. Bro. Carson comes on duty at 6 a. m., works until 3 p. m.; Mr. Mitchell, 3 p. m. until midnight; Bro. Johnson, midnight until 6 a. m., then has an hour off to go to breakfast, after which he returns to the depot and performs clerical work for three hours. We do not know how satisfactory this arrangement will be, but hope to get accustomed to the change of hours in a short time.

A steam shovel is working near the cut at Kanoga pond, just west of Effingham, making the cut there and fills nearby.

We have from reliable authority that much preliminary work will be done this spring and summer in preparing for double tracking next year. A telegraph office has been opened near this point for the benefit of the work train.

To say we were anxiously awaiting the coming of the pay car this month is placing it mildly, for we were simply overjoyed. We were on hand a little ahead of schedule time on that morning, fearing it might run extra.

COR.

#### *St. Louis Division, East End—*

Bro. F. Farris, "MD," has been off for two weeks; relieved by Mr. F. A. Vance.

It seems as though that piece of track near Reelsville is a hoodoo. Extra west a few days ago had a broken wheel near Reelsville, and it was necessary to have the wreck train. No. 20, No. 8 and two No. 21s were delayed by the wreck.

Our meetings for the next few months will be very interesting. You should come out and see what is going on. If you don't like the way this division is run, why don't you come out and give us some of that box-car oratory in the meetings.

Business seems to be picking up some and we hope to see it continue to do so.

Remember that after February you will be in bad standing if you have not paid dues for the first six months of 1909. You should be prompt in this matter and not let it be necessary to have your attention called to it. In fact, members who will not pay their dues without being begged to are not of much value to the division. We understand that it is sometimes hard to furnish the cash, but what would you have done had we not received an increase, due to the efforts of our organization.

CERT. 115.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Death has visited the home of our esteemed brother, W. W. Culmer, and removed therefrom his devoted and affectionate wife; be it

*Resolved*, That we deeply regret her untimely demise, realizing the aching heart of our beloved brother, and we, the fraternity, extend to him our heartfelt sympathy and point him to the Great Parent who doeth all things well; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this memorial be spread upon the minutes of Division No. 27, a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy sent to the bereaved brother.

C. R. SHORTRIDGE,

E. G. CHAMNESS.

J. L. GROGAN,

*Committee.*

#### Mo. Pac. Ry.

A Sample Mo. Pac. Resignation.

O, genial chief dispatcher,  
Kindly listen now to me;  
Spare me, please, one minute,  
Till I make my little plea.

Please send us here one sailor  
To fix our signal light,  
When the prairie wind gets howlin'  
And puts it out at night.

For the information bureau  
Please send us one bright clerk,  
Who won't succumb to women's wiles,  
And who's not afraid of work.

And send us three mail carriers,  
Three able-bodied men  
Who can drag that mail cart up the hill  
And get back down again.

And send us one strong fireman  
To keep the depot warm,  
And to shovel off the platform  
After a hard snow storm.

And don't forget a messenger  
And a ticket agent, too,  
Who knows the country east and west,  
From Florida to the Soo.

And send us one strong baggageman  
To handle trunks and such,  
If he don't weigh 300 pounds  
He'll not amount to much.

Send us a dozen mousetraps  
And eight storm windows, too,  
And a part of a man to telegraph  
In my place, for I am through.

O, please, sir, give me now my time  
And a pass to Omaha,  
So I can go back home again—  
I'm going back to ma.

No more will I flip the tissues  
Nor pound an old Morse key,  
My cup of trouble has o'erflown,  
It's home, sweet home for me.

I'm going to eat home grub again,  
Good old pie and jam,  
To this paper now I'll sign my name,  
It's J. A. Ingraham.

#### *Joplin Division—*

We noticed Bro. Glenn Maddox on 309 a short time ago. He informs me that he is employed by the I. M. & S. as operator down near Little Rock.

Bro. Hutchinson, operator at Pittsburg, has been off on a short leave of absence. Did not learn who made the relief.

Bro. W. E. Scott has been handling the second trick at Adrain while Bro. H. L. Donahey has been taking a few days off. Bro. Donahey is back, however, and Bro. Scott has bid third trick in at Cornell.

We learn that the proposed plan of opening Arma, Kan., as a telegrapher's job has fell through and the company is now looking for some one that can do the agent's stunt for about \$30.00 per.

Bro. H. T. Strahl, now agent at Hannon (non-telegraph station) reports that he is able again to resume duty as operator at some point provided that his rights be restored to him in the seniority list. Believing that they should be, we shall make a strong effort on our part to have this done, as Bro. Strahl has had some very severe sickness in his family and one death; he himself came very near dying from hemorrhage of the lungs and has not been able to work since last winter, therefore, we think he should be justly entitled to his seniority rights. Bro. Strahl served this division as local chairman at one time.

Bro. A. T. Blum has been holding down the third trick at Cornell until it was filled by bulletin. Did not learn where Bro. Blum hailed from, but he carried the necessary with him.

Our hustling general chairman, L. M. Nance, has been in our midst again recently looking after affairs in a general way and locating a non occasionally. He announces the picking pretty slim on the Joplin in the way of nons. They are a scarce article with us, and we are looking for the time when we can declare ourselves solid.

A. D. Mills, the agent at Carthage, has gone from us. We tried for two long years to show him that we needed him and that he needed us, but all to no avail. Finally the company failed to appreciate his services any longer and turned him out in the cold without a word of encouragement. Then he called on the local chairman for the help that he had just recently declared himself above and I was compelled to turn my back and say, depart ye from me, I never knew you.

I was in hopes that some of the good brothers would turn over a few new leaves at the beginning of the new year and make some good resolutions and that one of them would be to send a few

items to the division correspondent so that we could have a good write-up in our noble journal each month. There is not a mother's son of you but what turns to the Mo. Pac. items immediately on receiving your journal to see if our division has a write-up. Now, boys, this is bordering on the same principles that the poor non is laboring under ready to read all the items from our division and ready to pat the man on the back that gets them up, but will not contribute an item or two so that others may be benefited. Brothers, wake up out of that Rip Van Winkle slumber just long enough to jot down say one item and mail to me. Just think what a fine write-up we would have each month if every man on the division would send one good item. You need not fix it up in flowery form at all, but just give me the outline and I will furnish the balance of the dope. I did get one or two good brothers worked up to such a stage that they actually did write me one or two batches of items, but they have dropped off in that peaceful slumber again and I am left to wring my hands and tear my hair (red) in an effort to get up some little stuff that will do to publish and here a short time ago I did get something rather mixed up I suppose, and a good non wrote me and fairly intimated that I had lied relative to some item that I wrote.

Now, brothers, I must have items. If you don't write me a few I shall get up some big lie on every one of you in my next items. Best wishes.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

#### *Sedalia District—*

Bro. Ebersole, agent at Lake City, is taking a fifteen days' leave of absence, being relieved by Bro. Halstenberg.

Bro. C. R. Williams, nights at Lake City, is relieving Bro. England as agent at Malta Bend, on account of England on sick list.

J. S. Ford is working nights at Lake City during Bro. Williams' absence.

Third tricks put on at Blackwater and Grand Pass, Bro. Jeglin doing the work at Grand Pass, and C. L. Hunt at Blackwater.

Mr. Coyne advises these tricks will not be permanent.

Bro. Stewart, agent at Naptonville, is taking a leave of absence and is being relieved by Bro. Kendall.

Bro. Snider worked a few days extra at Myrick and is now working extra at New Haven.

Bro. Young, who has been working third trick at "CD," Kansas City, has been transferred to Division 31.

Opr. Douglass, "CY," Kansas City, was off a few days, relieved by Mr. R. Killmell, of the Postal.

Bro. D. E. Smith is back at Boonville nights after enjoying a short vacation, being relieved by Bro. Tegeler, of New Haven.

Bro. Ayers, agent at Sandy Hook, has left the service, Bro. Olney acting while position is advertised.

Bro. J. O. Jones, regular third trick man at "CD," Kansas City, worked a few nights extra at Pleasant Hill, but is now back at his post.



Mr. A. W. Spicer, operator in yard office, Sedalia, died December 28th of a complication of diseases. Bro. Bryan bid in the vacancy.

R. McDougal, an old Mo. Pac. brother, is back on the line again; at present working extra at Centretown.

Bro. R. H. Cook, of Dundee, has been enjoying a vacation.

Bro. Farrell, agent at Grand Pass, advises Bro. Jengin is now working third trick at that point.

Bro. Warden, second trick at "CD," enjoyed a few days' vacation, being relieved by R. McDougal.

Bro. A. W. Williams is relieving Mrs. Best on third trick at Little Blue. He has been transferred to 31.

Wish every one of you to keep your eyes open and notify me promptly of all vacancies, advising me who has vacated the position, where he goes, who relieves him and what date position was vacated.

I am under many obligations to Bro. Lampkin, Sedalia, and Bro. Jones, at Kansas City, for the news items they are mailing me.

These are two of the busiest offices on the road, and if these brothers can find two or three minutes time to drop me a note, it would appear there is no excuse for the balance not giving me an item occasionally.

The new year has hardly begun. Let us all wake up, take an interest in the Order, every brother working just as hard as he would were he a local chairman and compelled to work, and December 31, 1909, you will be greatly surprised at the results.

Paying one's dues and remaining in good standing are very necessary, but your duty does not end there. You should be more interested in the Order than anything else on earth, and should work every day for the good of the Order.

All extra men should keep Bro. Holman advised as to their whereabouts, so that he may be able to reach them with the ballots before February 28th.

W. L. W.

#### *Southern Kansas Division—*

The Southern Kansas Division had the first snow of any amount this week and then only about three inches. But talk about engine failure. We hold the world's record for that easy enough.

When you read this election time will be right on top of you and you want to be sure and elect the best material on all the divisions of the system. Lay aside personal friendship and vote for the man you believe best fitted to represent you in the various offices. Don't wait until it is all over and then holler for two years, saying your local chairman is no good and your general committee is a weakling. Take an interest in affairs, be alive. See that the man you elect represents the ideas of the majority of the men on the division and then back him up. Don't throw his letter in the waste basket when he writes to you asking you to write a certain non. Write the non and keep on sicking the dogs on him until the local chairman calls them off, because the fellow is down on his knees

asking for an application blank and has the money in his hands ready to surrender. This division has very few left, but what are up-to-date and every one should be nailed by July 1st at least. You would be surprised at the amount of talk it takes on some fellows, but never give up on them for a minute. Keep everlastingly at it until you get him safe. We had a case the other month where we worked on a fellow two years and at last he surrendered and he will make a cracker jack brother.

Next issue I will give the names of all nons on the division so that you can keep it for a working record on them. Please notify any nons you may know of that their names will appear in the next issue. This division has fifty-six scheduled positions and all should be manned with real up-to-date members.

I want to urge all the brothers to pay their dues promptly, as we save lots of work watching the slow ones. Only two men left in the June 30th class. I hope they will not ask me to give their names also. Write your local chairman and don't forget to study your schedule. Be right up to snuff, then you know where you are. If you know of a non don't fail to land on him hard.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

#### *Illinois Division—*

Brothers, this is the beginning of a new year. Let us all get busy and make the year of 1909 memorable in the Order of the grand old O. R. T.

Account of heavy traffic there have been several new offices opened up days and nights.

Bro. H. A. Lynn was relieved by Opr. J. W. Fredler as night operator at Warnock, "CK," Bro. Lynn taking days at "CK." Opr. W. P. Murphy took charge of Valmeyer night office. C. Bigerstaff nights at P. Du Rocher, from M. O. Division, M. O. P.

Agent Cherry off sick at Murphysboro, relieved by F. A. Roberson.

Bro. McBride, from the Frisco, relieved Opr. Bittle at Modoc, Opr. Bittle going to McClure nights.

D. W. Hickey, "TM," has gone to Detroit on account of the death of his mother.

Understand some of the boys are in arrears. Boys, you are not going to drop your cards and go out in disgrace. Get in line and stay; that's the only way we will ever accomplish anything.

Bro. Holliman, from the I. C., at Brownsburg nights.

Bro. Bullard, at Chester, "WX," has asked for relief.

Opr. C. A. Moore bid in "WX" days.

Brothers, let's keep after the nons and try to get them all in the Order if eligible.

CERT. 2074.

#### *Omaha Division—*

Bro. Gould, formerly of lower yard Atchison, bumped and working at Shannon.

Bro. Dale, formerly of Falls City, now working side partner to Bro. Gould, at Shannon.

Bro. T. O. Weeks, who worked at Auburn and last at 13th street, Atchison, has a good job at Pasco, Wash.

Bro. John Hoffheinz, formerly one of the old heads at 13th street, Atchison, has a good relay job at Coffeyville, Kan.

Bro. R. H. Taylor, who was holding down "CB" for a few months, was bumped by Bro. J. J. Daniels, who is the old head of the job.

Bros. Kelly and Revea are back at the same old stand, "KI." "13" Bro. McVey left "KI" to take a job at Sedalia.

We now have night office at Willis.

Bro. Leffel, of North Cypress, resigned his position in order to take another in Central Kansas.

Bro. D. D. Johnson, of "CB," was laid off a few days on account of severe burning of one of his hands in a fire.

Mr. Overton, manager of "CB," was called East for a few days on account of the sudden death of his father.

FERGITIT.

#### *Northern Kansas Division—*

Quite a few changes on the division "caused" by the new bulletin system, Bro. C. C. Clardy bidding in Effingham nights.

Cawker City bid in by Bro. D. W. Agnew, from Barnes. Barnes bid by Bro. P. S. McCroskey, from Glade, Kan., the later being a non-air.

Our old pal, Bro. E. H. Crother, of Concordia, Kan., relay office, back to work after a sojourn of ninety days in the East.

As this is in the midst of our nomination and election, I suppose boys most all busy. The election generally hits us when we have not much time to consider it as it should be considered. The spring merchandise movement begins to roll along, and our spare time is put in checking up O. S. and D. S.

But boys, you do not want to lose sight of the fact that you have an interest to look after on the division as well as that of the railroad company, and a great deal more care in checking up the schedule, extra hours, calls, etc., would pile up to our credit to a greater extent than it does, if every one would make a committee of himself to see that the schedule was lived up to and the interest of the membership looked into as closely as that of the railroad company.

All members will please take notice that we have appointed Bro. V. G. Madison, of Republic City, as division correspondent, and you will confer a favor both on the undersigned as well as help Bro. Madison if you will drop him a line of any happenings on the division that will be of interest or worthy of note. As the local chairman has about all he can look after in other matters we certainly appreciate the effort and kindness of Bro. Madison in taking this job off our hands. Would thank every member on the division to not be backward in sending items for the correspondent, as he can not see the whole division "from where he sits," and hence will have to depend on the members helping out from each corner, thus enabling him to give you the news on the division.

J. B. BENHAM,  
Local Chairman.

#### **St. L., I. M. & S. Ry.**

##### *Central Division—*

Night Opr. Farris, at Lenapah, has gone to work for the Standard Oil Co., being relieved by Opr. Frank Robinson, a non.

Opr. Cook, who relieved your scribe for a few days, has bid in the day position at Claremore. What is wrong at Claremore? Is it that "non air" agent, who claims that the Order can not be of any use to him whatever?

Bro. Adcock, agent at Inola, has resigned; says agency is too much of a graft for him when he can get a job of slinging lightning, only work nine hours and no grief attached.

Opr. G. M. Fox has accepted the agency at Rex.

Bro. Neal, of Sallisaw, has returned from his honeymoon through Illinois.

Opr. Bruns is working second trick while Sead taking thirty days off.

Bro. S. M. Butts returned to work after a vacation of two months at Alma. Mr. Rice, who worked in his place, goes to Plumerville to relieve Mr. Winters, who is to take thirty days off.

Bro. Vaden, from Division No. 2, is working nights at Ozark, while Bro. McKee is relieving Night Opr. Dille, at Ft. Smith.

Denning Yard is now solid.

Opr. R. A. Blakely gets Spadra days on bid, bumping Onr. Westmoreland, who is doing the owl stunt at Spadra.

Opr. Obi Davidson returned to work at Russellville after being off for several weeks; relieved by Opr. Clark Evans, formerly of the I. C.

Bro. G. E. Maddox has rolled Opr. Evans at Palarm, putting Mr. Evans on the extra board.

Bro. Nation, formerly agent at Palarm, has accepted agency at Cabin Creek, relieving Mr. Dawson, who has gone to California.

Mrs. Winters relieved Bro. Nation at Palarm.

Mrs. Maud Morgan resigned night job at Palarm and has gone to main line. She was one of the worst cases of non I ever met; seemed to think it she joined us her job would be gone.

I promised to give you a list of the nons in this number, but so many nons wrote me begging I hold off until this pay day, which I will do, but you will most assuredly see them next month.

Some of the boys are using the wire too much in telling their grievances. Put it in writing, as we are watched very close on the wire in regards to matters pertaining to the Order. There is another fact some are overlooking and that is when members from other roads come here and work with cards in other divisions, please get their certificate number and what division they belong to and send same to me so they can be transferred, as we need this money, for they pay dues to another division and receive benefits from us free.

V. C. WALKER,  
Local Chairman.

**St. Louis & San Francisco Ry.***Birmingham District—*

If each of you would furnish Bro. Smith, our local chairman, a few items each month he could give us a splendid write-up; perhaps he could anyway, but it is more encouraging to him for us all to show that we appreciate the good work of the Order, and are willing to lend a helping hand and help him to make a success of this division.

Have you paid your dues yet? If not, why not? Let me ask that all who have not paid up do so at once and get your new card.

The company has been pulling off train and engine crews for the last month on account of the business depression which is now upon us. Have not heard of any offices being closed yet, but it may come to that later. The coal mines have just about closed and business is very dull around Birmingham.

It is rumored that the night office at Coal Creek will soon be abolished. This will throw Mr. Hairston and Mr. Tolar out of a position. Mr. Tolar will then get his twelve-hour job back, which he prefers to a nine-hour trick. Very strange some people can't realize a good thing when they see it.

Bro. Wallace, from third trick, Carbon Hill, has been transferred to third trick at Freight Yard Junction, relieved at "F" by Mr. Salter, from the Southern Ry.

I have the promise from two or three that they will join pay day. This is encouraging indeed, for every little bit helps, especially when they are old heads who have never before seen where they were wrong. Let us one and all strive to make the year 1909 as successful as 1908. Get after that non that you are working with and quit showing the hams that have been placed in your office as apprentices or helpers the art. It will only be a few months until they will be holding your present job, and you going from place to place looking for a position. Why not cut him in the bud, as the old saying goes, and help the Order by filling all vacancies with up-to-date members, instead of telling the officials that you have a helper or porter you can put on the night job. Are we to remain classed with porters or do we wish to be classed above them.

Brothers, in closing I would ask that all you who are interested in our future welfare drop Bro. Smith, at "CV," a few lines about the happenings near you and I believe we will have a good write-up next month, and kindly get this to him by the 25th of each month.

CERT. 1426.

Kirkville, Mo., Dec. 30, 1908.

*To the Members of the O. R. T.:*

Dear Brothers—On August 24th I made appeal to the members for aid, which was published in the October journal. In response to same I have received \$57.75, this amount being contributed by sixty-five members only. No doubt but many of the members never saw my appeal and this accounts for the amount not being much greater.

Having been asked by several of the members not to list their names as contributors in the journal, I will not have any of the names published.

I am slightly improved; am yet unable to stand on my feet, but hope to be able to stand by aid of crutches in about one more month, provided I can get means to continue to stay here and get osteopath treatment. The osteopaths claim they can fix me up in six months perhaps as good as I ever was. The cost for board, nursing and attention is \$5.00 per week, or will come to \$130 for the six months. By taking student treatment and going before the class I get treatments free. My means are short and therefore I can only assure myself treatment until about February 1st. If any of the members feel like giving me further aid by contributing to my relief it will be a great favor to me, no matter how small the amount may be. Several of the boys have asked me to make another appeal through the journal, as they thought my first appeal in the October issue had not been seen by many of the members.

It is very sad for me to have to ask my fellow workmen for aid, but under circumstances I feel sure they are all willing to lend me a helping hand, as all O. R. T. boys whom I have chanced to meet are as loyal to each other as brothers.

I wish to thank each and every one who have assisted me and can not say enough to express how much I appreciate your kindness. May God bless each and every member of the good old O. R. T.

Yours fraternally,

E. C. WALLS,

CERT. 485, Div. 32.

A. S. O. Hospital, Kirksville, Mo.

*Cherokee District, S. W. Division—*

Mrs. Stewart, second trick Tulsa, off on a few days' absence first of the month, being relieved by O. A. Smith, formerly extra man in "X" office, Sapulpa.

F. D. Smith, first trick Peirce City, had the misfortune to get one of his feet frozen the 13th, and is laying off for a few days. Understand O. A. Smith, from Tulsa, is to relieve him. C. L. Martin takes the first trick in F. D. Smith's absence.

T. C. Looney, off for the holidays, returned to work the second of the month after visiting his home and friends in Southern Oklahoma.

W. T. Smith, formerly with the Frisco at Hoxie, Ark., who relieved Bro. Looney, resigned from the service and understand has gone to the Mo. Pac.

Business seems to be on the increase all along the line.

W. T. Robinson relieving Tibbs, at Chelsea, and the old-timer Watson on the third trick. "Wat" relieved Martin, who went to Claremore days.

MONK.

## The Baltimore &amp; Ohio Ry.

*Monongah Division—*

Well, the New Year has arrived, and everything seems to be very dull in the freight business around here, it has been necessary for them to cut off a good many yard engines, which resulted in furloughing a good many men in the yard. The Wheeling Division has been cut down considerable, they only have about six slow freight crews on now, and they are not making half time; does not look very good for the prosperity which was to strike the country after the election.

Bro. M. E. Price and wife spent a few days, last month, at Rockwood, Pa., and Washington D. C. Bro. Price was relieved by Bro. J. M. Stiles.

Bro. H. F. Farlow was called to Grafton a few days ago to copy in "G;" relieved by Bro. Stiles.

Bro. E. L. Zimmerman sent his wife to Phoenix, Ariz., this winter, for her health; he expects to go after her some time the latter part of April.

Bro. C. A. Stealey, from "WD," was laid up for a few days, with the LaGrippe, but is able to be back at the key again; he was relieved by Bro. R. V. Smith, from "K," and Bro. Smith was relieved at "K" by some new man, did not learn his name.

Bro. J. M. Stiles landed third trick at Gypsy.

Bro. W. Powell, from "RN," was copying for a few days; relieved by Bro. R. L. Sturm.

Bro. W. A. Duffy, who is going to school at Emmitsburg, Md., spent the holidays with his mother at Grafton, W. Va.; he was back on his job for a few days.

Bro. Bevans, second trick at "RN," was holding down second trick at "DK;" relieved by Mr. Minnick.

Bro. C. E. Hostler, our local chairman, was in Baltimore, on business for the good of the O. R. T.; he was relieved by Bro. Lossey.

Bro. Ogden, of Clarksburg Depot, was off for a few days; relieved by Bro. Thrasher.

Bro. Cline, of "GR," was spending a few days at Parkersburg.

Bro. Nuzum, of "GR," was on the sick list for a while, but is back at the old stand again.

Bro. W. D. Rollyson Camden, on Gauley, is taking an indefinite vacation; relieved by Miss W. Calahan.

Bro. C. R. Moore, from Weston Shops, is away on a few days' leave of absence; relieved by Operator R. L. Minnick, son of J. A. Minnick, who worked the Western Union city office at Weston, during the C. T. U. A. strike.

Bro. A. S. Edelen transferred to the Ohio River Division.

Bro. J. W. Stickley, at Pickens, recently got a second trick man at that point, on account of the long hours he was compelled to work.

Bro. E. J. Hoover, at Buckhannon, is on an extended tour through the South, and reports a pleasant trip.

Bro. J. P. West, from the Wabash, spent a few days at his home, Alexander, W. Va., on account of the serious illness of his sister and father.

Bro. W. B. Moffatt, Parkersburg Shops, is off on a vacation; relieved by Bro. B. H. Hall.

Bro. Steurer, from "RA," attended the meeting at Clarksburg, this month, and gave the brothers a nice talk.

Bro. D. M. Sharpnack, at Petroleum, has again resumed duty, after a prolonged absence.

Bro. W. B. Winkler appointed agent at Cornwallis.

Bro. Riddle, at Cornwallis, bid for second trick at Clarksburg, but we understand afterwards he recalled it, on account of high living expenses at that point.

Bro. J. B. Hammond, at Pennsboro, is off a few days, attending to business in "RA."

Bro. L. T. Graham, of Central, is on the B. & O. retired list, and now has charge of the Western Union at West Union, W. Va.

Sister K. G. Shaughnessy, at Central, has gone to the Southwest, on account of her health.

Bro. L. W. Graham, at Kanawha station, was off one day, attending to some business in Parkersburg.

Sister Emma Lambert, at Pensboro, called on the Division Operator Mr. M. F. Greene, for a few hours on business.

Bro. J. J. Minogue, of Bridgeport, was in Clarksburg, on meeting night, but did not show up at the meeting.

Mr. H. F. Brittingham, of Wilsonburg, is still holding down the agency at that point since resigning the Professorship of the Telegraph School, at Buckhannon. We understand the school has been closed ever since he left.

Bro. W. P. Turner took a flying trip to Washington, D. C.

Bro. D. T. McCualsky, of Tygarts Junction, spent a few days with friends and relatives at Wheeling and Parkersburg.

Bro. R. E. McCutcheon, formerly of Phillippi, was appointed to second trick at Tygarts Junction.

The second and third tricks at Shinnston were closed until further notice, these were new positions opened during the recent rush of business, which is now practically over.

I understand from our local chairman that there are some of our brothers in arrears with their dues from June 30, 1908 to December 31st. This will never do, you brothers and sisters should make a special effort to reinstate yourselves at once, either by filling new applications or paying up back dues. Communicate with the local chairman, and he will be glad to fix you up right, he has been trying to get you all to attend to this matter for the last six months, but always some excuse. If you want to get back on twelve hours again, just keep lagging back, you will get there alright. We had a very nice meeting at Clarksburg this month, and a large crowd was present, but we were disappointed in not seeing some of the brothers from the branch present; it looks like the first trick men could attend these

meetings, anyway Bros. Shaffer and Murphy from the Cumberland Division were present and gave us a good talk.

Bro. Hostler will have to arrange for another meeting at Fairmont, before long now; there will be no question about the hall, if you will let Bro. M. E. Price know in time, so he can get his Indian Hall the Red Men fixed up in shape.

Div. Com.

#### *New Castle—*

Some of the brothers seem to be of the opinion that the article in November journal relative to a student being placed at New Castle Junction, third trick, was intended to convey the idea that Bro. Sarff is in the student business. Such is not the case, and we take this opportunity of putting Bro. Sarff clear of any reflection upon his loyalty. The November article was intended for just what it said, that a student had been placed in this office, third trick, by the division operator, not by Bro. Sarff.

H. D. PURDY, *Local Chairman.*

#### *Baltimore Local, Division No. 33.*

On Wednesday evening, January 13th, the regular monthly meeting of the division was held at the usual meeting place, Lafayette Hall, 609 North Fremont Avenue, and despite the awfully disagreeable weather was largely attended.

This is pretty good proof that the boys are taking an interest in the new local and intend to make it a success. Vice-President Pierson and General Chairman Van Atta, who were with us, spoke very entertainingly on various subjects. Bro. Pierson signifying his willingness to visit us again, or to travel several hundred miles if necessary to be with us on special occasions. Bro. Van Atta informed the boys of the condition of affairs on the B. & O., and also made a few other interesting remarks.

Bro. Day, who has not been on duty for several weeks on account of sickness, did not overlook the meeting.

Bro. Omailey's recitations were greatly enjoyed. The absent brothers don't know what they missed.

P.E.M.

#### *Baltimore Division, Metro. Branch—*

Business has been very slack over here during the first month of 1909. Guess we will get all that is coming to us from the 1st of March until the 10th, on account of inaugural passenger traffic. Boys, keep your eyes open and see that no accident occurs on our division during this extra travel. Probably Bro. Potter will try and scratch up a few more old rusty dollars for us boys before many months.

Bro. Smith, of "QN" tower, Washington, D. C., has left and expects to settle in California, on account of his health.

Operator Dick Nichols, of Washington Junction, has taken third trick, "QN" tower. Operator Fisher has filled vacancy at Washington Junction.

I "13" there will be other offices reopened on this branch in the near future.

Some brother writing for Division No. 33, Baltimore Division, last month; I trust he will keep it up and work up the officers around Baltimore, and the Washington branch. I am unable to secure notes from either.

All that have not received their 1909 cards, forward your dues at once. Keep in line. "73" to all.

G. W. C.

#### *Chicago Division, Western District—*

We have about three nons at this writing, and by the time the next write-up rolls around, we only expect to have one.

Operator W. A. Rinehold, of Millers, and R. W. Parent, extra operator, have both sent in their papers this pay day, and may now be given a brotherly shake.

Bro. Read, third trick at "NY," Ripley, was absent from duty a few days recently; relieved by Operator Crawford, a commercial man.

Operator O'Haver, of "G," Garrett office, is acting as relief agent temporarily. Bro. Doty, from the S. P. L. A. & S. L., filling in.

Bro. Ruckman, of "AX," Suman, was visiting relatives at Hicksville, for a few days this month. Relieved by Operator Lansing.

Bro. Sobraske, recently of Pine Junction, landed second trick at "RW," Cromwell, on January bulletin.

Bro. H. W. Love, of "WA," Union Centre, was the victim of a painful accident a few days ago. While out hunting with a couple of companions, one of them shot at a rabbit, and Bro. Love received several shots in one of his legs, and was confined to the house for some days; but we are glad to say that he is now back on duty.

Bro. E. Albright, third trick at "S," Syracuse, was an all-day visitor in the "Windy City" one day last week.

Bro. A. P. Webster, our worthy local chairman, advises that there are a few delinquents on this end, which should not be, especially at this time. Of course this is alright for those who care to work twelve hours, but those who have no desire for a twelve-hour day should be able to present the "goods" when it comes to a show down. Now come, you brothers who are behind, and pay up-to-date, so you won't have to worry any more about it.

The third trick man at Napanee is one of the most confirmed nons in existence. We have no more time to waste on such hardshells as this man is, neither have we any favors to hand him. We truly hope that the day is not far distant when we will be able to secure a schedule that will exclude all nons from its benefits, and then see how he swallows that. When we secure such a clause in our schedule there will be just one hundred per cent less nons on this pike than there now are.

Div. Com.

*Chicago Division, Eastern Division—*

Bro. Shaffer, instead of Operator G. R. Wilson, landed third trick at Galatea. This is according to January bulletin.

Bro. J. R. Morton, of Midway, spent a few days with his parents at Sidney, O.; relieved by Extra Operator F. W. Savage.

Bro. H. E. Breining, who has been located at Rosedale for several years, takes second trick at Mark Center, on January bulletin.

Switchman Jerry Beamer, while switching in Chicago Junction yards, had his right leg crushed at the knee joint, and after spending two weeks in the Akron Hospital, it was necessary to amputate the injured member just above the knee.

The meeting place of the Chicago Division has been changed, and in the future regular monthly meetings will be held in the Red Men's Hall, at Defiance, O., on the third Wednesday night of each month. Let us all come out and make these meetings as interesting as we possibly can. If you have any suggestions to make relative to the Order come out and make them known at these meetings. We cannot benefit ourselves by staying inside our own shells all our lives. To broaden one's mind and improve one's self, you must come in contact with your fellow-beings, study their ways, analyze their ideas as you see them, and make your own ideas known. What better opportunity is there offered to get acquainted with your fellow-workers than to attend these meetings. Everybody come.

News is very scarce this month, everybody is working steady and everything quiet; however, I will be glad to get any items you can pick up and send me. Send them any time and I will use them. CERT. 1400.

*P. & W. District—*

I say you P. & W. boys! why not come to the monthly meeting and help swell the crowd. This end is not properly represented, and am sure if just a little more interest were taken by each one, we could beat all previous crowds. Now brothers, try and make the next meeting a banner one. Those not having card passes can easily get a trip pass for the asking. There is no excuse why you cannot give a few hours of your time to your noble Order once a month.

As per last bulletin the following were appointed: Bro. C. D. Morehead, Callery, split trick; Bro. H. H. Wood, Gorsuch, second trick; Mr. S. C. McCoy, Gorsuch, third trick; Bro. L. Schmidt, Mackin, first trick; Bro. W. M. Taylor, Mackin, second trick; Mr. J. Glancey, Willow Grove, second trick.

Bro. Olwell, second trick at Schenley, off a few days for thorough resting.

Bro. Hostetler, second trick at Downieville, off a few days visiting at Canton, O.; relieved by Bro. C. J. Fisher.

Bro. C. D. Morehead has taken charge at Callery, split trick as per last bulletin.

Bro. G. T. Smith, first trick at Gorsuch, off a few days; relieved by Mr. A. S. Barber.

Bro. Elmer Ayers is holding down third trick at Gorsuch.

Bro. I. M. Loose, third trick at Ellwood City, spent a well earned vacation at the home of his parents at York, Penn., during the holidays, and reports having a fine time. Relieved by Mr. C. H. Waggener, who I understand has two or three students in line. If this is true, I would like to say that these are not the proper capers for a man flashing a "C. T. U. A. Honor Card." Our motto, "No Card, No Favors," and I am sure Mr. Waggener has had a few favors bestowed upon him by members on this end.

Bro. R. O. Barrett, of Division No. 138, is relieving an ex-member, J. F. Sweeney, third trick at Ribolds.

Bro. H. M. Reynolds, extra operator, is relieving first trick operator, and extra dispatcher M. T. Lamar, who in turn is relieving dispatchers in order to get their two days over the road.

Bro. C. E. Sanford, agent at Nanser, has resigned.

A postal from Bro. Grada Crites, now on C. & O., sends his "73" to all the boys on Pittsburg Division.

Relief agent Bro. Pesteraro is relieving at Nanser.

At our last meeting Bro. H. W. Mason had a fine box of perfectos on the table for the boys. Congratulations were in order. Harry says both doing fine.

News scarce. Whose fault?

Will cut out. Hoping to see every one at the next meeting. SHORTSTOP.

*Columbus and Newark Divisions—*

Having lately been appointed division correspondent I wish the help of all the members in having a write-up in our journal each month. These write-ups help to create interest among the nons, as well as the members. All that is necessary to gather a great many nons into the fold, is to get them interested. It will also show to others that we are in the fight to win. Yet some of the hard-shelled nons say they can not see where the Order is, or has, benefited them any. If it were not for the faithful ones you would see, and see in a short time, speaking of the former schedules, they say, "Oh! we would have got that without the Order." Why didn't you get it, before the Order took it up?

Bro. Smith returned to "VA," first trick.

Bro. Creighton returned to "KO" tower, third trick, after relieving Bro. Strobe, first trick at "BY," for a few days.

Bro. Horch is working the second trick at "BW," while Bro. Watson does the stunt from 11 p. m. to 7 a. m.

"13" Bro. Townsmyer is the first man.

Bro. Grutch, who was reported resigned in last journal, has returned to Black Lick.

Bro. Runnels and wife, from "BK," spent a few days at Sabina with his parents.

Bro. Powliss has bid farewell to this end of the B. & O.

The third trick at Summit has been advertised, but am unable to say at this writing who bid it in.

Bro. Dildine and family visited his father-in-law, Mr. Brauer, of Newark, O., last week.

Bro. Marsh and Bro. Hackenbracht, of "BR" tower, have changed tricks. This was caused by Bro. Marsh getting married.

Bro. Hoffman, of Central City, is also trotting in double harness.

We are glad to hear that the little son of Bro. W. E. Norris, of Union Station, is improving, having suffered for several months with eczema.

The signal men and some operators who have semaphore lights to attend to, seem to be having a great deal of trouble in keeping their lights lit. I overheard a little song an operator was singing entitled:

"THE OPERATOR'S STAR."

Twinkle, twinkle, signal light,  
It's me who lights you every night,  
'Way up on a pole so high,  
Like a firebug in the sky.  
Seems to me you might come down  
Somewhat nearer to the ground;  
Every night I climb up there,  
Sixty feet straight in the air—  
Risk my neck to make a light,  
So the trains can run alright.  
When the blazing sun is set,  
And the semaphore is wet—  
Maybe covered with thick ice—  
Gee! That makes the climbing nice.  
When it's forty-two below,  
Little light, then out you go.  
Twinkle, twinkle, signal light,  
Won't you please stay lit tonight.

E. A. D.

*Pittsburg Division, River District—*

The regular meeting, Thursday night, called to order by Bro. W. C. Safford, local chairman, and there was a good attendance. A box of choice cigars were passed, and "Who's it on?" came from every part of the room. Those not present should have seen that smile on Bro. H. W. Mason's face.

Bro. J. H. Bell, from Ohio, was present, and gave us an interesting address on different subjects. Let all the brothers keep the good attendance up. Come and make your votes count.

Special attention should be called to the efforts of Bro. J. Gleisinger, first trick at Reduction, in securing five new members during the last two months. "Something doing" in his territory since he got after them. A good example for every one. See?

Bro. W. D. Cook, Broadford, third trick, was the guest of Bros. Young and Willings at Layton recently.

Bro. B. Willings, Layton second trick, paid a flying visit to old friends in Versailles, recently.

Sister S. A. Cunningham, at Greenwood, has been off a few days on account of illness.

Mr. Cooke is working Hazelwood, second trick, in the absence of Bro. H. C. Rison.

Bro. D. A. Young, of Kentucky, was a guest of his brother, Bro. J. C. Young, for a few days recently, and has since accepted a position on the Connellsville Division.

Bros. C. M. Stabler and K. A. Milar, first and second tricks at Versailles, spent the holidays at their homes in Ohio, being relieved by Messrs. Devline and Boylan.

Messrs. Moorehead and Smith, at Smithton; Neel, at Reduction, and Burton and Flannigan, at Gratztown, have turned the "necessaries" in, and will no doubt be of us by the time of this issue. The "River" is getting there, "slow, but sure."

Bro. W. C. Safford, local chairman, spent a day or so in Baltimore on grievance work.

There are several nons between Versailles and Pittsburg who have been given every inducement and opportunity to make good, and have also been treated with respect, hoping that such treatment would bring its own reward, but, unfortunately, some men can never see anything or appreciate it even when they are enjoying the benefits which the Order secured for them, and for which they never donated a thing, except criticism, because the Order did not do quite enough for them.

If it were possible to ignore the offices where these nons are employed, when our committee go after a new schedule, it should be done, and if they are not satisfied with our schedule they can go after the officials, and they will soon find out how much recognition they secure from them.

Any man that accepts money from any labor organization and at the same time say they do not believe in organization is not to be trusted, and should not be respected, for they are no better than a thief. I AM ANOTHER.

*Cleveland Division—*

I am of the opinion there are too many without get-up enough about them to care to know whether we get up a decent write-up or not. Does this mean you? I hope not. But, let's see.

Last meeting Bro. McCoy was nominated for local chairman and also for delegate to the national convention. You will receive the ballot about the last of January, and I wish one and all to vote.

Thanks to Bros. Goodrich, Tope, Hoover, Carter, Curtis, Blank, Wright and Jackson for items.

Bro. C. W. C. Wright is back in "CS" office, Cleveland, on wire 51. W. A. Wilmot, at Lorain, third trick, relieving Bro. Wright while he handles C., L. & W. side wire from "CS."

Bro. Dick Blythe is relieving Bro. C. Booker, third trick in dispatcher's office, Valley Side. Bro. Blythe relieved by Bro. Wright.

"ON" office, at Benton, will be closed until business is heavier. This will give Mr. Heaton a new supply of extra men.

Bro. B. H. Betton returned to Columbla, third trick, after a month's visit with his parents at Wheeling, W. Va. He was relieved by Telegrapher Van Arsdale.

Bro. Reed Lucas has returned from "copier," C., S. & W., Cleveland, to first trick, Canal Dover.

Look in marriage notices, front part of THE TELEGRAPHER.

Tom King is working second trick at bridge No. 80, having relieved Bro. Dan Brislin, who has been granted a six months' leave of absence.

Bro. "Dink" Shaffer, "ND" tower, laying off a few days at present.

The brothers in dispatcher's rooms have made so many changes we are unable to keep track of them.

Bro. Griffith to third trick at Valley, relieving Bro. Blythe, who, in turn, relieved Bro. C. M. Treisch. Bro. Brooker is laying off.

T. D. A. man, Jackson, off a few days, with Bro. C. W. Wright handling everything by his lonesome.

If in the near future you should receive anything from our local chairman, McCoy, please answer at once, as it will save him many hours extra work and remember his is a "thank-you" job at best.

Drv. Cor.

Bro. Dan Brisler has resumed duty at Bridge No. 80, second trick, after one month's absence. Tommy King, being relieved by Bro. Brislin, has returned to his home at Ravenna, Ohio, awaiting further instructions for duty.

Telegrapher T. W. Davis is relieving Bro. Chaney, third trick, Freeport, who is off on account of sickness.

We have just received word of Bro. D. E. Langdon having met with an accident in Arkansas City, Ark., but no information given as to how the accident occurred. His remains will be brought to Potaskla, Ohio, for burial. Bro. Langdon was a member of Division No. 33.

At our last meeting it was decided that Local Chairman McCoy should go over this division and call on the non-members and delinquents and endeavor to place this division as near the 100 per cent mark as possible. This to be done before the general committee convenes with the management for a 1909 schedule. This is the time to line-up, for there are going to be some surprises soon.

Bro. Harry B. Leith gets Bridge No. 80, third trick, on bid.

Bro. "Dick" Blythe, extra dispatcher, is back on "TI" wire. This places Bro. C. W. C. Wright back to his regular job, Lorain, third trick.

Bro. Brooker, third trick at dispatcher's office, Valley Side, Cleveland, over Valley a few days ago.

The boys at Canal Dover are getting a new office.

Next month's journal will contain a complete list of non-members and delinquents. Do you want your name on the list? No card, no favors. Stick to that and let it ever be turned to route the nons and backsliders.

Drv. Cor.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Supreme Master of the Universe has, in His infinite wisdom, called unto His celestial home Deforest Edgar Langdon, your brother, our brother, and everyone's friend. We realize

that while his poor soul was full of trouble over the death of his beloved wife a few years ago, we can not help but think that the great beyond is and will be immeasurably brighter for him, and all we here upon earth can do is to express our sympathy and sorrow to his sister, and commend him to his God, who doeth all things well and for the best, and that she will be sustained and soothed by the realization that while your loss is great his gain is infinitely greater.

Resolved, That a copy of the resolution be sent to his sister, Mrs. Vandorn, a copy placed upon the record of Division No. 33, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and a copy be sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

G. W. McCoy, *Chairman*.

A. BLANKE, *Secretary*.

F. R. LANDIS,

O. R. BUMGARDNER.

#### Wheeling Division—

Since our last issue another cut has been made in the dispatcher's office. Copiers Foster and Gannon were taken off and placed on side wire jobs in "FY" office. Extra Dispatcher M. B. Rickey is now copying days.

Telegrapher Petty, of Glover Gap, was off a few days during the holidays.

Telegrapher E. A. Wilson bid in third trick, "HN," Benwood.

Bro. J. R. Deegan is off for a month on vacation.

Bro. O. C. Bester is at present working days at Schick.

Bro. E. C. Deegan is off for a few days.

No students have been reported since last writing. The offices along the Wheeling Division must be too cold for them.

Bro. E. E. Holloway got "WR" tower by bulletin, Bro. Queen second trick and Telegrapher W. K. Carr third trick.

Bro. T. L. Ellis got second trick "FI" tower by bulletin and Telegrapher F. H. Worthington has third trick.

Bro. W. Kinney was off a few days, relieved by Bro. O. H. Adkinson. Bro. Adkinson also relieved Bro. White at Manyard for a few days.

Bro. R. J. Spain is at present working days at yard office Holloway, with Bro. J. C. Roach nights.

Bro. Youst informs me that the boys are very slow about paying up their ten cents per month assessment and that he is behind, having paid out more than he has taken in. I think most of us have merely overlooked this and will pay up when our attention is called to it. This is very important and should not be neglected, as the hall rent comes out of this fund and in this way all and not a few will pay the expenses of the Division. You may send a dollar at a time to Bro. Youst.

Our last meeting in Wheeling was very poorly attended. When we worked twelve hours we were able to get thirty to forty of the boys out to meetings, but since we have been working but



eight hours it is almost impossible to get any kind of a crowd. There are enough members working right around Wheeling to fill a hall, but they might miss a show or dance, you know, if they came to a meeting. You growlers who have so many kicks coming, why don't you come and register your kicks at the meetings instead of knocking where it will have no effect? We have been very fortunate in that we have been able to keep wages up to the standard this last year and it has been because we have a union to back us up. It would seem that some of you fellows who have dropped out or are behind wish wages to be reduced to \$35.00 or \$40.00 per month again. Don't you know that this is liable to happen if our union goes up in smoke? You are helping that time along by letting the few do your work. A union must be healthy in order for it to perform all the duties required of it. You can make ours a healthy union by paying up and giving our officers money to work on. We will have another meeting some time next month and expect as many of you out as possibly can get there. If you are refused transportation notify your local chairman. Come, let us work together. **CERT. 729.**

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Divine Creator to remove from our midst our esteemed Bro. W. M. Hinkle, and while we bow in humble submission to Him "whose will be done," we realize a sense of personal loss; and

WHEREAS, We desire to show our respect for departed brother; be it

*Resolved*, By the members of the Cumberland Division of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad System Division No. 33, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to the bereaved family of our deceased brother our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy to be spread on the minutes, and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. M. HAMMERSLA,  
J. A. WHITMORE,  
J. T. NORTON,

*Committee.*

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call to the great beyond our loyal brother and co-worker, E. B. Dyer. We bow in humble submission to the will of the most high. In manifestation of our grief, and fraternal sympathy for our brother and family; be it

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#### Connellsville Division—

Two division meetings were held during the past month. A day meeting at Rockwood and an evening meeting at Connellsville on January 23d. Both were presided over by Bro. Currie. The attendance at both was nothing to cause Bro. Currie to indulge in ecstasies.

It might be well for some of the telegraphers on the division who are persistently clamoring for admittance into the Order to make some little effort to conduct themselves both on and off duty in a manner more becoming gentlemen. The organization is far from being in such condition that it welcomes any telegrapher regardless of character into its fold.

Despite the justifiable severity with which the company deals with those who use intoxicants either on or off duty, there continues to crop up not infrequently members who disregard this rule. The promptitude with which they are disposed of is surely conclusive evidence that the Baltimore & Ohio will not tolerate this infraction.

The rebuilt "RN," Connellsville yard office building, promises vast improvement over the old one so far as the telegrapher's quarters are concerned.

It behooves some of the boys along the line to be more tidy about the appearance of their offices. No matter how remotely you may imagine yourselves located, a visit by some of the many officials is an incident very likely to happen most any time and as is usually the case, when you least expect it. None of us are so busy as to be unable to keep our offices clean.

It is a far cry from Ohio Pyle to Montana (W. Va.), but Bro. Jno. Rush has made the jump.

Bro. W. J. Emereick, first trick Foley, after working steadily for several continuous months at his own job, decided to take a few days rest by relieving Bro. C. R. Darrah, first trick Sand Patch, for two weeks.

Bro. Vanderslice, formerly first trick at Uniontown, is now engaged in the brokerage business in the above city.

Bros. H. C. Merryman and R. P. Hardman, first tricks Yough and Uniontown, are taking advantage of six-month furloughs. The former is touring the West; the latter is holding down an agency on the M. & K. near Morgantown, W. Va.

Bro. J. W. Thornton, wire chief, "D," Connellsville, is enjoying a fifteen-day leave of absence with his relatives in "Ole Virginny."

Bro. Eigholtz, second trick, S. & M. Junction, recently returned to duty after an extended visit to his own and Mrs. Higholtz's relatives in and about Bedford, Pa.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. J. H. Rose, third trick Philson, has been admitted into the fold. This should stop all the ugly reports about Mr. Rose which have been in circulation ever since he first came to this division and we trust he will be accorded the same treatment as that shown other brothers in the future.

If some of the desirable non-members of the division were half as eager to become members of the Order as are those who have yet to prove themselves desirable, the duties of our local chairman would be greatly lessened.

Steven Kerrigan, formerly leverman at Sand Patch and a member of the Order, was fatally injured in Cumberland yard on the night of January 15th, death ensuing the following day at the Western Maryland Hospital.

The scratching, rewriting or otherwise altering of train orders is a dangerous practice and one in which no careful telegrapher who has his own as well as the company's interest at heart, will indulge. As the little, black-covered book says, "Take the safe course and run no risks."

Bro. C. M. Stone, formerly of Everson, has accepted the position as relief agent of the division.

The 1908 cards should be a thing of the past by this time. 1909 are the figures now that should be visible on the piece of pasteboard.

A new office at Mt. Braddock is another very welcome improvement on the division, one which will be appreciated by Bros Groff and Turpin.

Bro. Brown, who for years watched "em pass at Bidwell," is copying 315 in the 200 class on the S. & C. at "RX," Rockwood, first trick.

Bro. C. A. Boyer, formerly of Johnstown days, is now located at Confluence third trick.

Bro. Liehew now permanently located at Johnstown days.

Bros. Bowers and Little are still operating at "Q" Junction on first and second tricks respectively. A fast and good pair.

Bro. Bartholemew, formerly of Markleton, is now permanently located at Garrett, second trick.

CERT. 336.

### Chicago & Eastern Illinois Ry.

#### Illinois Division—

Tamms first trick and Findley Junction are now on the bulletin. Hope to see Order men get them.

Calvert, from the Big Four, now working the first trick at Tamms.

Bro. Ragen enjoyed a ten days' layoff, Ragen working third trick at "VE" tower, Bro. Cramer, from the M. & O., relieving him.

Bro. Goodall, of Tamms third trick, bid in "AH" tower, Bro. L. I. McConnell relieving, and I "13" got it regular.

I think it would be a good plan to call a meeting somewhere and get together and get acquainted and see if we can't do something. We need a new schedule, also need some more new members. I think we should strive our very best and at least get one new member each and thus strengthen our division and Order.

I called several fellows up along the line and asked them to send me some news, most all claiming they would send me some, but none in sight yet.

You will find Bro. Beaufoord at "VE" first trick, hammering the brass, formerly at "SX" tower.

PAT, CERT. 365.

#### Chicago Division, Danville District—

Bro. Letterton, formerly of Bismark, but now at St. James, Ill., spent a few days at Rossville visiting Bro. Smith.

Very little news this month, as there seems to be nothing happening and the boys are all working steady on this end. I wish that some of the brothers would wake up and send me a few items each month. I lay the blame to the fact that there is not much going on in the shape of changes, but it is impossible for me to get all of the changes unless I get some help from the brothers.

I presume that all the boys that carried up-to-date cards in 1908 now have a card for 1909, and if not, why not? The time is here to pay up and get them.

I think that our general chairman will call a meeting some time in February, probably in Chicago, and the notices will be gotten out in plenty of time and there should be a good attendance at this meeting.

I hope that I will receive more items next month so we can present a good write-up from this division.

Div. Cor.

### CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to the brothers who contributed to the fund for my benefit. "The kinship of kindness is the greatest and best thing on this earth, and tastes sweetest when the cup of sorrow is full of bitter experience." A few weeks ago when I lost my brother through the sickness which has afflicted my family, I felt that I no longer would know the companionship of a brother, but upon receiving this token of sympathy and affection I realize that through "the kinship of kindness" and fraternal friendship, I still have many brothers.

L. M. CALLECOT,

CERT. 279.

### Pere Marquette Ry.

#### Chicago Division—

We have no local chairman or correspondent in this division, but we are not dead. Will some body kindly start something and get a local chairman to keep things going?

One year ago we were practically solid, but there has been so many changes that there are quite a few nons along the road now.

Bro. Stevenson has left New Richmond.

Operator Brewer is working third trick at New Richmond. Understand he carries an up-to-date card.

Operator Etchason, at Benton Harbor, is relieving Ticket Agent Davis, who is taking a six months' vacation.

Bro. Maxim is relieving at East Saugatuck. Bro. Hoyt working third trick at Hartford.

Operator Henderson, who was working third trick at Hartford, is working third trick at Waverly.

Operator Brandon, who worked at Waverly, on first trick and carried a card, is now working third trick at Wyoming, but hasn't got the card.

Bro. Keeler, of Grand Rapids, went to Grand Junction, to go fishing with Bro. Crouse, but when he got there found Bros. Crouse and Bessey both "under the weather." Bro. Evey then volunteered to take "FK" out, while Bro. Crouse kept the stove warm.

Understand Bro. Peck, at Grand Junction, has quit the hotel business.

It looks very much as if everybody was satisfied with what they had. We haven't had a note in the journal for two months now. How long do you expect to keep what you have got, let alone getting more if you are going to lay down in this manner. CERT. 376.

#### *Saginaw Division—*

I have pleaded with the brothers, time and again, to send such items as they may be able to obtain, but thus far have received but a very few. It seems to me if the boys were very deeply interested in the Order they would take hold and help to make up a long list for the journal. I feel myself like doing all I possibly can to help the good cause along, therefore I would like to have the brothers aid all they possibly can to encourage this matter.

F. V. Alexander, second trick operator at Edmore has given us his application, and will soon have his card.

Understand Bro. W. A. Kidd, at Gowen, is very sick, and is being relieved by E. S. Higbee, agent, Six Lakes.

Bro. Sump, night man at Flint has left us, and gone West on some land business.

Bro. Kerr is doing the night stunt instead of taking the second trick at that place.

Bro. Ude is still holding down the first trick at Flint.

Operator Baxter, at Holly, is filling out his application; expect to call him Bro. Bill in a few days.

Bro. Sharpe, second trick at Belford, has been taking a week's vacation, to rest up after effects of plugging at Carleton.

What a blessed thing it would be if some of the old heads would see where they could spare a few cents of that overtime dough, and get in line with the rest of us. CERT. 35.

## **Erie Ry.**

### **NOTICE.**

*To All Members of Erie System Division No. 42:*

Your dues for term ending June 30, 1909, are now due. Please remit promptly.

Dues are \$4.00; all insurance should be remitted direct to Bro. L. W. Quick, St. Louis, Mo. Dues to C. L. Bridge, General Secretary and Treasurer. Deposit N. Y.

Received request from Bro. Noon, Chairman of the N. Y. C. Ry., Division No. 8, to call the members' attention to the Third Annual Ball, to be held at Majestic Hall, 115, 125 East 125th St., New York City, Wednesday evening, February 17, 1909.

Fraternally,

C. L. BRIDGE,

*General Secy. and Treas., Div. No. 42.*

#### *Meadville Division—*

Bro. J. I. Williams was the lucky man to get the day trick at Buck Tooth.

Bros. Flagg and Bryant landed second and third tricks at Red House, and are having troubles of their own getting there and back. Percy says it takes him twelve hours to get ready to work six, and he is not to blame either. There's nothing slow about him.

Bro. Dickinson doubled one night at Falconer Junction recently, on account of no available man to relieve him.

Lakewood and Bear Lake have been closed as night offices since December 31st. Agents working from 7 a. m. to 7. p. m. Bro. Sands going from Bear Lake to Niobe Junction, first trick, and Bro. Willett, from Lakewood, taking third trick at Niobe Junction. Brother Carl Johnson has not yet decided where he would go.

Bro. Way, at "CM" tower, expects to be moved into the new interlocking tower at that point soon.

Tuesday morning January 12th, fire destroyed the home of Bro. Grant Mook at Saegertown.

Bro. Murray has resigned his position with the Erie, to accept a better one with the Postal.

Bro. Hanratty bid in the yard office made vacant by the resignation of Bro. Murray.

Bro. J. C. Jackson, of Geneva, made a short visit at Jamestown recently, calling on the boys at that place.

Bro. Frank Woodside, who went to New Mexico for his health, is at present located at Alamogordo, N. Mex., and would be very glad to have any of the boys drop him a letter giving him the latest news from home.

Boys, don't forget that it is one of the aims of the Order to eliminate all friction between telegraphers and employers. Do your part by giving the best possible service, be careful to observe the rules of the company and of the Order. If you have a grievance which you cannot adjust yourself, don't begin crying that the O. R. T. is no good, but put it up to them to help you out. If you have a just cause they will gladly do all in

their power to help you. It will be time enough to kick on them when they turn you down, don't do it before. If you can not boost, for goodness sake don't knock. CART. 508.

#### *Mahoning Division—*

The joint meeting of Meadville and Mahoning Divisions, held at Warren, Saturday night, January 16th, was well attended. One of the pleasant surprises of the evening was the attendance of two lady members from Meadville Division West. Some members who have attended meeting after meeting and had nothing to say showed considerable enthusiasm when called upon to speak for the good of the Order. The young lady members were given places of honor at the meeting, and Chairman Lowrie had considerable difficulty in saying sisters and brothers in addressing the assembly, instead of just brothers, as it always has been in the past. Every one was well pleased that they had attended the meeting, and is hoping that the lady members and more of them make a practice of attending each meeting.

At this meeting local chairmen for both divisions were nominated, also representatives and alternates to the Grand Convention at Atlanta, Ga.

J. B. Aylward, of "CS" office, of Cleveland was off during the holidays; relieved by F. E. Brooks.

S. H. Ridinger, of "YO" office, Youngstown, is off sick; relieved by C. W. Mitchell, second trick at Niles, and Sister Dorothy Dean is working second trick at Niles.

H. H. Hatch, third trick at De Forest tower, off sick one night; relieved by Extra Operator H. A. Kirby of Cleveland.

C. D. Caldwell, third trick at Sharpsville, is off on a vacation.

J. E. Mohn was on a visit to Wooster, O.; relieved by Operator H. A. Kirby of Cleveland.

R. A. Stroup, first trick at Phalanx, is in Texas on a vacation.

John King, first trick at Mantau, has gone to Colorado for thirty days. H. H. Hatch, third trick at De Forest tower, takes King's place until he returns, and Operator H. A. Kirby is at De Forest tower at the present time.

Don't forget that a joint meeting is held at Warren, on the 3rd Saturday night of each month, in the hall, on the 3rd floor, over Union National Bank, corner of Market St. and Park Ave.

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#### *Susquehanna Division—*

Wish some brother on west end would take it upon himself to get all the items of news he can, and send them to Bros. Beach or Hesser, at "MJ" tower. Bro. Hesser's post office address is 364 Wallace Place, Elmira, N. Y. This would help out a great deal in writing up the division, as they are unable to get the news from west end unless some west end brother furnishes it. Our Local Chairman Bro. Steven's term will soon expire, and we have to nominate a brother for this office at next meeting, January 22d, at Elmira, hope there will be a good turnout. Come

along brothers, and have your say in this matter. After having such a dull spell, we are very glad to see that "biz" is picking up on this division. Brothers, there are a few nons left on the division, get after them and show them where they are making a mistake by staying out. Let each brother constitute himself a committee of one to look after any non within his reach, and get them in, if you don't succeed in landing him at the first interview, go after him again and keep after him until you get him.

Mr. F. R. Mosher, former train master of this division, assigned to first trick at "RA" office, Elmira, and Mr. C. D. Taylor assigned to Mr. Mosher's position. Understand Mr. Taylor is from one of the Western Divisions.

Mr. J. A. Healey, our former chief dispatcher, assigned to first trick dispatcher on west end.

The genial Mr. H. A. Williams being appointed chief dispatcher in Mr. Healey's place.

Our old friend, Dispatcher Jessie Walker, has left "RF" office, and will take a trick in "V" office.

Bro. Dan O'Brien bid in "VO" tower.

Bro. E. M. Condon gets a trick at "RX."

"13" Dispatcher Degroats bid in a trick at "AQ." He has been on the road some time, but has never made good his promise to join; he is always looking for the best job on the division too.

Bro. W. I. Kelliher, of Big Flats, spent January 13th in Bernice, Pa., his former home.

Bro. H. Knickerbocker, of Big Flats, spent January 13th in Elmira, getting rid of some of his surplus coin in the shopping district.

Bro. J. J. Ambrose has been appointed wire chief at Elmira.

Bro. T. W. Harrington took the second trick at "RA," which gives him shorter hours than his former position as wire chief.

Bro. W. J. Malone, of "MJ" tower is off on account of sickness; relieved by Extra Man Mose-son. We sincerely trust that Bro. Malone will soon be able to resume work.

"BT," Barton tower closed, and the operators taken to "XY" tower, where "phone" men have been employed for the past six months or more. "13" "BT" will be opened again as soon as "biz" picks up.

Bro. E. B. McMahon, of "KZ," Union tower, is working at "SR," Susqua yards, on account of shortage of operators on Delaware Division. There has been two different men at "KZ" since "Mac" left.

Bro. F. D. Monahan, of "IX," Erwins, spent a few days the fore part of January, visiting his parents and sisters at Boliver; relieved by Mr. A. Taylor.

Bro. V. E. Hadley, of "DI," Addison, absent two weeks; relieved by Mr. A. Taylor.

Bro. Harry Wayne is working third trick at Addison, while Bro. Joe Hogan is working extra in "RF" and "V."

Bro. V. W. Goff, of Cameron, absent a few days; relieved by David Dixon.

Ex-dispatcher Walker has displaced Ed. Donnellson, "V" office. Donnellson is working "RF," nights, No. 1 wire.

Bro. Youngs, of Rathbone, has been assigned to Horseheads station.

Our new Chief Mr. H. A. Williams, and Trainmaster Taylor made an official trip over the division the fore part of January.

Mr. R. W. Morley, of Addison, absent a few days; relieved by Bro. V. E. Hadley.

Fred E. Hall, of Canisteo, absent a few days; relieved by David Dixon.

On the morning of December 24, 1908, while a B. & S. extra, consisting of seventy-two loaded cars, was coming down the heavy grade out of Addison, the air became frozen between the tender and first car, causing the train to gain great speed before the crew was able to set the hand brakes. The runaway passed through the yard at twenty miles per hour, plowed through the Howell Creamery, owned by the Erie. The engine and six cars were buried under the debris in the basement of the creamery, twenty-five freight and coal cars, three coaches and the B. & S. depot were badly damaged, light damage was done to the round-house.

Luckily no one was hurt. The crew, except enginemen and head brakeman, escaped by cutting off the rear end, the brakeman and enginemen escaped by jumping into the deep snow.

The B. & S. wrecking crew assisted by the Erie's Hornell and Corning wreckers were four or five days clearing up the wreckage.

Bro. John Murray, of Division No. 108, made a quick exit through a rear window of the telegraph office.

Div. Cor.

#### *Allegheny Division—*

Wanted—January 1, 1909, every non on the Allegheny Division to secure application blanks from Bro. Karl, Allegheny, N. Y., and make good in the O. R. T., March 1, 1909. If you want to turn over a new leaf start the new year right by joining the O. R. T.

There are some nons left on this division. Ap-point yourself an organizer and never give up until you land them. Show them where they are in the dark, and don't let them put you off by saying, "Wait until next month," because there is no better time than now and once he comes across with the goods and gets acquainted with us, and understands the good move he has made, he would not give up. He would not go back in the old rut and run the risk of walking on the railroad without the protection of the O. R. T. When you stop and think you can see what the Order has done for you and others, and on the other hand see what it is doing for you each day, when the O. R. T. boys get a schedule the non gets the same.

How can we allow them to stay out of the fold when perhaps only a word of explanation would secure their applications, and the small sum that is required for initiation fees. Brothers, keep posted, and you will have all the ammunition you

need when a non puts up an argument. Those that are with us are certainly not against us, but those that are not with us must certainly be against us, and not only that, they are against themselves.

Business is a little light at present, but by the time this goes to press I expect it will be booming.

Bro. Canfield, second trick at "CY" tower, took a few days' vacation; relieved by Operator Conlan.

Bro. Kronmiller, first trick at "X," Olean, spent a few days at Belmont, visiting relatives; relieved by Mr. Lewis.

Bro. Biggan, first trick at "JW" tower, has made his escape to some point in the Empire State on his annual vacation. Do not know the man that is relieving him.

Bro. McHenry, of Hinsdale, off a few days on account of illness of his mother. Do not know who relieved him.

Bro. Bresnhan, second trick at "CB" tower, off a few days; relieved by Operator McLaughlin.

Bro. Cornell, second trick at "HR" tower, took a trip to Randolph to visit his parents; relieved by Operator Murray.

Bro. Daley, second trick at "FY," off a few days to rest up and see the sights; relieved by Operator Lycett.

Bro. Varner, second trick at "X," Olean, laid off a week to look for Santa Claus, and spend his loose change; relieved by Mr. Mongilla.

Bro. F. J. Handy, third trick at "FR" tower, off a few days; relieved by Mr. F. J. Connelly.

Bro. Hills, first trick at "JX" tower, off on a vacation; relieved by Bro. Hamilton.

Bro. Brown, of "PE" tower, was called to New York on account of the illness of his sister; relieved by Mr. Murray.

Bro. Miner, third trick at "G" tower, off a few days; relieved by Mr. Bixby.

Bro. Ryan, second trick at Dyke, on a short vacation; relieved by Bro. Hamilton.

Bro. Oakley, first trick at "WA" tower, off; relieved by Mr. Conlan.

Office at the ice pond at Andover opened up January 12th, with Operator Bixby in charge.

Bros. Garthwaite and Karl have my thanks this month for assistance in furnishing items.

If any brother has an item which they wish put in the journal, please send it to the division correspondent, Bro. J. C. Reynolds, and we can have something in the journal each month. Div. Cor.

#### *Buffalo Division—*

Following I endeavor to give a few facts and remarks about our operators and agents on this division.

I am advised that our chief, Mr. Fitzgerald, is absent from his duties on account of the death of a near relative.

If we can not get the nons into the fold, keep at them and they will be glad to resign to get rid of a good thing. Thus making one less non on this division.

I wonder if any of our brothers noticed a little piece in the January issue of the Erie magazine, the little statement showing how a billion dollars was divided among the working people employed on this road. Their worthy operators received the little end, but hope all of us get a good increase when our committee goes down this spring. Let us all get together and work for it, any way.

Let us all be on hand at our next meeting and see if we can not break the record.

Some of our boys are getting caught on the green market deal. Get wise, boys, and do not let them catch you again.

I understand that some of the misters as I speak, used to be brothers. They make me think of a dog that has had too much meat and still has some left, they don't know a good thing when they have it. Bro. "CS."

#### *Lima and Chicago Division—*

The brothers have done nobly this month in the way of items, and we trust that now that they have made a good start that they will keep up the good work. Let every brother try and send in some items not later than the 18th of each and every month, and in that way we can keep up the interest necessary to keep things doing in good shape. When you get your journal and see nothing in it from your division you are disappointed, and your first thought is that there is nothing doing, and you get cold feet then and there.

Now, brothers, let us all pull together and see if we can not make ours the banner division of the Erie road. You will notice that some roads have a good write-up of their entire system each month, and have 90 to 100 per cent. These conditions are all brought about by keeping up interest.

Everything is just simply booming on the Lima and Chicago Divisions. We have trouble, at times, in filling orders for application blanks. About one year ago several young ladies living along the Erie, learned the art of telegraphy and took service with them, and in every case they have made good as telegraphers, and have done good work, and, with but one or two exceptions, they have sent in their applications and money, or are after the necessary blanks, and it is a cinch that the two or three exceptions, will not long remain out of the Order, when they see their sisters being protected by the Order.

Our last meeting at O. R. C. Hall, Huntington, was not as well attended as it should have been, but what was lacking in attendance was fully made up in the amount of business that was transacted. Taking everything into consideration, we certainly made a good showing, and we feel very much gratified the way things have been going, as a whole. Naturally, there are some things that could be improved upon materially. There are a few brothers that will insist on knocking. Now don't get the word knocker and kicker confused, as there is a wide difference between the two words. A kicker is a very necessary person, one who stands up for what is coming to him; right in the center of the game, and is usually on hand

to register his kick. The knocker usually stays at home and if he does go, says nothing until after he gets home, and then says what he has to say, usually to outsiders at that.

Now, brothers, when you have a grievance get it up in proper shape and present to your officers, and it will be attended to promptly. Within the last thirty days one of our brothers thought he had been bumped and took the matter up with division officers, and probably felt sore that the matter could not be adjusted. The fact of the matter was that the brother had never been regularly assigned to the position; had simply been sent there as an extra man; the place having been bid in by an older man, but the chief was not ready to make the change at that time.

By the time this reaches you we will have an election of division officers, and we understand there is to be some opposition, which we think is a good thing. It gives every one a chance to express his views with his vote. Competition is the life of any business proposition, and we trust the best man will win, regardless of who he is or where he came from, and whoever it may be let us all rally to his support and give him all the help we possibly can.

Bro. Dutton, on first trick at "MJ" tower, after an absence of some time on account of being held on account of the color test.

Bro. Harvey assigned to third trick at Moran's Switch.

Bro. Oglesby, agent at Foraker, has been doing a rushing business in the way of sending in application blanks, and has a ring and two or three gold buttons coming.

Mr. Crepps, agent at Westminster, still has his learners' outfit in full operation. We presume business is good in his line.

Bro. J. A. Thatcher, for many years day and night operator at Lima depot, has bid in second trick at "SJ" tower.

Bro. Hartzler from second trick at Lima depot to third trick same office.

Bro. Quint, of McDuffy, assigned second trick same office.

At Kemp we still have the same old professor as agent. Believe his name is Dersham, but the nerve he displays is certainly admirable. Some time ago when third trick at Lima depot was bulletined, this same man bid on it, and it seems the officials paid no attention to his bid, whereupon he appealed to some of the division officers, and was promptly told that he not only had no kick coming, but, further, had no money invested in the O. R. T. and, therefore, could expect nothing. Now this should be a good lesson to several, and show them how necessary it is to be up-to-date.

Bro. Hite has resumed work at Kingsland after spending Christmas at his old home near Markle, being relieved by Extra Man Wilkin.

Bro. Daniels has his home job for the winter, as Bro. Crasher went to second trick at Glenmore.

Bro. Teeple, of "DA" tower, was off duty a few days; relieved by Extra Operator E. D. Abbott.

Bro. Loutzenhizer, first trick at Kingsland, was off duty a few days; relieved by Operator Stroup, of Kemp. Bro. Loutzenhizer was called away on account of a serious accident to his mother.

Bro. McKenna off duty a few days; relieved by Extra Agent Geddes.

Bro. Oglesby is still holding down third trick at Kingsland.

Miss Cutting, of Preble, has sent her money and application to Bro. C. L. Bridge, and will now be called sister. Other ladies will please take notice.

Here is an abstract from a letter from a brother on the west end, in answer to another brother's letter asking him if he was up-to-date:

"Answering your letter in regard to my being up-to-date, I will say you will always find me up-to-date, and as long as I have half sense I intend to keep up-to-date. A man with any brains at all could not do otherwise."

That is a good, strong argument, but there is more truth in it than fiction, and it is something that a great many should give some thought to.

Bro. J. R. Sennett has just returned from a six weeks' vacation.

It is rumored that Bro. L. C. Appleman was anticipating leaving the service of the Erie to take service with the C. & L. in their general office, but the brother is still doing the second trick at "JO" tower.

Aldine agency was bulletined some time ago, but up-to-date we do not know who bid it in.

We are pleased to note the application of Bro. Welty, at Germany, who joined our ranks recently; also that of Bro. Bowers, who is third trick man at Bolivar.

Servia seems to be quite a joint for turning them out lately. We are advised that Mr. Paul is now a full-fledged professor. BILL DALTON.

### Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.

#### Lexington District—

We have accomplished great things in the past year, and let us hope that as much may be done in the new year before us.

The eight-hour law put through, by the telegraphers' friend, Bro. Murphy, and the successful fight of our grand officers against the railroads, in their effort to crush this law, and holding our own in the panic. It's true we didn't do much in the way of bettering our schedule, but a victory was won, when we held our old schedule.

We have our division officers to thank for this last.

We all have, or should have, received Bro. Holmes' circular, and it contains sound advice. If we will all pull together, and bring in the few nons, and try our hand with the "backslider," our efforts will not be in vain. And at the close of this new year, the Lexington District will have nothing to be ashamed of.

We have a common enemy in the "student." Some of you are working, or trying to work with these students, without a kick. One brother on the east end has a student, and allows him to block trains and attempt to take train orders

That brother calls himself, "A good O. R. T. man." I don't believe any good brother will agree with him. The company don't furnish any help at that station. But even if this was the case, the telegrapher in question, is forgetting his obligations to the Order, in allowing this student, or helper, to do this, the telegrapher's work. I "13" there are two more such telegraphers on this district who have students. Boys, this is poor business taking students.

Bro. I. D. Irwin, second trick at Ashland Junction, relieved Mr. Overly a few days this month at "AU."

Bro. Stewart, Midland, first trick, landed Enterprise agency. Bro. Friel, second trick, Midland, got first trick at Midland.

Bro. Northcutt is back at L. & E. Junction. Mr. Knox was off about ten days. "13" he went to Oklahoma. Don't think he was favorably impressed with the lay of the land. Bro. House relieved him.

Bro. L. O. McQuewn, second trick at "NS," Lexington yards, who has been in the hospital for a month, is back to work. An operation was necessary. We are glad to hear that he is well. Relieved by Mr. Alexander from Southern.

Bro. Wheeler, first trick, "NS," was off a few days to spend Xmas. at his home. Bro. House relieved him. "13" Bro. House has since left the service. CHAS. 718.

### Central of Georgia Ry.

#### Southwestern Division—

If you do not feel disposed to send in the write-up yourself, just drop the local chairman your notes, and he will gladly send them in for publication.

Of course, you can not expect him to keep up with all the changes without a helping hand from some one, so all who can drop him a few lines each month, and let him know what is doing on the line.

Bro. E. M. Bruner, who has been working third trick at Smithville during Bro. J. H. Randall's absence, is now located at Echeconnee. Have not learned whether it is permanent or not.

Bro. Griffin, agent at Comer, Ala., after being off on a vacation, has now returned, and is handling the bills and checking freight again.

Bro. L. A. Rouse, who was for some time agent at Florala, is now doing the extra stunt. Have heard him working at Albany several times.

Bro. Lamar, agent at Powersville, was seen a few days ago headed for some point in Florida. "13" he don't return to Powersville.

Bro. G. M. Sears made a short trip up to Oglethorpe several days ago to see "Little Sears."

Bro. E. W. Smith, Jr., is on second trick at Albany. Understand he relieved Operator Johnson, who has left for parts unknown.

I notice we had one brother of this division on the "Honor Roll" last month. That is right; get after them, boys. UNION-MADE.

*Chattanooga Division—*

Bro. Willson has returned to work at Brooks, after about a month off.

Bro. Isbell, of Fort Oglethorpe, off for a short while; relieved by Bro. Housch.

We had another interesting meeting at Lafayette the third Sunday in January. Try to get the habit of attending these monthly meetings and you will find yourself getting so interested that you will not miss a meeting when it is possible to go.

The dispatchers have a complaint, and I am very sorry to say a just one against some of us, in that we do not "O. S." trains and answer calls promptly. Our chief has been very patient with us in this matter, and more considerate than some of us realize, but patience has ceased to be a virtue with him, and a change for the better is imperative. Now, let's make an improvement in this. The only way the dispatcher has of keeping up with the trains is by our "O. S.," and the proper time to give it is as soon as we can get in on the wire after the train has passed. I realize we all have other work to do. Don't feel that this is negligence on our part, but I hope that we will show them that we are on the job in this respect, as O.S.ing promptly is very important.

Mr. Routt, who worked at Chattanooga yard office a while, has gone on his route, without waiting to be relieved. We are glad he did not belong to us. CART. 265.

**Ann Arbor Ry.**

Understand that the building which housed the interlocking plant at Pittsburg burned some time ago, and Bro. Terrell is enjoying the cool air while heaving the levers.

By the time this appears in print we will have held an election of a local chairman. Let us choose some good man and insist on having a meeting once in a while.

A call will be made for a special assessment to clear up our present indebtedness. Let each brother respond promptly and clean this old account. We may wish to send a committee to confer with the management for a revision to our schedule and we will need some more money.

Keep your eyes and ears open and you may hear something.

Other roads are securing more concessions. Why not us on the Ann Arbor?

I have my eyes on at least five nons who I expect to land before the first of April. This will put us in pretty good shape again.

Let us all try to secure at least one new member before June 30th. We will be 100 per cent solid then.

Bro. Roof, at Clare, back on third trick, changing with Opr. Nevison.

Was glad to see the articles in the January TELEGRAPHER by "Your Uncle Dud." For some time past items have been rather scarce and I have been devoting most of my spare time looking for nons. Come again, Uncle. "RA."

**Denver & Rio Grande Ry.***Second Division—*

How does the cold weather with a few feet of snow thrown in strike you? F. B. Not. From the way changes are being made, one would think the boys had to move to keep warm.

The box car at Malta being too cold for Bro. Fordy, he took Granite second trick on bulletin.

Bro. J. T. Coffey took agency and Bro. L. W. Coffey second trick Red Bluff on bulletin, leaving Bro. Soderberg, Tenn Pass, second trick, and Mr. W. B. French third trick. Bro. "J" relieved at Wolcott by Mr. C. Hardenbright.

An extra man has been placed at Pando temporarily. A Mr. W. L. Vaughan holds the position.

Bro. Barton, of Eagle, off a few days; relieved by some new man.

Sister Rogers, of Grand Junction, off a couple of weeks during the holidays; relieved by Bro. Hickey.

Bro. Bourne now handling the train sheet third trick at Glenwood.

Bro. Morris and wife were noticed shaking their feet at "HD" New Year's Eve.

Did any one notice a decrease in business the few days "we" were laid up? If not we'll try and stay on our feet in the future. Mr. R. W. Bollin did the extra work at Minturn.

Dotsero, another N. O. office, has been abolished, and three men put on at Shoshone, Mr. R. Chrouh holding second trick and Mr. U. G. Shophorn holding third. Can not say whether brothers or not.

Bro. Cole, from Avon, bid in Buena Vista second trick.

Understand our superintendent R. R. Sutherland is at present visiting in Nebraska.

Conductor F. Parks died at Salida January 4th, just on the eve of his departure for California, where he expected to regain his health. This is indeed a sad blow to the boys of the Rio Grande, as Mr. Parks was known to all as a true gentleman and fellow worker.

It is reported an official worked a trick as operator one night because no operator available.

There are several nons on this division at present and we would like to see them all come into the Order. Application blanks have been furnished most of them and any one else desiring blanks can get them by asking. Bro. F. Crosno, Minturn, is very generous with the papers.

Items were received this month from Bros. Coffey and Morris. Will not some one else send us notice of the doings in their vicinity each month? "VO."

*Pueblo to Trinidad and LaVeta—*

Bro. Evans is working at San Carlos, third trick, until Bro. Stokes shows up to take hold.

Bros. Kennedy, Owen and Evans and "Bill" Owen, from the East, all attended the ball at Lime, Colo., January 22d. "Bill" Edson was there, too.

Bro. Belcher, on his return from the South, dropped off No. 14 and worked a day and a half



for Bro. Prettyman, at Verde. Bro. Prettyman went to Pueblo to see his family.

After relieving at Verde Bro. Belcher resumed duties at Graneros third trick, which is his regular position. While Bro. Belcher was away on his vacation Mr. E. H. Grebe worked third trick at Graneros. He holds an up-to-date with the C. T. U. of A.

Bro. Whitney, of Dresden Town, landed Lark spur third trick on bid and has left the south end. Bro. Bower now holding down the twelve-hour stunt at that place.

Bro. Bain got Huerfano second trick, but has not been transferred yet. Bro. Norris is there now. Bro. Helber has gone to the "Sacred" north end also.

Bro. Allen back to work at Cuchara after having an extended lay-off and went home; was relieved by Bro. Claar. Bro. Claar went from Cuchara to Florence.

Bro. Giddings is working second trick at Rouse Junction now; do not know who is the fixture there now.

Bro. Challis relieved Bro. "Dad" Wright at Rouse for a short time. Bro. Challis went from Rouse to Castle Rock to relieve somewhere in the shuffle caused by Breslow laying off.

Bro. J. O. Johnson relieving Bro. Domka at LaVeta. BILL.

#### B. & L. E. Ry.

Opr. F. F. Burras, formerly second trick at Conley, has been placed first trick at Kremis. Opr. C. E. McGuire filling second trick at Conley at present.

Opr. Keep is working third trick at Meadville Junction for a few nights.

Opr. Sherrick is working second at Lynces Junction, relieving Opr. F. Jackson.

At last meeting at Greenville Bro. Rex Williams rode the goat.

We have four ex-dispatchers working as operators on north end, so don't try to burn them, for all the satisfaction you could get would be to pack a hot box on your sounder and that takes time.

Bro. M. A. Williams, first trick at "KO" Junction, also division organizer, has been doing some good work the last few weeks. He has corralled quite a few of the stragglers, all of whom will soon be wearing the O. R. T. brand.

Mr. Hedeem, third trick at "XB," North Bessemer, off two weeks; relieved by Bro. H. E. Hale, of Division 130.

"SA" Tower, Pardoe, was closed from midnight until 6 a. m., commencing December 23. This threw F. B. Campbell on the extra list.

The new tower at North Bessemer was put into commission December 23. There are eleven levers and the switches across the bridge at Plum Creek are operated from "XB." Gas has been installed and a big new switchboard.

Bro. C. A. Callahan worked a week second trick at Conneautville, relieving Mr. Mitchell.

Third trick at Rural Ridge was taken off December 23. Bro. M. B. DeShong, who worked it, went to Horne first trick in the absence of Chas. Fitzmartin.

Bro. E. J. Grant, first trick at Lynces Junction, took a week's vacation; relieved by F. B. Campbell, extra telegrapher.

E. F. Redfoote, new man on road, working third trick at Harrisville in the place of Bro. Hughes, who has left the service.

Bro. A. D. Knapp, first trick at Woods, spent Christmas in Greenville.

Bro. R. G. Loveday, second trick at "VE" tower, was off four days in January; relieved by Bro. C. A. Callahan.

Bro. R. L. Williams, agent at Euclid, quarantined in the house on account of typhoid fever in his family. Relieved by Relief Agent F. D. Hornbeck.

Bro. H. G. Carlyle, third trick at Springboro, took a week's vacation in January. Relieved by, F. B. Campbell, extra telegrapher.

Bro. O. L. Fleeger, agent at Springboro, was off on his ten days' (O. R. T.) vacation in December Earl Cooper, clerk, checked in as agent in Bro. Fleeger's absence.

Bro. Kebert, second trick at Springboro, took a day off recently; says it is good to get out now and then. Relieved by T. R. Keep, extra man.

Bro. J. H. Brooks resigned third trick at "VE" tower in the favor of Bro. J. A. Highbarger, first trick at Kremis, who got heartily tired of the place. Bro. Highbarger was relieved by F. F. Burras, from Conley, second trick.

The little daughter of Bro. M. C. Hahn, first trick, "NA" tower, has been very ill. At this writing, however, she is reported much better.

Bro. E. B. Minnis, second trick, Houston Junction, took a little vacation last month. Relieved by Bro. H. E. Hale.

Bro. S. A. Wildman, who worked first trick at Harmonsburg until it was closed, at this time is reported to be at Greensburg, Pa., on the P. R. R.

"CV," supervisor's office, Grove City, has been moved from the old office over Broad street to rooms over the station. The wires will be taken out of the station and Mr. Haun's clerk will do the telegraphing.

Bro. C. R. Miller, first trick, Meadville Junction, took a vacation last December. He visited in Milwaukee, Chicago and Buffalo. Relieved by Bro. H. B. Sherrick. Bro. Sherrick now at Lynces Junction, second trick, relieving Bro. F. F. Jackson.

Bro. Petquignot, first trick at "DE," Meadville, is at this time seriously ill with Bright's disease. He has the sympathy and the hopes of the division for a speedy recovery.

Bro. Bruce Lord went from Conneaut Lake to Meadville, first trick, in the absence of Bro. Petquignot. Bro. Lord was relieved at Conneaut Lake by "Dusty" Rhodes, of Watson's Run, Rhodes being relieved by F. B. Campbell, extra telegrapher.

Bro. C. A. Rood, of Queen Junction, made a business trip over the north end in the first week of January.

Bro. R. A. Litwiler, who has held second trick at Meadville Junction for several years with credit to himself and the company, has been appointed agent at that point, former agent C. H. Bolster taking third and R. W. Litwiler second trick.

Bro. "Stonewall" Jackson, second trick at Dicksonburg, took a vacation at Xmas. Relieved by F. B. Campbell.

"Ye scribe" wishes to extend his thanks to Bro. Smith, of Springboro, and Bro. Miller, of Meadville Junction, for their able assistance in this month's write-up and gives them an invitation to come again.

Bro. M. B. DeShong went to Meharg, third trick, after he got through at Horne.

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### Pittsburg & Lake Erie Ry.

Bro. Eicholtz, of Fleming Park, returns to "CO," College, thereby bumping Mr. Vails, who goes to "QA," Aliquippa, second trick. Ex-Bro. Wallace goes from "QA," second, to "AK," Nimick, third trick, Bro. Creahen, from "AK," third to 34th street, Pittsburg, third trick. Bro. Rothrock, from 34th street, Pittsburg, to "FM," Fleming Park, third trick. Bro. Thomas bid in second trick at "DU," 34th street, Pittsburg.

Bro. M. J. Kelly has left the service and Bro. O'Neil takes his place at "CH," McKee's Rocks, second trick.

Bro. Shugert goes to "AD," Pittsburg yard, in place of O'Neil.

Opr. Graham relieved Mr. Hunter at "RH," McKee's Rock, during the holidays while Hunter took an Xmas vacation.

Ex-Bro. Yohey relieved Mr. Purdick at "MA," McKee's Rock general yard office, while Burdick was doing the extra stunt in dispatcher's office, Pittsburg.

Bro. Horn secures a regular berth in dispatcher's office, Pittsburg.

Mr. Yohey is now learning the interlocking machines at Pittsburg, McKee's Rock and Fleming Park.

Mr. Graham relieved Mr. Wallace at "AK," while the latter took a vacation which he spent at home with his parents. Mr. Graham says he will have nothing to do with the Order; don't forget "no card, no favors."

Mr. Yohey relieved Bro. Campbell at "DX," Pittsburg, for a few days while the latter was making a trip over his division as local chairman.

Stockmans Run interlocking (new office) opened a few days ago with Bros. Bees, Price and McCarthy in charge. All were awarded on bids.

Come, brothers, let's awaken from our semi-stupor; sit up and take notice of some things which are happening beside you almost every day. Get busy and stay busy. "ME."

I came on this line on the 19th of September and was surprised to find so many delinquent members, but I have met some very staunch members also. I questioned one non why he was not a member of the O. R. T., and the response was he could not see where the O. R. T. has ever benefited him any, and when I cornered him the hard luck story followed that his wife had been in the hospital for quite a while; he also was laid up in the same place for about a month, which turned out to be a falsehood. He found that this would not bluff so he comes along saying that he could not keep two secret orders up and the O. R. T. too, so he finally said he would rather keep up the other orders and drop the O. R. T. Brothers of this line, you want to get after these kind of drones and backsliders or they will die.

I had a non to have the gall to say if the O. R. T. got him \$5.00 more a month the next time the committee went up he would go in right away. Now what do you brothers of this line think of that, anyway? I hope if he is such kind of material that he will be benefited by getting a \$15.00 cut instead of a raise, which will waken him up to some great extent with a fourteen-hour day. Now, brothers, we have either one of two things to do with the nons. If we treat them courteously and as brothers how in the world do we expect to do anything. We have got to adopt the golden rule and stick to it, which is "no card, no favors."

Opr. A. A. Calhoun is relieving Mr. Ludgwick at "AK" tower for a few days.

Mr. W. R. Williams relieved Opr. Thomas at "DU," third trick, while he was absent and also relieved Opr. Lunn at "MA," a few days.

Awake from your dreams and be doing, it is only a short time till we will be called upon for a vote on improvements by our committee. See what you are capable of doing and if each one does his share the P. & L. E. will not be found behind.

Bro. N. G. McClellan returned to first trick at "Z," who has been off for the last three months building a house.

Opr. Whalen, who has been working first trick, resumed second at "Z," and is now off for about a week. Relieved by Bro. E. H. Lung, who is a new man on the road, but carries an up-to-date card from the Panhandle.

Opr. McMillan, working third trick at "Z," was off five days and was relieved by Bro. Wm. Joyce, who is a new man from the N. Y. N. H. & H. Ry. Understand he is working third trick at Vankirk now for a few days. CERT. 403.

### Sou. Pac. Ry.

#### San Joaquin District—

It is gratifying to notice that the telegraphers, as a whole, are showing their appreciation of the good work that has been accomplished by their officers now in office by making individual effort to secure each and every eligible telegrapher to affiliate with the organization. Daily one can hear on the wires the brotherly conversations of union men trying to, and regularly succeeding, in

convincing non-members that it is the proper thing to become a member and assist in maintaining what we have already secured. Not that there may be any argument why any man should remain outside the fold, but that the proposition has never before been rightly placed before him for consideration. When one takes out his card in an organization, such as ours, it is a duty he at once assumes, to work for the upbuilding of that organization, and have the boys taken to the duty that falls upon them in assuming the membership.

It is with regret that I report that several offices have been closed, thereby depriving as many men of employment, but when the company's business decreases it is but good business principle to reduce expenses, where it can be done without subtracting from the efficiency of the service.

Bro. Lester's circular of January 1st, is just out, and offers encouragement and kind wishes to all the boys. It makes one feel as though we are under able leadership. He points out that we should show, by our service to the company, by our attention to detail, that union labor is the first-class labor, and when union wages are paid, union service is rendered; and union service is the best for men and women working together in brotherly interest, work with each other. When I visit a brother at his station I always inquire into his system of handling the company's business, and if I learn from his system I am happy if I am able to point out where I believe my system may be of benefit to him and give better results, I also gain pleasure in that method. Were it not for fraternal feeling brought about by unionism this method would not be possible.

At Caliente, Sister Ryan, who has been on leave of absence for a month, visiting her daughter and granddaughter at San Jose, is again at her desk.

Bealville office opened a couple of months. Occupied by Bro. M. M. Cecil, lately of Santa Barbara, where one of the offices was closed, and he was left without a job. Bro. Cecil laid off to spend Christmas at a reunion of his family, returning to work at Ventura, extra. He was relieved at Bealville by Bro. Shepard, who was relieved by the closing of the office, January 8th.

At Marcel, while the office was open, E. Delashmet.

At Mojave, Bro. Smith has just returned from the East, where he has been visiting the old folks. Bro. Williamson on leave of absence just now.

Bro. Rickells, who has been agent at Palmdale for the past three years, is intending to present his resignation shortly, for he has bought an interest in an agricultural implement firm at Fernando, and will devote his time to that business.

The San Joaquin and Los Angeles Divisions have made River Station (Los Angeles), a joint telegraph office, which puts two men out of office on the San Joaquin Division. Also the Coast and San Joaquin at Santa Barbara closed one office, making the other do all the work.

In the death of Superintendent Burkhalter, which occurred last month, the boys lost the last

of the old-time Westerners in the railroad business, and all feel keenly the loss. Superintendent Burkhalter was respected by all who knew him, and recognized as a thorough railroader, having arisen from the ranks. He knew every detail of the work and his death was a sad blow to a host of friends.

The telegraphers of this division placed a floral tribute in the shape of a wreath and sounder and pole with broken wire. Other orders were also represented, most conspicuous being that of the trainmen, which was an engine and coach, representing the private car Saco, used by the deceased. The funeral was held at Los Angeles and was attended by friends and employes from all departments.

The yard office at Santa Barbara has been closed and all trains are now handled from Victoria street. This cuts out Bro. Cecil and Oakley, who have hit the extra list and are hopping around from place to place, rather than bump at some "OS" job and get stuck there.

Bro. Ingram, at Ventura, has been on vacation; relieved by Bro. M. M. Cecil.

Bro. McFee, of Carpinteria, has been on a sixty-day lay-off; relieved by Bro. Mithen, who in turn was relieved by Bro. Holmes. Bro. Mithen resigned to accept a job in a commercial house in Los Angeles.

Wires have been cut out of Moorpark and Nordhoff. It is understood that these brothers will bid out.

The last bulletin shows about ten vacancies and positions range from the best station on the line to the poorest.

Bro. Moranda was assigned to Malaga, Bro. Porter to Armona, Bro. McDonald to Moorpark, Bro. Johnson to Porterville, Bro. Timmons to Caliente, Bro. Lively to Mojave, and Mr. Barngrover to Goshen.

Positions open to bid are Famoso, Oil City, Bakersfield, Cinco, Searles, Piru, Montalvo, Coalinga, and Operators at Visalia, Coalinga and Bakersfield.

The local chairman will go over the division in a short time, signing up the few who are not members and collecting back dues from those who have not paid up.

You should promptly notify the local chairman of any changes, new comers, and any other items of interest and welfare of the Order. Too many brothers from other divisions do not transfer simply because the information is not given the local chairman, and he has no way of knowing without your assistance.

LOCAL COR.

#### *L. W. and L. M. and T. Divisions—*

There are quite a number of new comers working extra. It is to be hoped that all the good men stay and the nons hike.

We have a pretty good schedule, but can stand improvement, and I feel sure the time is coming when we will have as good a schedule as any other road. All we have to do is to *stick*, keep a stiff upper lip, give good service, and work for the

company's interest as well as our own, so that when we ask for something good they will feel like it is due us.

The following assignments were made on December bulletin: C. C. Gerced, "MI," third trick; W. N. Goodwin, "O" days; H. J. Casteron, "A" second trick; W. W. Stevens, "HO" nights; G. L. Seugeneau, "WB" days; A. J. Sparks, "X" second trick; P. H. McDonald, "FD" third trick; J. V. Hanley, "KR" second trick. Bulletin only shows two positions vacant. This looks like all the boys have landed their intended spot.

Bro. Duncan has been reinstated and is back at his old stand at Hayes, on the Lake Arthur branch.

Bro. F. C. Smith is doing the relief stunt at Welsh, relieving Mr. Tubbs.

Bro. Wilhelm, better known as "Dutch," has left for the Pacific coast. THE WONDER.

#### *Salt Lake Division—*

I wish to thank each one for the treatment accorded me on my recent trip on the road, and am sorry that I did not get to see every one, and hope I will be able to finish the visiting in January.

I am sorry that we can not each one visit the other offices, as I think it a great benefit, especially for the one who does the visiting. Was glad to find the interest that is shown in the work in our department, and our work, as a whole, is second to none. I found some complaint that in some cases good work was not appreciated by the company, but I think this a mistake, as our local officials appreciate good work, which is all we should expect. Each one of us is as much a part of the company as any other person, therefore the knowledge that we are giving good service is all the appreciation we should expect from the company.

I find some of the more important stations very poorly paid for the work and responsibility, and we hope this will be remedied. Some of us have been on the desert so long that we find it hard to be congenial to the men we are working with, but we should make an extra effort to be fair to each other. I can assure you that the officials do not like to hear of complaints between employees.

Has every one started that bank account? I would like to see every employe in this department with a nice credit in a bank, drawing interest, even if it is small. I think that this is the most important thing for the laboring man to do at present.

I do not mean to carry it too far, as in one case I found a man who was so busy trying to buy him a home that he was letting the rest of us pay his organization dues. I like to see a man close enough to look out for his own interests, but when he is too stingy to pay his debts and lives on the efforts of others, he is a disgrace. I would give you his name, but some of us might tell him what we think of him, and it would do us more harm than it would do him.

I see there is a good deal being said in the papers about the high freight rates that the public

is being forced to pay, and there is no doubt but that some of them are high, but some are very low, and there is another side of the question. We have been working without a raise of pay for the past ten years or more, as every time we get a small raise, living expenses were raised more than enough to balance it. This was done, too, by the people who are now howling about high freight rates. It is time we were howling a little, too. Look at the money that the railroad employes alone spend in any railroad center, and figure what values they get. Then go down the streets and count the unnecessary stores, and employes in these stores that the laboring man is supporting, or very nearly supporting. Then figure the rents you are also paying, and then figure each storekeeper's profits, as well as losses he makes on poor credits. We are paying it all, as well as our part of the freight rates. If these people would figure on these expenses, instead of forming associations to see how much rents and profits they can make us pay, they would not need to take our raise of pay; and more, before we even get it, and then try to get the roads to cut rates so they could support one or two more business houses. Excessive business houses, as we now have them, are nothing but leeches for the laboring man to support. Then look at the saloons the laboring man is supporting. Whisky is not a necessity, but just look at the expenses we have to pay before we can get a drink of the, as a rule, degrading stuff. Organized labor has a remedy for this imposition, and I am in favor of using it, at once, too.

Wish to again thank you for your interest, and wish you all a prosperous year.

W. B. TAVELLE.

#### *Houston Division—*

Bro. Chism, agent at Schertz, has been laying off and enjoying a much needed rest during the holidays.

Sabinal, third trick, and Seguin, first trick operator-clerk, now on bulletin.

Bro. Baker at present doing the stunt at Sabinal third trick, and at Seguin Bro. Pete Schaller is working first, with Bro. Weiss second, and Bro. Rosenbush third.

Bro. Williams, working second trick at San Antonio, east yard, has just returned from his honeymoon.

Bro. H. Hurr, of Engle, is at present acting local chairman to fill the unexpired term made by Bro. Martin Braden, of Lacoste, whom we regret was obliged to give up the good work on account of illness. It is to be said that Bro. Braden is one of the best of men we need, and certainly wish him a speedy recovery. CERT. 7705.

#### *Tuscan Division—*

Our former Superintendent W. H. Averell was made superintendent of the Los Angeles Division, and succeeded by Mr. W. H. Whalen, as superintendent of the Tuscan Division.

Mr. A. F. Bowles, assistant superintendent, was made superintendent of the Western Division, and was succeeded by Mr. J. W. Metcalf, from the Los Angeles Division.

Tucson Division now has two trainmasters, Mr. H. G. Bonorden, Tucson to El Paso, and Mr. G. L. Hickey, Tucson to Yuma.

Dispatcher W. B. Kirkland is enjoying a months' vacation in old Mississippi.

J. H. King, from agency at Maricopa, bid in agency at Simon.

Bro. E. Jones was assigned to Glade, days.

Glade has been made a two-man position, with Bro. J. S. Taylor on nights, extra.

Bro. A. E. Lawrence was assigned to third trick at Bowie.

Bro. A. G. Brinley secured fourth trick at Benson.

Bro. Leroy Palmer, from Lardsburg, assigned to Wellton, nights.

Bro. G. B. Pannell, from Simon, to Strauss, nights.

Bro. O. K. Turner assigned Blaisdell, nights.

Bro. E. Best, from extra, to Esmond, nights.

This leaves the following vacancies: Gila, second trick; Estrella, nights; Maricopa, agency; Dragon, second trick; Bowie, second trick; Lordsburg, third trick; Simon, nights; Ochoa, nights.

Bro. J. L. Strong has been used as relief agent at Vail and Cochise for several weeks.

Bro. W. H. Lawrence, of Cochise, has gone to Nevada to see if he can find a more suitable position; his duties having about worn him out.

Our Local Chairman Bro. C. Q. Leslie, recently made a very successful trip over the division, securing a number of new members and transferring several others. Several old members had become too lax in remitting dues and had to take out new memberships.

As a class we are too careless of our own best interests, and in becoming delinquent we waive our rights in the M. B. D. Life is uncertain, and we can only suggest a glance at the December TELEGRAPHER with its photos of deceased members to urge the members to pay more attention to their dues and assessments.

Nominations for local chairman and delegate are being made, and it is expected that the coming convention at Atlanta, Ga., May 10th, will present a busy scene.

Several large systems of railroad in the South are unorganized or partially so, and the convention will no doubt be of much and lasting benefit to that section of the country. It is not too early to hint at the convention city for 1911, and I would hereby respectfully suggest to delegates of the West that our own beautiful Los Angeles be pushed to the first place in the eyes of the approaching convention. Some of the large railroad systems of the West need the sentiment and attention this would bring about, and the West has not had the honor of an O. R. T. convention since long before we can remember. Los Angeles with 300,000 people, with immense

convention halls, its beauty of fruits and flowers, and its unequalled beaches and resorts is the coming convention city, and I venture the assertion now that it will be in the race when the question comes up at Atlanta.

Yours fraternally,

LOCAL CORRESPONDENT.

### Northern Pacific Ry.

#### Yellowstone Division—

The new year finds every thing moving along smoothly on the Yellowstone Division. Three new members this month, and the prospect of one or two for February. Abernathy at Pompeys Pillar, Washburn at Hoyt, and Anderson at Hodges being the new applicants. I will make it a point to give the new applications in each write-up, so every member can keep his list of members up-to-date and know who are the brothers on the division.

The January TELEGRAPHER came to us with a splendid editorial by Bro. Quick, reviewing the past year's work of the Order. It's good enough to read several times, see that every non on the division is given an opportunity to read it, and then a little organizing talk along with Bro. Quick's remarks should be enough to secure an application or two.

All who were absent on vacations have returned to duty with the exception of Bro. John Paul, who is taking an extended leave of absence at home. Bros. Gough and Raymond Paul have returned to work in Glendive. Bros. Cunningham and Mars going to Sims and Sweet Briar on account of reduction in Glendive office. Bro. Niekum transferred from Rosebud to Sanders, making that office solid again. Sister Sullivan and son are visiting on the Pacific Coast; she being relieved by Bro. Washburn.

Three positions put on at Gladstone and Sweet Briar since the first of the month, the business could not be handled at these places satisfactorily with a period of the day closed.

Bro. G. S. Priest has resigned at Belfield and gone to the Rocky Mountain Division, changed locations for his health.

Bro. Nutten has returned from his Christmas vacation, bringing with him a better half.

I am indebted to Bros. Forsblad, Bervin and Neikum for material for this write-up, and appreciate their help very much. We can have a good write-up each month if every member will help just a little bit, drop me a line or two on a postal card, when there is a change in your office, which will help in keeping addresses considerable.

Before you see another write-up from this division the result of the election should be known to every one, the local chairman's office to be filled, and a delegate to the Grand Convention being elected. If this should be the last time I have the opportunity of writing you as local chairman, I want to thank you for what support and assistance has been given me during the past; while I do not feel that all the help was

given me in many instances that could have been, without any extra effort on your part, I appreciate it just the same. I have enjoyed the work very much, and have performed it to the best of my ability, and whether I serve you in the future as I have in the past, as spokesman for the Yellowstone Division, you will find me ready to do every thing for the advancement of the Order all the time in every place.

M. A. Smoot, *Local Chairman.*

*Pacific Division, First District—*

Operator Dobson, from fourth trick at Ellensburg, to superintendent's office at "WR," Tacoma, on afternoon shift.

Bro. R. W. Baker, at Ellensburg, takes fourth trick there, and a new man, Mr. Fichtl, from Union depot, Seattle, takes third, vacated by Bro. Baker.

Bro. Barr resigned from Nelsons; succeeded by Bro. H. McKiddy.

At Easton, Bro. A. M. Calvert is back from vacation January 1st, resuming his position as agent. This puts Bro. W. G. Calvert on first, Bro. J. L. Brimberry on second, and Mr. J. A. O'Reilly on third. Bro. G. F. Bingham, who was working third trick during Bro. A. M. Calvert's vacation transferred to South Prairie, later to third trick at Lestor, where he is working at the time of writing.

Bro. M. B. Parker, from third trick at Martin, to second trick at Stampede. He was relieved by Mr. S. Stanley, who used to work at King St. Station, Seattle, sometime ago. Mr. Stanley was discharged; his place taken by Mr. J. F. Spencer, a new man from Seattle.

Bro. Brandon, from Lemolo to North Portland; succeeded by Mr. F. B. Wood (was temporarily working third trick at Palmer Junction).

Brothers on three-men jobs, do not work double-shifts with no rest or insufficient rest. This is against the law and against the company's rules, and is certainly a poor practice.

I am further requested to mention a case where a certain operator has been away on a vacation nearly ninety days, and came back and worked one day, and has not shown up since. This evidently to hold his rights under the schedule, although not a member. If this is correct, as my informant believes to be the case, it is plainly a violation of the spirit if not the exact letter of the schedule, and should be looked into.

At the Tacoma meeting, January 15th, ballots were opened and counted for nominations for local chairman, delegate and alternate to Grand Convention at Atlanta, Ga., next May.

Nominations for local chairman, John Hartl, Centralia; J. C. Phares, location forgotten by me; P. C. Arnold, Borup; R. W. Baker, Ellensburg. Delegate, District No. 5, A. J. Dubois, Pasco Division, and John Hartl and R. W. Baker, Pacific Division. Alternates, P. C. Arnold, Jesse Waters and Kingsmill Commander, all of Pacific Division.

While the total vote cast was small, still the Pacific Division was well up in the bunch, but was

not where it should have been, when one stops to think that it is the largest and supposed to be the strongest.

I was glad of the opportunity I had for a good long talk with Bro. Holmes over O. R. T. matters in general. I am convinced that he is always on the alert for anything that will benefit the Order and that he is doing all in his power to keep things humming, which is a hard thing for one man to do, and he deserves much credit for what is done.

Bro. Baker accept thanks for the above complete report, for which we are all indebted to him.

In common with all Western and many Eastern roads we are having troubles with deep snow, cold weather and washouts.

Wire trouble and demoralized train service have made it hard to cover the ground, but different brothers have helped out, and I believe this is fairly correct at time of writing, which, it must be remembered, is nearly a month before it is printed in the journal.

As we all do an equal amount of hoop work under the A. B. C. system of handling trains, it will not be without interest and profit to hear a little about the hoop business from the men who have to do the catching of them. I have heard considerable conversation with train and engine-men on this subject and I learn that, notwithstanding, the company sent a man over the division to put reflectors on the hand lamps, and instruct all in regard to hoop handling. Yet some operators hold the lamps so that the light shines in the eyes of the men on the approaching train, thereby dazzling them so they cannot locate the hoop. The dark side of the lamp should be towards the train and the light thrown on the hoop. There is a very great difference in the way hoops are held at different stations. As one of our best engineers said to me, "Some places I know I am safe to catch my hoop at forty miles an hour; at others I don't feel sure of making it at five miles an hour. Some of the boys don't seem to understand that if they keep the light out of our eyes and hold the hoop still, with the light shining on it, we will reach it even if it's not quite in the right place. But it must be held still or we are almost sure to miss it. There is — at — (a certain station west of Lester). He is just as bad as before the instructor went over the road. He holds his lamp too near the hoop, so that one is likely to strike his hand and cut it badly when reaching for the hoop; and then when you are almost to him he will get nervous and commence to shift the hoop up or down or sidewise, because he is afraid he has it in the wrong place, and the consequence is that it is a constant worry and annoyance catching hoops from him, as one can never feel certain of getting them."

Another matter that merits close and careful attention is keep fresh, black carbons in block card pads, and using a hard enough pencil with a tin under, so as to insure clear, plain copies of all cards issued.

K. C.

*Lake Superior Division—*

Right now is the time to be up and doing, if we wish to hold what we have already won, so let us make our watchword, "Organize," and all pull together for the common good, regardless of individual differences. Just now the greatest menace seems to be the phones, but instead of being discouraged and giving up, we must redouble our efforts, so if trains are to be moved by phone, the man behind the phone will be a union brother, and be working for union wages, instead of a pittance. I have just been reading an article in *The World's Work*, for January, entitled "How Labor Will Control Capital," by Mr. Andrew Carnegie. It is an extract from his new book, "Problems of Today," and I found food for much thought therein, and think it will prove of interest to many.

I am sorry to say that I am not very well acquainted with most of you, and so if I designate some good Bro. as "Mr." I beg his pardon, and if I put a non down as "Bro." I hope he will accept the suggestion, and act at once so there will be cause for me to take it back.

Can see no reason why we can not have a meeting on this division at a place and time that the greatest number can get together, or if necessary could have two in different places so all could have a chance to get to it and get back to work.

Don't forget the ballots for the election of officers, and don't on any account put off getting the latest card, so you will be up-to-date.

Bro. Mason, at Moose Lake, is helping to get this write-up together, and I thank him and many others that help, and may inspire others also. If this meets your approval, and you wish some more in the future, kindly send any items to me at Pine City, and I will gladly do all I can, as our local chairman has not the time to devote to this work.

Bro. Carter, at Forest Lake, is at present enjoying a well-earned rest, and Bro. Tom Sebesta is holding fort there, during his absence.

At North Branch, General Chairman Bro. Sam Johnson is now back in the harness, after a long organizing tour. He was relieved by Bro. Tom Sebesta during his absence, with Mr. Joe O'Brien as operator.

Bro. Donald, at Rush City, was away during the holidays, and was relieved by a Miss LaPole, who hails from Grantsburg.

At Pine City it's now Bro. J. A. Peterson, agent, and Bro. D. C. Gray, second trick. These are two additions to the O. R. T. army since the last write-up. And at the present writing, "yours truly," "R," is holding the third trick.

Bro. C. H. Bickley, former night operator at "MR," who left the service last fall, called on us a few days ago. He is now general agent for a firm in Chicago and seems to be getting alone fine.

Bro. J. M. Curtis, of West Duluth, is now agent at Fon Du Lac, after a short stay, as agent at Tamarack on the Second District.

Bro. Peterson, of Wyoming, visited friends at Moose Lake the other day.

Moose Lake, "MU," now a three-man position is about to be reduced to two men, with no telegraph service from 6 a. m. until 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. to 9 p. m. This reminds us of the old proverb, "Penny wise and pound foolish." The reason for the reduction is given as "Decrease in business," but it is a fact that there are now twice as many trains on the road as there were two weeks ago. The cost to the company of a three hour delay to a train, three or four times a month, would more than pay the salary of an operator.

What is known as "The Bridge," "ND," office will soon be discontinued. This position is now being filled by Operators Harris, first trick; Conery, of "DU," second trick, and Landsworth, third trick. All nons.

Pfeifer, our popular third trick dispatcher, is now taking the "F3S," and delays on account of no operator at "DU" after 12 midnight.

Bro. Jackse, second trick at Carlton, "UN," ate Christmas turkey at his home in McGregor.

On account of a steady reduction of the force since the grain rush, there has been lots of bumping on the line as many offices heretofore having continuous telegraph service, being now one-man positions, and some offices closed altogether.

Business was a little slack during the holidays, but seems to be generally good all over the division at the present writing, and understand the coal has just started moving.

The company has a right to expect first-class service under the new law, and am sure they have no kick coming, and if they notice they will see the "Johnny on the Spot Men," are the fellows who wear the button—don't look for it from one who don't. "Nuff Sed."

Bro. O'Sullivan suggests that arrangements be made for a meeting to be held in the near future. Think it meets with the approval of all the boys, and see no reason why there could not be a goodly number present, and also arrange to hold regular meetings thereafter.

N. F. Thoreson, formerly third trick operator at Motley, to third trick at Aitkin, "KN," when "MO" was reduced, December 13th to a two-man position.

J. N. O'Brien as night operator at Pillager from September until December 5th, when the night office was closed. O'Brien going to Kimberly, "K," second trick, and Mrs. LaPole to her home in Grantsburg, Wis.

Lorch, "JO," opened in September with Bro. George Rice, from first trick at Aitkin (formerly of Brainerd, days), as first trick operator, and Jim Carrol, second trick. Unable to say who held third trick there. When the office was closed, December 10th, Rice, after a couple of weeks' vacation, bid in second trick at McGregor, "MG." Operator Carroll going to his home in Stillwater. The third trick man, name unknown, went to Jamestown.

O. A. Johnson, from third trick at "MU," to third trick at "KN;" relieved by Joe O'Brien; O'Brien, in turn, being relieved by N. F. Thoreson; Thoreson from third trick at "JO."

At Tamarack, "TK," now a one-man position with G. R. Foutz, agent and operator, but think by the sound he is not much stuck on the job. J. M. Curtis, the former agent, bid in Fon Du Lac, "FN," agency. "TK" being filled temporarily by Bro. A. E. Youngberg.

At Wright, "WT," Bro. W. L. Barnes, agent and operator, took a month's leave of absence on November 5th; Bro. Youngberg again relieving.

Great credit is due Sister Nichols for her promptness in giving us such a complete lineup of the Second District on short notice. She was kindly assisted by several of the brothers along the line. Much interest was shown, and it is hoped we will be able to arrange for a regular correspondent in the future with news items each month. CERT. 536.

#### *Rocky Mountain Division—*

Operator F. H. Paige left for Chicago last month owing to the sudden illness of his wife. Operator C. E. Williams succeeds him, taking second trick at Bearmouth.

Bro. R. C. Woodruff assigned third trick at Bearmouth, recently employed on the new Milwaukee, near Butte. Bro. Woodruff is from the Postal Company at Oklahoma City, and is a brother of S. W. Woodruff at "W" office, Butte, on the Montana Division.

George Dean, operator at Taft, was assigned to relief duty at Hell Gate. Bro. M. E. Thayer and wife on vacation.

Owing to reduction in force, one operator has been taken off at Bonita, and Bro. Shannon is back at the keys again, Operator Rahte, third trick at Bonita, being assigned a trick at Gold Creek.

Bro. F. E. Dahl, first trick at Double Track Junction, on leave of absence, left for Miles City, where he will renew the acquaintance of numerous friends and relatives.

Bro. I. A. Ulrestead relieved Bro. J. A. Lawrence, third trick at Nimrod.

Bro. E. H. Showalter, of Garrison, visited friends in Missoula.

Operator E. T. Brown, of Paradise, on a thirty-day leave of absence, and has left for St. Paul.

Fish Creek office, on the C. D. Alene branch, closed on account of work trains being pulled off.

By the time this is in print we will know who is our local chairman, and also delegate to the grand convention at Atlanta, Ga., next May. Bro. R. J. Rundell, of Phillipsburg, our present local chairman, and Bro. H. S. Sorrels, third trick operator at Missoula, west yard, "MX" office, are the two most prominent candidates.

Bro. Rundell has served as local chairman of this division for the past year and a half, also served on the committee which met the management last fall, rendering very valuable services, taking charge of the office under the most adverse conditions, when it was hard to find an Order man

on this division, he has brought this division up to its present high standard, which, at the present time, is about 85 per cent strong. "Nuff sed."

Bro. Sorrels is a new man on the N. P., coming here about five months ago as an experienced committeeman, having been local chairman, Kalispell Division, Great Northern Division, No. 70, ever since the reorganization.

If either of these men are elected the boys will find that they have a live local chairman.

There are new operators coming among us almost daily, and if he is a member he feels as though he was among all nons, for you seldom if even hear any one say a word about the Order. Wake up! Come out of it, and let them know that the Rocky Mountain Division is almost solid O. R. T. Let every one know that you are up-to-date and ascertain if they are, and if not, why not, and let them have no rest until they do get up-to-date.

I have tested brothers whom I know are up-to-date, but get no response. Study up your wire test, password, etc., as well as the grip and other signals, and be prepared to deliver the goods when called for; also, let us find out immediately upon their arrival who these strangers are that are being employed here almost every day, and if a member let him know that he is among friends, and if a non, see that he becomes a member at the earliest possible date. Div. Cor.

#### *Dakota Division—*

Bro. McCready, third trick at Steele, spent Christmas with relatives in Medina; relieved by Mr. W. J. Digby, formerly of the Yellowstone Division.

Bro. Hopkins spent a few days' vacation in McKenzie visiting old friends.

Bro. J. W. McCarthy, formerly third trick at Sterling, tendered his resignation to the company and finally left for his home in Indiana.

The second trick at Bismarck is bulletined, but no one seems to go after it very strong.

Bro. Parent goes from Sterling to Burleigh, as second man, since the latter place has been made a two-man job.

The Linton branch train had a hard time of it the two days we had our blizzard. It started out of Linton on the first day, but decided to go back after getting about half way to McKenzie, and wait for the snow plow.

The second trick at Crystal Springs has been closed, as also has the second trick at Berner. Not much business coming this way while the snow is melting out in the mountains.

Cleveland is now open for bids.

What have you resolved to do this year? I think every one of us ought to resolve to get at least one new member and make this a banner year in securing new members. Now, let us get busy and see what we can do with the nons along the line. There are not very many left and if each one tries to land one we ought to make the division solid. I see, in the last month's TELEGRAPHER that the Pacific Division was bragging about being



the banner division and the backbone of No. 54. Now let us show them that we are not very much behind, if any, and we can make the other divisions sit up and take notice, if we will devote just a few minutes every now and then and talk rather seriously to some one.

Bro. J. H. Hardenbrook has resigned and gone to Portland, Ore., where he expects to enjoy himself in the land of roses.

Bro. M. B. Quire, second trick at Jamestown yard office, has resigned and gone back to the Rock Island.

A very bad accident occurred recently at McKenzie, when No. 1 left the rails and all but the baggage and express cars went on their side, but, aside from a few bruises and some cut by broken glass, no one was injured, with the exception of one, who was injured internally and died later at Bismarck.

We understand the living rooms at McKenzie are being fixed up. Why? CRR. 372.

#### *Idaho Division—*

The new cut-off between Noxon and Trout Creek is now being used, and the boys at Tuscara are rejoicing over their new quarters.

Operator Walter Sanger, third trick at Clarks Fork, has put in his application for one of the little cards. This will make Clarks Fork solid, with Bros. Thornton and Baker on first and second tricks, respectively.

Bro. Miller, Trent, was on the sick list a few days; relieved by Operator Howitt, a new man on the road.

Operator Cahill, first trick at Trent, has filled out the necessary papers and now carries one of the new cards.

Bro. Arndt, of Ramsey, has purchased the stock of merchandise from Frank Tripp, of that place, and reports business good. Bro. Arndt thinks some of leaving the road in the spring.

W. E. Burton, who has been stationed at the Cocolalla pit, put in his application about the first of the year.

Bro. W. L. Morrison is now holding down the new office at Kootenai, with hours from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. Bro. Campbell is taking a vacation in the East.

Operator Paula, third trick at Granite for one night, and from there to Lewiston. Bro. Suydam is now working third trick at Granite.

I suppose most of you have heard of Bro. McGann's misfortune in having to have his leg amputated below the knee. We are glad to hear that he is doing fairly well. It will be some time before he will be able to leave the hospital.

Bro. Johnson, on his trip over the P. & L. branch, secured the following new members: T. J. Palmiter, Spangle; Pearl Taylor, Rosalia; J. W. Hawley and C. H. Taylor, Palouse, and R. R. Horn, Peck. Perhaps the old branch is not dead yet.

Bro. Grant, at Pullman, transferred to us from Division No. 20.

If any of you have any items please forward them to Bro. Seward, at Trent, and he will see that they reach the right place. Would like especially to hear from some of the brothers on the branches.

Div. Cor.

#### *Montana Division, East End—*

The A. B. C. system will be started soon, and this will require a few more offices. Understand four are to be opened up, which will bring a few more operators to our division.

Bro. Meadows, from "VS" office, Livingston, is relieving Bro. Hannon, second trick at Laurel. Do not know where Bro. Hannon is going.

#### *West End—*

Bro. Labertew, agent at Chestnut, off a few days; relieved by P. C. Bryan, a new man on the road.

Tidd, first trick West End, has papers all filled out and signed and will send them in pay-day.

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#### **W. & L. E. Ry.**

#### *West End—*

Bro. P. G. Vernon, third trick Huron Junction, spending a couple of weeks with relatives in Rock Island, Ill. Relieved by Bro. C. C. Lohr, a new man from the Penna.

Bro. R. Van Nest, second trick Norwalk yard, spent a few days with relatives in Britton, Mich. Relieved by M. Stafford, who promises to make good soon.

Bro. T. C. Hull, first trick Norwalk yard, off a few days to visit relatives in Sandusky. Relieved by M. Stafford.

Bro. J. J. Callaghan, agent at Milan, made a flying trip to Dennison. Relieved by former agent Rugles.

M. Stafford bid in third trick at Miles Ave., on the Cleveland Division.

Bro. F. C. Hull has had the carpenter gang busy changing the telegraph office at Norwalk yard.

If you haven't got the new card, why not?

Div. Cor.

#### *East End—*

The year 1908 has past and gone, but not forgotten by any means. We telegraphers, especially members of the O. R. T., can look back with pleasure to the year 1908 as being the brightest and best we have yet experienced. Is there any reason why we can not accomplish even more during the year 1909? Most assuredly no; if each and every individual member will do their part our future success is assured, otherwise we may plod along in the same old rut for years to come. Brothers, there are entirely too many drones among us. Brace up and get busy; don't sit with your arms folded until we fall back where we were a few years ago. Merely paying dues does not keep any division or organization flourishing. There is

a great amount of work to be done and each member should realize the fact that this work must be accomplished and it is up to him to do a part of it. There is no use in locking a stable after the horse is stolen. Now let us get busy.

Bro. Burd still doing a twelve-hour stunt at West Belt Junction, living in hopes that night office will eventually be reopened.

Bro. Shaff, agent at Avella, has resumed duty after a thirty-day vacation. Mr. Dorn held down agency during Bro. Shaff's absence.

Mr. Carnes still holding second trick at Avella. This is a non of the worst type. Give him a wide berth, as his only excuse is "the O. R. T. never did anything for him." We can not hope to land this individual and it is therefore essential to ever remember our motto when dealing with this brand, "no card, no favors."

Bro. Baker, agent at Smithfield, has purchased a farm near Hopedale and we hope he will prove to be one of Harrison County's progressive farmers.

Bro. P. Coyne, formerly third trick at Mingo, landed second trick at Mingo yard; third trick Mingo advertised.

Bro. McKean has a regular berth in second trick Hopedale. "13" he likes the location very much and has fully decided to remain there permanently.

Since the new time table went into effect Bro. Weiss, at Brilliant, has a pretty long day.

Bro. Horton has returned to his first love, first trick Adena, on account of closing Pine Valley dispatcher's office.

Opr. Berry relieving Bro. Fulton, first trick Pittsburg Junction, for a few days.

It is now Bro. Hendricks' second trick Adena, he having sent in the necessary papers.

Business slack since the holidays on east end. Hope to see the mines resume in full in the near future.

Next month expect to have a complete line-up of the nons, together with each man's excuse or reason for not becoming a member of our organization. There should be no hard feelings, as this is timely warning.

Understand Bro. N. Kneffler, formerly manager at Columbia, has gone in business at Masillon, O.

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### Georgia Southern & Florida Ry.

Regular meeting held at Valdosta January 10th, with Officers Hamilton and Sineath present. Meeting fairly attended by other members. On account of Secretary Watson being called away to Atlanta no great amount of business was transacted.

Boys, get busy now and everybody come out and be with us at Valdosta on February 14th. We want to see everybody come out, we have a large hall, plenty of room and a nice chair for each one. Those that never attend the meeting don't know what they are missing.

We regret very much to lose our general chairman, Bro. L. D. Hamilton, who goes to Valdosta as chief clerk to freight agent A. C. L. Ry. We

wish to thank Bro. Hamilton for the manner in which he handled the division while he was with us.

The matter of electing a new general chairman was discussed and unanimously decided to call on Bro. W. O. Wilson, of Vienna, to act for us.

We desire to thank Bro. Weeks and Bro. Roberts, of Valdosta, for their hospitality towards the boys while attending monthly meeting at their place.

We are glad to see Bro. L. L. Slaughter, of Pinehurst out again, slightly disfigured, but still in the ring.

Bro. R. M. Chaney transferred from Tifton, "FN" office, to Bonaire nights (12-hour trick); says he likes that better though than driving a pen across a bill desk.

Understand Bro. R. Q. Mothershed goes to Palatka.

Bro. J. C. Sikes doing the night stunt at freight office, Cordele.

Bro. B. H. Jones, third trick Union ticket office, Cordele, quit and gone South. Relieved by Mr. J. W. Clark.

Bro. C. C. Carroll, from Central of Georgia, worked at Union ticket office, Tifton, about twenty days. Relieved by Bro. F. O. Paschall, all from Central of Georgia, Southwest Division. Bro. Carroll gone back to the "Goobar Route."

Bro. P. C. Griffin, from Vienna, goes to Tifton as chief clerk to freight agent, relieving Bro. R. S. Willson, from Central of Georgia. Understand Bro. Willson going into other business. Have not learned yet who will go to Vienna.

Bro. A. S. Wright is delighted with his new home at Lake Park; says his country cousins furnish plenty of the scaly tribe.

Bro. L. F. Sineath leaves Lake Butler in the near future and will return to his first love, Sparks, as agent. Bro. Cason, from Lake City, will relieve Bro. Sineath at Lake Butler.

Bro. F. H. Scheider now handling Hampton, Fla., agency, relieving Bro. Martin, who has decided to go into other business for awhile.

Effective January 20th, new ruling calling for semaphore boards went into effect. Effective January 18th, check-up men, commonly known as train auditors, were put in service on passenger trains. We infer from this that the conductors are having an easy time.

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### Southern Ry.

*Washington Division—*

The time is now at hand for the election of local chairman and a delegate to the O. R. T. convention that meets in Atlanta May next. This division is entitled to one delegate to the convention.

Boys, we need more get up among ourselves than we have had the last few months. Bring all the desirable nons in the fold. Remember that in union there is strength and united we stand, not for one but for all. To any brother that is a little inclined to feel aggrieved at some other brother, I would say do not let this have any influence over him in regard to the advancement of the Order,

because it may be injurious to us all in the end, as there can not be much accomplished all split up and not satisfied. You can take a large bunch of sticks bound together and try to break them, but you can not budge one of them, but you can unbind them and take them one by one and finally break the whole bunch. So it is with us if we are standing solid together we are hard to move against our will, but if one is breaking off here and another yonder it is certainly weakening the foundation, and we will be found unable to resist the tide that may be working against us. Boys, I think this is a serious matter. Some of us may think, oh, my dropping out or not attending the meetings will not amount to much, but it amounts to a great deal. Let's brace up and move on for our good. Give our employers the best of service and try to always be in place when needed. Be in hearing distance of the sounder and move without delay. Most of us have very good working hours; so much better than they used to be, we ought to appreciate it and attend to business.

Some of the boys think it would be a good plan to arrange to pay our local chairman a salary by assessing each member a mite each month to pay him for the extra work that he does when he is off of duty.

We are glad to see the old local trains No. 9 and 10 replaced after their absence of about six months. Think times are getting better and am sure the business is picking up, which we are glad to see, as it is of interest to us as well as the company.

Third trick Monroe has been open for bids for some time, but the boys don't seem to bite. There is quite an amount of hustling at that joint.

How about the hello telegraphy? Do you think it will be real? Get your heads together, but don't get them mixed. Div. Cor.

#### Members Washington Division—

Charlottesville, Va., January 10, 1909.

Brothers—I desire to express my deep appreciation to you all for the financial assistance rendered me during the three months' illness, which I have just recovered from.

I also desire to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your assistance, sympathy and kindness during the illness and upon the death of my beloved wife.

It is at such times as these that words are inadequate to express the deep appreciation and gratefulness which is felt for such acts of kindness and consideration.

Again thanking you one and all, I am,

Yours fraternally,

J. W. MAYS,  
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#### Coster Division—

We regret very much to learn of our Bros. West and Bibee leaving this division. Their leaving us caused several changes on this division. Bro. Fraker transferred from Marlow to relieve Bro. Bibee, Bro. Smith, from Washburn, succeeding Bro. Fraker, Bro. A. H. Needham, from Cos-

ter, going back as agent at Washburn, Bro. Gentry, from Luttrell, now agent at Tazewell, succeeding Bro. West.

Glad to see Bro. Fraker's name on the roll of honor, first that has appeared on there from this Division.

We are glad to say that with all the changes made on the K. C. recently, the old stem is solid O. R. T. still.

Bro. Davis, from Tirell, now agent at Luttrell. Relieved by Bro. Redmond.

We are glad to say there isn't a student on the K. C., but "13" there is a telegraph school now opened at Liberty Hill, with a very brilliant professor, C. H. Rutherford, in charge (keep the name), but don't inquire too closely of the L. & N. officials why he had to "23" from their service. Some call it color blind. Div. Cor.

#### Louisville Division—

What's going to happen? I see the boys on the west end have at last woke up and have actually taken enough interest to send in a piece for the Journal. But it is hard to tell about this old Southern. There is still lots of boys over here who never have and who never will fall back. Why is it? It is because they have taken enough interest in their daily task and listened to Order men enough to be convinced that the most reliable and capable men are to be found among the ranks of O. R. T. boys.

We are not losing anything over here right now and do not intend to do so, but we are not making the headway necessary to bring things in proper shape for a big future.

Every man should make it a point to bring in line at least one non. Go after them and go in the right way. When you get through with your journal you could not dispose of it to any better advantage than to send to a non.

I feel that as soon as business gets just a little better and we get lined up that there is nothing to keep us from making a good showing. You boys must remember that the Order is costing you nothing and that your dues are practically being paid by the O. R. T., for did not they get you the \$2.50 and \$5.00 increase a short time ago?

Bro. Cowherd, of Shelbyville, has laid off for a few days.

Bro. Botkins, of "A," is also off on a sixty days' leave of absence, and our-to-be Bro. Parsons is doing the stunt of branch dispatcher in his absence.

I understand we are to have a new time card soon, which will run passenger trains into Danville as formerly.

Bro. Yocum, of Salvisa, has been off sick, but is back now.

Bro. Anderson, first trick at Fourth Avenue, has taken a leave of absence and gone South, where I understand he owns several large and valuable tracts of land.

Bro. Peckham, formerly of L. S. Junction, is working at Market Street.

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*Norfolk Division—*

Meeting held in the Nansemond Hotel, Suffolk, on Sunday, January 24th.

Local Chairman Bro. Thornton called the division to order at 5 p. m., with eleven present. Bro. H. B. Rogers, agent at Capron, elected secretary for the evening.

Boys, if you have not already got the new card secure it without further delay. It will make a most suitable companion for that new annual now resting in your card case.

Bro. W. N. Thornton was again nominated as local chairman, and also as delegate to the convention in May, with Bro. Rogers as alternate.

Bro. H. Briggs, of Lawrenceville, was elected correspondent, and stated he was not gifted that way, but promised to make the effort with the aid of the brothers.

Next meeting called for February 28th, at Port Norfolk, on arrived train No. 2 to afford an opportunity for several brothers east of Suffolk to be with us.

Each one present made a few remarks on the up-building of the Order, and bettering the service; and adjourned at 7 o'clock.

Next time we will give a list of the brothers who are in good standing.

Boys, come in line and do not be left out of this list.

We will probably be called to Washington in April, and should send our chairman with a solid list, and in order to do this we must be up and doing.

Cor.

*Atlanta Division, North End—*

The year 1908 is one to be long remembered by the many thousands of operators, whose hearts have been made glad on account of the better working conditions secured. What are we going to do this year? Are we going to sit down and do nothing? I, for one, say no, and I think that is what all of the boys would say if they were to express themselves.

Our committee goes to Washington, in March, for a new schedule.

Every one who has not got a new card yet, send Bro. McDaniel the goods at once, and let's get the old Atlantic Division solid again.

It will be soon time for us to elect officers; let's get some good men, and then do our part to help them, and we will see this end solid in a few weeks. Bro. Parker is a good man and has done exceedingly well, considering the heavy work at "CA." Now let some of us fellows who haven't anything to do but block trains, get busy and do something for the Order; and when we have a grievance take it up with our local chairman and not the public. The men who saw wood and say nothing are the ones that get there.

How many are going to do something for our noble Order?

Get after the nons that work with you; don't let them rest, say something about the Order to them, and see where they stand.

No jobs being bulletined.

Bro. Thomas, at Vickajack, to Plainville.

Block office, at Silver Creek, was burned, Sunday the 24th. But they got a move on themselves and had another before No. 5 run. Now let's put our shoulder to the wheel and see if they won't sign a new schedule that quick.

Let's hear from some of the boys. Try your hand. See how much you can improve this writup.

Everybody who has not a new card should get one, and show which side you are on. Yours for a solid division.

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*St. Louis Division, East End—*

Bro. J. C. Ellis, formerly of English, was relieved by Bro. Fouts, and is now doing the third trick at "HU."

Mr. Devney, west end dispatcher, is off on account of having his arm broken; relieved by J. R. Dearing, third trick dispatcher.

Bro. L. H. Miller is doing the first trick at "HU," relieving Bro. Flanigan, who was promoted to dispatcher's office.

Bro. Baxter is doing the second trick at "HU," at this writing.

Bro. O. J. Bische, the agent at "N," was off a few days around pay day, to attend court at Jasper.

Seems as if the boys on this pike did not want to have their salaries increased. If they do, why not get lined up? The officials will never come around and offer to you an increase of salaries.

Why should they, when the operators are willing to work for the present salary, and they must be content with the present scale, else they would demand an increase. Wake up, get an up-to-date.

Why is it that the boys on other roads are receiving better salaries than we do? Higher living? No, sir, my dear brother, it's organization that brings the schedules for the telegraphers on other roads, and that is what we must have in the near future.

We do not like to start out with a big stick or a gun, but if no other way will bring results, then it's a club we will arm ourselves with and go after them.

We are also having considerable trouble with some "hams" on the "WU" wire No. 110. They are sending train orders to each other in order to get on to the work.

Now it is the duty of every brother to stop these hams whenever we possibly can, as it is liable to cause trouble, and cause someone to get mixed with his real train orders. They are worse after 7 p. m. Boys, look out for them.

Nons are also found in a great many stations, and I "13" that these nons are receiving numerous favors from some of the boys.

You should always remember our motto, "No card, no favors."

Let's all get after the nons in a proper way, and either get them to join the order or leave the road.

Now boys, all together, lets make a cleaning up of nons on the Southern Railway, east end, St. Louis-Louisville lines.

Mr. F. P. Williams, who was third dispatcher at Princeton, has left the service to engage in other work.

"13" we will have to pass an examination on sight and hearing soon.

Seems like some one from the west end would go hunting and bring in a few items each month.

I know you can find something to write.

Now let us hear from the west end next month, so we can see what is doing, as this will keep us posted on the changes. Cox.

#### *Birmingham Division—*

On the Birmingham Division of the Southern Ry. the grind of wheels and the sound of whistles remind us of the approaching time when prosperity will again make its appearance in full dress. We are all glad to see the return of prosperity, and hope that by adversity we will prosper; take heed to prepare for war in the time of peace, do not live too fast a life while times are good, but make preparations for another panic which is sure to pounce upon us sooner or later. Save part of your monthly salary, place it in some safe depository for future emergency, you will need it some of these days, and you will thank yourself sincerely for taking the advantage of the opportunities of saving something for a rainy day, while the skies were yet clear. We have just passed through a very trying siege on this division, as well as have all Sister Divisions. But, for once in history we did not suffer a reduction in wages, though we were reduced in number almost to the minimum, and those who were fortunate enough to have sufficient age to hold on, looked awfully lonely. We must prepare for another such disaster to swoop down upon us at some future day, only it will be dealt us more forcibly next time, and with a stronger determination to crush out opposition, and take from the laboring man the rights and privileges that belong to every free American citizen, who toils and earns his daily bread by the sweat of his brow, or in any other manner he may serve to accumulate the vast wealth which this country affords. We can look out upon the face of this old continent and see and realize the abundance of riches compiled by the laboring man, which were drained from him by the few who are making exhaustive efforts to control the wealth of the world.

We have very little new grievances to contend with on the division, although we have the same old ones that have been ever present with us for many days. We are working harder now than ever before to bring about better conditions in our daily toils. We need the earnest co-operation of every member on the division, to aid in reaching the point in organization, that we can declare the division solid. We have some very energetic workers on the division, but they are few and far between at present; one thing we need is a regular attendance at our meeting on

the division when we get them started. This is why the division gets on the drag so often. We should have meetings every month or twice a month, that we might get better acquainted with each other, and make our brotherhood more of a real brotherhood, you may take for instance, where there are meetings each month on a division, you will find there is more real interest manifested on that division for the welfare of its members than on the divisions that have no monthly meetings. One disadvantage we have on the Birmingham Division is that there is such a great scope of territory covered by the division that it would be impossible to arrange a convenient place for meetings that would suit the schedule of trains for members on all points of the division to reach the point and return to their place of business in time to perform their duties. It may incur a small loss of time to us, but in the end we would be benefited by attending the meetings regularly.

The time is approaching when we shall elect a local chairman for our division; the election to take place in February, the votes should be returned to the general secretary and treasurer on or before February 28th. To succeed we must all be up and doing. We must stay awake and keep pace with the times and be next to the issue, and take advantage of every opportunity to up-building of our defense. After the coming election of chairman for the division, I hope that all will become alive to the situation and come to the aid of our local chairman, matters not who he may be. No one can accomplish much without the support of others, do not depend on the officers of a division to bear all the burdens, help him out and all will feel better, peace and harmony reigning among us.

It's very gratifying to notice the willingness of the newly employed telegraphers on this division to join us at the earliest possible opportunity. We have several new men who have recently come among us who we accosted almost upon their arrival as to the colors he represented, some we find properly clothed, while others we find without the necessary credentials, though from the promises made by them I am quite sure that we will have the pleasure of numbering them among our band very soon.

Leeds agency bulletined in December. No one for the place so far. Seems as though no one wishes to do the work at that point, on account of no help furnished by the company; understand this to be a disagreeable place to fill.

Littleton, Ala., agency bulletined, have not learned who took the job. Plenty work there for one-man agent does six hours telegraph work, and fifteen agency work afterwards.

It seems as though some of the vacancies which occur at agencies on the division are not very easily filled, this I presume is caused by the lack of help at the stations, and the agents having to perform six hours telegraph work in addition to his regular agency work. This I consider an imposition.

Second trick bid in at Tallapoosa, Ga., by Bro. Crawford.

Bro. Butler, from Waco, third trick, to Villa-Rica, Ga., third trick.

Bro. Newman rolled from Villa-Rica, Ga., by Bro. Butler, again resumes the chair at Waco, Ga., as third trick.

Vacancies now bulletined on third trick operator at Tallapoosa, Ga., and Voalburg, Ala.; also day operator and clerk at Brookside, Ala.; bids will be up on January 7th for these places.

I will appreciate the efforts of every-one who will send in a few notes of the happenings on the division, so that we may have a good write-up each month, that others may see that we are still alive. Keep next to the issue, and let's not slumber, or we may be weighed and found wanting. When that new man comes to your town see if he has on the proper garments. Let's all keep things interesting on the line, and before another year has elapsed be solidly organized; we will all derive pleasure as well as benefit from it, and in return can serve the company with more satisfaction.

Effective January 1st, Bro. J. H. Buckelew was made agent at Short-Creek, Ala., vice L. L. Coggins, to parts unknown. Glad to have Bro. Buckelew with us, he was formerly with the L. & N., but became weary under the lash of this unfair road, and thus the change.

Effective January 1st, Bro. L. E. Covin, formerly of Parrish, made agent at Littleton, vice O. P. Salter, resigned to accept service with Frisco.

Effective January 10, M. Doster, third trick at Muscadine, Ala., transferred to Leeds, as agent, on account of Bro. G. E. Dawson being successful bidder on second trick at Cooks Springs, Ala.

Bro. R. O. Kipp, first trick, Ensley, Ala., off a few days; relieved by Bro. Carr, extra operator.

Mr. Beaty and wife, of Ensley, Ala., spending a few days with relatives at Austell, Ga. Mr. Beaty relieved by Bro. Carr.

Bro. W. W. Cochran, agent at Muscadine, Ala., spent a few days at his home recently.

Bro. D. D. Frix, third trick at North Birmingham, spent Christmas visiting relatives in Chattanooga, Tenn.; Memphis, Tenn., and Atlanta, Ga. Relieved by Operator Vanfleet.

Bro. L. C. Peeples, from Winona, Miss., appointed agent at Irondale, Ala., vice Mr. J. E. Bumgardner, resigned.

Bro. A. B. Bulloch, first trick at Weems, Ala., off sick, but glad to learn that he is slowly improving; relieved by Extra Operator Bro. P. G. Bulloch, who holds 'em since 1892 to date.

Bro. C. V. Carter, third trick at Haffin, Ala., is off for a few days; relieved by the old-timer, Bro. C. E. Moss, from Austell, Ga.

Bro. E. L. H. Wetzels, of Mudga, Ala., has about made arrangements to stay at that point as agent, although he was the successful bidder for first trick at Parrish, Ga.

COTTON TOP.

#### Knoxville Division—

Brothers, we do not take enough interest in our affairs on our respective divisions, and unless we wake up and get next we will be looking for some one to help us fight our battles, and we will have none to do it. We have been fortunate to have a man to do our work for us, with the assistance of just one or two members, but things are going to change unless we get busy. Take the hint that patience ceases to be a virtue after awhile, and there is no man cares to take the responsibility upon himself to take the office of local chairman when the members so blindly sit with folded arms and will not do one thing to help out. "Oh, well, there is no use of me troubling myself to attend meetings or pay dues when the other fellows will look after that," is a remark often made. I can not see for the life of me what a man can be dreaming about to go along and be contented with paying his dues and leaving the work for the other fellow.

Now is the time to get busy. Let your local chairman hear from you. Show him you are taking some hand in these matters that are so important to the welfare of the division. If we could just get the brothers to all come together and make one hard effort to unite and assist the local board of adjustment in their work, how much better it would be.

It is you and I that are responsible for the conditions. We are in fair shape, but we must get in better shape and until you and I and the other fellow determine to take a hand we need not expect to get anything more than we have. Does this sound good to you? Is this kind of talk music to your ears or do you think it hot air? Just wait. Just continue to sit around and wait for the other fellow to do the work and see where you will find yourself in about sixty days.

What do we hear about a revision of the agreement. We read in the journal where general committees on other roads are negotiating with their managements for a new agreement. But we do not hear anything about it here. Why? Do not blame your local chairman. Do not blame your G. S. and T. Do not blame your general chairman, but blame yourself. Are you satisfied with conditions? All right, if you are there is no need to pay your dues, there is no need to make any effort to stop student teaching, there is no use in trying to get the nons in, there is no need of taking up grievances with your local chairman, there is no need of your attending meetings. Just do these things and you will find yourself back in the old rut, working twelve hours per day for \$35 and \$40, with no overtime, no meal hours, no advertisement of vacancies, no rights of any kind, but just have to take the medicine that is dosed out to you. The telegraphers are, necessarily, an intelligent class of men, yet they certainly do become blind to their own interest, worse than any other class of men that work for wages. What is the matter? And what is the remedy for this?

We must not be content to sit still and see other divisions get ahead of us. What we must do is

get busy on our own division and build it up. Make our own division the best division possible. I know some members here that pay their dues, but that is all. They will work with a non for twelve months and never say a word to him. On the other hand, we have some offices on the division that, notwithstanding the frequent changes, are always solid. Because the brothers will not rest until every man has the up-to-date. Can not the others do the same thing? Certainly, if they will but do it. That is all that is required. Get busy.

Do not allow some little, petty grievance with the non cause you to hang back. Go to him in a friendly and brotherly spirit and talk the matter over and, nine times out of ten, you will land him.

Have you paid your dues? If not, do not neglect this important matter. It may not look important to you, but it is nevertheless the fact, and I hope you will get your new card. And when you are in possession of the card do not rest satisfied merely with this, but get busy in other ways, read up on your constitution, your agreement, and in every way you can do something to help the cause along. You can do it. It is in your power and your superior officers will have more respect for you.

Let us start out on the new year to do business, and you will be rewarded by a good agreement along in the spring.

Our chief dispatcher seems to be doing the right thing regarding the bulletining of vacancies, and my, but don't this bulletin business cut a big figure with the nons. You ought to hear them talk about, "What I got on bid." I don't see how they can take the money.

Have you noticed on the foot of the chief dispatcher's bulletins advertising vacancies, the number of dismissals. It seems when a man is fired now it is all off, as this "CD" don't believe in reinstating a man. I do not blame him if he is of no account, as the case has been with some, but if he is a good man he should reconsider. Do you see through it? This slaughter of operators for little trifles is to be used in trying to bust the nine-hour law. They want to say that more operators were fired under the nine-hour law than when they worked twelve and eighteen hours. Of course that will be easy, when they fire a man for nothing. But Bro. Perham will be there on the ground with his side of the argument, as usual, and you can bet on him. Back him up with an up-to-date.

Mr. Womack, one of Prof. Shelton's graduates, who has been holding down Summit for several months on account of the job not having been bulletined, will, we think, have to move his quarters before many moons, as the job will be advertised, which will put Mr. Womack on the extra list. He says Prof. Shelton told him never to join the organization.

I presume the nons will be just as ready to knock for the benefits our next agreement gives them as they have been to knock in the past. I

wonder what the non would say when the new schedule comes out and he finds he is not included in it—nothing but *union* men affected. This would cost the company less money. Better take notice. A hint is sufficient.

Understand Bro. Perham is now in Washington, D. C., looking after your interests. Why don't you help him by paying your dues and getting the nons lined up. Sometimes I wonder what you would do without this good man to fight your battles. Wonder what he would think of you if he knew the attitude you were displaying towards your organization? Did he not stand by you and me when the nine-hour law was about to be murdered? Never in history was there such a fight put up by one lone man against many railroad presidents and learned attorneys. But he finally won the battle. Some of you say the O. R. T. never did you any good. There is no use of any one taking this to heart and becoming angry, but, on the other hand, we feel more like giving such fellows the horse laugh. In fact, it makes me feel funny to hear such arguments as this put up by pumpkin heads.

The year 1909 is going to bring you many problems to solve—the installation of the 'phones, the Barclay machine, the attempt probably to bust the nine-hour law, more work and less pay, etc. What are you doing to stave these things off?

Bro. Bradford has been relieved as agent and operator at McDonald, at his own request, and assigned to third trick at Athens. We hope he will not follow the example of others who have worked at "AH," but, on the contrary, keep up-to-date and be instrumental in bringing those who have gone astray back into the fold, and we have every reason to believe that he will.

Bro. C. F. Rymer is still on the extra list.

The east end is rapidly changing from nons to members. We hope the boys on the west end will not allow their trail to drag in the dust.

It is reported that several of the members are guilty of teaching students. Now, we should watch this matter closely. We should see whether this is true and prefer charges against any brother found guilty of the act, and let the division take such action as they deem best.

On the Washington Division there was a brother expelled for the teaching of students, and we will have to make an example of it here. It is bad enough to teach students without a card, but for a member to do such a thing is beyond my comprehension, and if the guilty party don't care any more for principle and the Order that he belongs to than to teach telegraphy, why we do not need him in our business and the sooner we give him to understand this the better.

There are several things that need watching, and it is up to the members to do it and report the matter to the local chairman. Make your charges in accordance with the constitution and be governed accordingly.

There appears to be some misunderstanding on the part of some of our members regarding the handling of grievances, etc. The constitution makes

It necessary for you to first handle them with your chief dispatcher. If not satisfactory to you, handle next with your superintendent. If your superintendent turns you down and you are not satisfied, then turn it over to your local chairman. If grievances are not handled properly in order before coming to the local chairman he may turn your case down for not having taken it up in order. If the members would read their constitution it would save them lots of trouble and save the local chairman the same. In handling matters with your division officials you should be as courteous as possible, making your communications gentlemanly and businesslike, and in most cases these grievances will never reach the local chairman, because the officer in authority will adjust it for you. But if not, then you have the right to appeal the case to the local chairman and on up.

First be sure you have a grievance and then proceed to adjust with your chief, keeping copies of everything you write and receive, and you will see the difference.

Keep a copy of the agreement, also a copy of the constitution, and post yourself on them, and you will know exactly what to do. The local chairman is always glad to answer correspondence and advise and help you when he can, but if you keep posted you will not find it necessary to write him for information, and when your grievance reaches him it will be in shape for handling, and you can rest assured that it will be handled promptly when taken up properly.

Div. Cor.

#### *Atlanta Division—*

Our local chairman, Bro. Bennett, we are sorry to say, has left us, and is with the A. C. L., near Jesup, his home. He left Ellenwood December 20, 1908. He was relieved by Mrs. W. O. Needham, who manipulated the wires until January 19th, when, on account of night work, she gave it up, being relieved by Mr. John Dugan, an up-to-date C. T. U. of A. man.

Bro. McVicker is contemplating a nice vacation with a trip South in February.

A Mr. Riggs is working second trick at Jenkinsburg, relieving Bro. W. S. Dame, regular man.

Mr. C. D. Ingram, agent at Flovilla, off on vacation; relieved by Bro. J. F. Chambliss, second operator at that place. Have not learned who relieved him.

We can call Operator Delong, at Stockbridge, brother by the time this goes to press.

I heard that one of our good brothers has dropped his card since he got married; says he can not keep up a wife and a card, too. We all know that is too thin, and to prove it there are several on the line that have a large family to support. Now, brother, get that silly notion out of your head and come across with your new card; you will be proud of it, for it is a beauty.

Mr. O. A. Gunthorpe, our former first trick dispatcher, has been made night chief, which gives

G. W. Adams, first, Mr. Bullock relieving him as third dispatcher. Mr. Bullock was doing message work in the superintendent's office. This made room for another operator, but have not heard who.

I noticed in the paper that Mr. E. E. Norris was likely to be promoted to assistant superintendent in the near future, and Mr. McLendon, now superintendent of Columbus Division, will succeed him.

Let us all get busy now, for we have plenty of work before us; nominate another local chairman, a representative, and several other officials, in which we all should take a part, and at the same time land all the nons possible.

Thanking Bro. Ed Williams, on the north end, for a list of changes, and hope he will continue to assist me that much. Would appreciate it very much if all the boys would furnish me the changes and any other news that is worth sending to press. Send on or about the 20th.

Div. Cor.

#### **New Orleans & Northeastern Ry.**

Boys, if you will only help a little and get what you can from along the line and mail to me each month, not later than the 6th or 8th, I will assure you a little write-up each month. Of course you well know that one man can not get all the news on the line without help from his fellow-members.

Now, boys, let us get busy and start the nons in home on the right path, and when they say, "Oh, I will join next 12th," do not fail to call on them at this date and get them in our ranks. It is not hard to get a telegrapher to join if you will give him the right encouragement, and that is the thing we must do. Get rid of the nons and get up-to-date union men in, and we will all see a much better system in every respect. Now let's go after them and stay with them until we bring them in.

Bro. C. Moody, from "JC," is now second trick at "N," he being succeeded by Bro. Bostock, from "RD."

I understand there are one or two new-comers at "SI," but have not learned their names or if they have the necessary paper, yet.

Bro. Hickman, agent at Heidelberg, has just returned from a week's visit home.

Bros. J. B. and E. E. Read, two of our men at "C," have returned from quite a little hunting tour.

Let me have all you can get and we will appear in good shape in our journal, and then do not forget the nons. Ring them in with us on this new and promising year. We should soon become solid with a little encouraging, so let us give them the encouragement now; not wait for some one else to make a break, but go at it for what there is in it, and bring it out before stopping; then we will see all the improvement it will bring our division and ourselves.

Div. Cor.



## Great Northern Ry.

*Northern Division—*

The work of getting a write-up in each issue of THE TELEGRAPHER is rather a hard proposition when no one will take enough interest in the matter to send in a few notes and it is impossible for one man to get all the news and happenings all over the entire division.

Hope the brothers are all taking more interest in sending in their dues for the current term than they are in sending notes, but there is much doing on this line now and possibly the brothers have all they can do to keep their work in shape, but it seems to me that if there is ever anything to be gained it will not be accomplished by the members thinking that their entire duty is done when they have a new card and have their dues paid. You will find some interesting reading on page 2131 of the December TELEGRAPHER—an earnest appeal to all members of Division 70, and we hope that there will be some visible results from this.

It is well known to all that conditions on the Great Northern were never all that could be desired, and it is certainly not the fault of the officials who are working under such discouraging conditions that it is so; it is simply that the members do not seem to recognize the value of individual efforts in gaining what they most desire.

Even a small thing like a write-up each month is something accomplished and there is no reason under the sun why we could not have as good a write-up as any of them if we would get a little of that "individual effortism" infused in our spirit and I am quite sure that not one of the brothers would be disappointed in improvement that we could show.

One of the most important things to keep up an interest in the welfare in the Order are the monthly meetings held at some convenient place where the most possible number of members could attend—and with present train service that should be quite a bunch, and I think the results would be all that could be desired.

I think this is proven by the interesting meetings held on other divisions, and the interesting talks and the important matters of business discussed, also getting acquainted with the brothers that are strangers to us now would surely repay each one for the effort that he put forth to attend.

Not much doing on this pike at present. All the extra operators that were put on during the rush were taken off December 1st and the offices going back to the March 4th basis. Hunting is over with and everything quiet, so have not heard any kicking so far. Plenty of time for that in the near future, "spring fever season."

Had quite a mix-up January 2d when a few box cars in No. 415 balked and started roaming around over the prairie between Lengby and Fosston. No one hurt, but held up the G. N.'s speediest train, No. 33, about four hours. The passengers had our sympathy in being held up where they were.

Do not know how things are going on the north and south lines, but will try to get some notes

from some good brothers down that way next month and give a little better write up. I will give each brother the promise of an excellent "Virginia Cheroot" if he will send in at least one note to Box 75, Lengby, Minn. Now, boys, you will never get another chance like this, so here is hoping that I will be swamped with notes next month, and all the rest of the months to come.

CERT. 507.

*Spokane Falls and Northern Division—*

Bro. W. E. Ketchum, agent at Waneta, B. C., is again holding his old stand down at "BR," having just returned from an extended vacation.

Bro. Fred Morrow, who relieved Bro. Johnson when on his trip to Spokane, is employed as electrician at Northport Smelter.

Understand that the G. N. has installed a student at Bossburg, Wash., as keeper of the depot, being forced to do this by the Interstate Commerce Commission and he has No. 2 wire cut in, but very seldom appears on it, only to find out about the passenger trains when late.

Understand the recent examination was pretty strong for some of the boys, but see that they made it O. K. at Spokane. Glad of that, as we surely hate to lose any members. They are too hard to get out here.

I presume nearly every one of us made some resolutions on the first of the new year. How many resolved to get at least one new member? Do you all realize what that would mean? It would double our membership and then we would be a force of employees for the management to reckon with. It would mean at least some changes for the better in working conditions even if times are too dull to get wage scales advanced. Let us all select a non and make a try for one new member for every one we now have.

Bro. J. H. Guenther, of Valley, is taking a week off for a wedding tour. He is relieved by Mr. C. L. Bennett.

We are unable to get any items from the west end. Any brother up that way who may have any items of interest is requested to send them to Valley and they will be forwarded to the journal.

How many of you send your journal to a non after you read it? Try it once. Mark any good items. It might result in a new member.

CERT. 1038.

*Butte Division, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Districts—*

Bro. Winters did the agent's stunt at G. N. Junction while Bro. Hemmerly was away being relieved on third trick by W. H. Richeldeffer.

Bro. E. B. Smith formerly second trick at G. N. Junction has accepted the agency at Rimrock, being relieved by Bro. Winters, who in turn was relieved on third by G. W. Strahl.

New office opened at Hedges with Agent Jagger in charge.

Since our last write-up two operators have been discharged on this division for boozing. Both nons and their places filled by up-to-date men. Let the good work go on. The company will soon

realize that a man that cares enough for himself to carry an up-to-date card will also have enough self-respect to let booze alone.

At Conrad we hear the boys complaining of being cold, possibly owing to the fact that it was 50 degrees below, and possibly because there isn't an up-to-date in the camp. However, I am much indebted to Mr. W. A. Golden for a bunch of news and he shows that his heart is in the right place and also promises to get right and convert the others if he can. Thanks, Mr. Golden, we will place our confidence in you and incidentally furnish the blanks. Mr. Golden requests that we kindly insert the following want ad:

"Wanted at Conrad, lady to cook for two operators; experience unnecessary."

Just as soon as he lines up Agent A. Hopper, himself and late trick man Zakowski, we will furnish the cook.

Bro. W. S. Burns, who was relieving Miss Stuart at Wolf Creek, returned to St. Paul on account of over-supply of operators.

Bro. Yanke, of Conrad, has taken a two weeks' lay-off and gone to Wisconsin for a short visit. Relieved by Opr. Golden, who has been doing third trick stunt at Wolf Creek for the past two weeks.

Wish to thank Bros. Hemmerly, Smith, Englander and Golden for the prompt response to my call for items and wish to again ask one and all to drop me a line just as soon as they hear of a transfer or change being made. By doing this we will be able to arouse more interest among the members and will also help to get in the nons.

E. C. SKINNER.

### The Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Ry.

#### Ohio and Indiana Division, The Block—

Well, boys, you are always kicking about never having a write-up in the journal and if you will not criticize me too severely, I'll try and do this part for you each month. No one else seems to want the job. I will promise you that I will make it interesting for some of the nons, too. It's a dirty shame the way some of them are doing. Fellows that work regular all the time and then not have the little piece of cardboard that means so much to everybody. They accept everything we get just the same as if we were a charitable institution. They know it's not right just as well as we do, but they keep it up and all the persuading in the world will not change most of them. Some of the trainmen say there is the biggest bunch of "short skate operators" on the B. & O. of any road in the country, and I, for one, think they are right.

The most of the nons have promised to join as soon as they can get the money. That old story is threadbare and worn out, but they still cling to it, and then there is one or two that have the nerve to ask, "What has the O. R. T. ever done?" Why, most any little intelligent schoolboy or girl could tell you that. What few of us that have a card have about lost patience with them and you

can not blame them very much, for everyone you talk to puts up the same excuse. No money now, but will join some time.

Bro. A. R. Huber, of "CA," returned from a few days' vacation. Relieved by Bro. O. E. Marsh.

Dispatcher Brown, at "XY," back from a few days off. Relieved by ex-Dispatcher Bro. Stanhope, from "RH," Bro. P. Dundon relieving Bro. Stanhope.

Opr. W. H. McDaniel, at "CK," away for about a week, Bro. O. E. Marsh guarding the crossing.

Opr. Menefee, at "GK," reported on sick list, Bro. P. Dundon handling the levers.

Opr. Vicroy, at "B," took a couple of days' vacation, Bro. O. E. Marsh relieving.

Bro. Bonar, at "HM," back from a ten days' lay-off; was relieved by Bro. O. W. Ferris, of third trick, "FS" being relieved by Opr. Dunham.

There has been some talk of putting third man on at "BH." Most all of us would like to see it done, but we wonder who they would put at such a place. No one seems to be able to get along with the agent at that point and it is such a desolate place that I think there will not be much of a scramble to get it.

Patrons of the company have been bursting in the doors on cold mornings and from what I hear, have got up a petition asking the company to keep open all night.

Opr. Birthesell, at "BH," will have a card in a few days; promises to join this pay day. He has just returned to work after being on the sick list for two years; says that he carried a card for eight years. It is a wonder all the other fellows would not see it as he does. If you have not paid your dues, do so real quick and remember our motto to every non that asks a favor.

Culloms, which heretofore has been an exclusive night office, was made a three trick job January 20th, with Bro. Wm. Flanagan in charge of first regular. Second and third is on bulletin, with Mr. Chapman on second and Mr. C. M. Duncan on third temporarily.

Bro. Chas. Blackmore is back on third trick at Storrs yard office, after a leave of absence attending business college. He has combined the two, which keeps him pretty busy.

Mrs. C. A. Montgomery, at Lawrenceburg depot, couldn't stand the pressure any longer and has become one of us. Give her the friendly mit, boys, for she is now a sister.

A great many are wondering why the New Albany-Osgood trade has never been bulletined, and why the Cold Springs-"AC" office and the Lawrenceburg-Cook jobs are allowed to operate as they have the past eleven months in violation of the hours of service law. It's just inattentions of this kind that concerns us that cause some of the boys to lose heart and drop out. I think each and every one of us should take a brace for ourselves and help to stop up every hole in the fence, for what concerns one should interest all.

There is much talk of opening a number of new offices and we are all waiting in expectancy as to

where they shall be. Delhi, Cooks and Nebraska are mentioned as probabilities.

Bro. Huntington has deserted Oakdale to take the night office at Commiskey.

Bro. Huffington, second trick at Blocher, has applied for one of the tricks at Culloms, which will probably leave a vacancy at Blocher.

Bro. Arthur Hopping, formerly with this road, is now second trick operator in "MS" dispatcher's office at Riverside on the Big Four.

Bro. H. R. Huffman is now working second trick for the N. P. at Puyallup, Wash.

While business has never been bad on the B. & O. S. W. during all the depression it is now excellent and it appears to me that the time is about ripe for a revision of our last schedule in which there has been no change for two years. Let us get out of this \$50 rut in which we have been enslaved for the past number of years. That amount hardly makes ends meet in these days of greatly increased cost of living.

EVERETT TRUE.

#### Illinois Division—

Say, did you read the write-up in the December number? Well, we have this to be thankful for if we are not mentioned while living we may so conduct ourselves that the boys will miss us when we pass over the great divide.

Bro. John White transferred from agency at "RD" to agency at "G." on the Springfield District. Bro. C. C. Hooks, from "W" to agency at "RD."

Bro. A. W. Friend, cashier at "RD," from third trick at "L," Bro. Bruner taking the owl trick at "L."

Bro. Carl Pritchett, of "FA," has taken a six months' vacation and is in New Mexico. Do not know who is working his trick.

Bro. Odell, of "L," is erecting a nice cottage in that town; looks little bit suspicious.

Bro. Webster and wife, of third trick "D," visiting in Ark. Relieved by Bro. Omoke, relief.

Bro. Holmes, of "B," transferred to ticket agency at Springfield. Bro. Kile, from "RN" to "B."

Bro. Spitzer, third trick "S," has enjoyed a vacation. Relieved by Mr. Moore, of "NO."

Bro. John Chassels, from cashier at "RD," to same position at "NS."

Now a few words in closing. We want to call attention to the H. D. Vowel's cartoon in the December TELEGRAPHER. It is ideal and portrays the tenets of the Order more forcibly than any we have ever seen. The motto over the sleeper is excellent. "Love" was the basing principle upon which the O. R. T. was founded.

Every one whose eyes have been opened to the importance of organized labor owes his resurrection to the loving persuasive influence of some friend or the kindly results of organized effort, which brought about changes that naturally helped the non financially or shortened his hours of labor and in many instances both. Why or how men (and there are a number in Division 74) can enjoy

these every day blessings and remain strangers to the very source of life that protects them is a proposition we can't solve. There was a time on this old pike when the hours for an operator was from 4 a. m. to 9 p. m. and many times midnight found him at the key. His salary was \$40.00. Overtime was not thought of and to have mentioned such a thing would have meant decapitation.

Through the heroic efforts of those whose hearts desire was to see better things and sacrificed much to accomplish it, the hours were cut to twelve and overtime allowed and the salary raised to \$45.00. Not satisfied with this glorious result, as the child O. R. T. grew older, we received more money and shorter hours until today every man, be he an up-to-dater or a non, enjoys the fruits of organized effort. While these blessings came to the just and unjust alike, those who are bearing the burdens may be encouraged from the fact that there are so many who are wise enough to understand and loyal enough to protect this great institution, and with pity rather than disdain, look upon those who are so miserably selfish as to stand with outstretched hands every day for shorter hours and every month for more pay and never give a cent in return. They may be likened to the old woman who said she was glad religion was free, "she had belonged to the church for twenty-five years and it hadn't cost her a cent."

Every brother in Division 74 will be pained to learn that in the burning of the B. & O. S. W. depot at Farmingdale our general chairman, Bro. J. M. Peck sustained quite a personal loss, the extent of which we have not learned.

Bro. and Mrs. Piper, of "RD," spent New Year's visiting relatives. Bro. Fried, relief.

CENT. 242.

#### Chicago & Northwestern Ry.

##### Ash Division—

Our meeting at Antigo, Saturday evening, January 23d, was a good one in point of attendance, and good work done. Chief Telegrapher Hickok presided, and the principal business was the election of officers for the new year. The new officers were elected by ballot, and are as follows: Bro. D. R. Hickok, chief telegrapher; Bro. P. W. Raettig, first vice-telegrapher; Bro. W. R. Jones, second vice-telegrapher; Bro. Chas. Krumrey, secretary.

The matter of arranging for some sort of social doings was brought up by Local Chairman Nelson. After some discussion it was finally decided that a banquet would be most feasible, and the chair appointed a committee consisting of the following: Bros. J. J. Kilsdonk, Chas. Krumrey and L. F. Nelson, to look into the matter and report progress at the next meeting. It was thought Antigo would be the best place to hold a function of this kind, and a Sunday afternoon the best time. The boys on the south end could get to Antigo on No. 31, but the problem would be how to get the north end boys down. This could be easily arranged for if the management

could be prevailed upon to furnish some kind of service. The matter will be gone into thoroughly, and a report made at the next meeting.

Bro. Hickok, who has been off inspecting tariffs on the Ashland and Peninsula Divisions, for the past month, is again back at his old post at Wittenberg. Bro. Jones, who relieved him while he was gone, is again holding down his trick at the same place.

Our appeal to the north end boys for news items this month was in vain, and we are sorry that we have practically no items from the Northern District.

Our Assistant Superintendent Mr. Bennett has been promoted to Superintendent of Telegraph at Chicago. Mr. R. F. Armstrong succeeded Mr. Bennett as assistant superintendent on this division, and we feel certain our relations with him will always be amicable.

Mr. M. M. Welsh, telephone operator at West Greenville, is the latest acquisition to our ranks. He can now be addressed as brother.

Bro. Lewequin was the successful applicant for Kimberly, days. Mr. Lethustrom, the former occupant, having gotten Monico Junction on bulletin.

Bro. Geo. Jillson, of New London, laid off for a few days on account of sickness. He was relieved by Bro. A. J. Bigford.

The January thaw kind of knocked our business in the head, but we expect it to pick up again and keep good for the rest of the winter at least. Four or five extra operators are out of work, so if any brothers wish to lay off, now is your chance.

Bro. D. E. Lanson has been installed as agent at Birnamwood, vice Bro. D. J. Greenway who was gone on the road selling flour for a Minneapolis concern.

Bro. H. M. Kiesdonk, of Saxon, spent a Sunday recently with his folks near Kaukauna.

Bro. L. E. Smith received Clintonville on bulletin. He formerly held down a trick at Monico Junction.

Bro. J. E. Hackett, formerly local chairman on the Lake Shore Division, and later employed in the freight office at Ironwood, is now working for the Cudahy Packing Co. at that place, in their auditing department.

We must remind you again to be on the lookout for new members. You know pretty nearly who does and who does not belong to the Order. Keep after them constantly, never losing patience and your labors will be rewarded in the end. We must endeavor also to line up the telephone operators and agents at non telegraph stations, for we will eventually get a schedule covering their positions, and must have them in the Order so we can represent them. Div. Cor.

#### *Iowa Division—*

Sunday hours for at least four stations on the east end have been changed by the superintendent from 10 a. m. until 10 p. m., in direct violation of your agreement, but none of these agents have

issued a protest or sent in overtime for the three hours from 7 p. m. to 10 p. m.

Bro. W. W. Carson, of Dewitt, has been appointed freight inspector on lines east of Des Moines. Mr. Mahoney, of Denison, secured the same berth on west end, and Chas. Benton, of Montour, was appointed clerk under inspectors.

T. E. Conover secured agency at Low Moor, after it had been bulletined twice. Bro. Geissner, of Watkins, bid it in on first bulletin, but got cold feet and passed it up.

Bro. Chet Caldwell, formerly of Dewitt, secured first trick at Carroll, but he had to make a fight for it. CERT. 6.

#### *Sioux City Division—*

Great preparations are being made for the O. R. C. Ball, to be held at the Armory, Sioux City, Ia., January 28th, and there is no doubt but it will be a grand success.

Bro. Abernathy, one time agent at Lawton, has returned from Fallon, Nev., where he was last summer, and is now installed as agent at Sargents Bluffs.

The biennial election is again at hand, and it is hoped all the brothers will cast their vote and return Ike to the chairmanship, and also elect him as delegate to the convention to be held at Atlanta, Ga., in May; as you probably understand there is only one delegate and one alternate to represent the Sioux City and Black Hills Division, and we want the honor with us.

Quite a number of the boys have been off on account of sickness lately.

Bro. Haymond has been sick for several days; relieved by Bro. Jorgenson, who takes the agency at Sloan soon.

Bro. Russell is going to Early as agent; Mr. Caldwell is holding down Battle Creek.

Bro. T. M. Noe, who has been ill and has been taking treatment at St. Joseph's Hospital, Sioux City, has resumed work at Mondamin, he having been relieved by O'Daniels, who came from Long Pine, where he had been working as cashier.

About a hundred railway employees, including agents, operators, conductors, car men, section men, attended a meeting in the assembly room of the Northwestern Depot at Sioux City, January 17th, and after forenoon meeting all repaired to the cafe, where an excellent banquet was served, presided over by our Superintendent Mr. Brown, and to which all did their share. CERT. 231.

#### *Galena Division—*

Did you ever hear what happened to the dead ones that thought the few enthusiasts would do the work while they enjoyed the collective benefits?

Once there was a people who were continually robbed and exploited by their enemies, who attacked them in so many disguises and by such subtle methods that they were in constant fear; and when they saw their fellows attacked individually made little or no protest, fearing to bring assault upon themselves. At last things became so very bad that these people were glad to welcome

men, who organized them and they joined an order to collectively combat the enemy. They paid dues and elected officers and bettered their conditions very greatly.

The enemy continued to exploit them, but had to be more careful and adroit in doing so. The enemy were not dead ones by any means, but were too foxy to start anything unless they were sure to win.

Every month these people gathered at some central point and discussed their conditions and laid plans for the future. By the attendance and enthusiasm shown at these meetings, the agent of the enemy judged whether it would be safe for them to make an attack, for they well knew that the people outnumbered them and they could only win when the people neglected their organization and allowed an attack upon individuals.

For a time all the people turned out and showed such great interest in all that was done for their benefit that those chosen to represent them were full of courage and gained many victories.

After a time, having been free from any direct attack for so long, some of the people began to think the enemy was a dead one and they, too, could go to sleep for awhile, and they began to neglect their meetings and some even forgot to pay their dues, and when the meeting night came they said to themselves: "No use of my losing my sleep, the other fellows will be there, and there will not be anything doing anyway," and so there came a time when only the officers and a few enthusiasts turned out and, although they tried to make a noise like a large crowd and entreated the rest of the people to come out and help, there was nothing doing. The faithful ones lost heart and the people continued to sleep and each dreamed he could beat the game all by himself, until one day the enemy, who were wise to the situation, having forged a nice, new set of chains for the people, quietly slipped them on each individual, and then awoke them from their nap by a few well-directed kicks at their financial department.

They woke them up all right, but it was too late. To the victors belong the spoils, and they were the spoils, and they went back to a more degrading slavery than before, to be tormented by the thoughts of what might have been.

Remember, there is an election of officers at our meeting in February. It is up to you. If you are too near dead to make good on your own duties then I would not give much for your services to your employer.

CERT. 154.

Understand Bro. H. A. Luckey has left the service to engage in the jewelry business at Pilger.

We closed up the year with six new members in December. There are still a few who should line up. All members make it a point to talk to the nons at your station, as well as at the next one, telephone as well as telegraphers, and use your best efforts to secure them.

Bro. E. M. Criss is relieving at Petersburg.

Bro. Elmer Sharp drew second trick at Oakdale.

Bro. Friend is still in bad shape. Before this shows up he will receive assistance, though it be impossible for his fellow employes to call on him. There should be more of this assistance handed out to brothers in distress. How pleasant it must seem to receive when one is in distress, and no telling whom the next one may be, perhaps you or me. There are 174 telegraphers on this division. See what can be done by each one giving a little.

Bro. N. Kennedy wishes to thank all members for the liberal contributions which were given him during his recent sickness.

I understand they have the telephone from Cedar Bluffs to Swedeburg, and they say it is lots of trouble.

The Lincoln line will be ballasted as soon as the weather permits.

Bro. W. R. Kelly off two weeks; relieved by C. W. Wilson.

CERT. 1916.

#### *Black Hills Division—*

Recently our local chairman made a trip over the division and I understand found a number of nons on the east and north end; the west end being solid. Brothers, we must get busy and get these nons enrolled, or we will not fare so well when your committee goes in. Each one try and send your local chairman the application of one of these nons.

Bro. J. C. Northrop, of Valentine, is now delegated to check up the tariff files of agents of this division. Mr. Bonner, cashier, at Long Pine, relieving him while he is on the road.

Bro. C. H. Cook, of Orin Junction, made a flying trip to Casper, New Year's day.

Bro. Goff, of Fort Robinson, is away on a vacation; being relieved by Mr. C. A. Russell, ex-dispatcher.

Bro. L. R. Ness drew the agency at Casper on bulletin.

Bro. Nodding, of Careyhurst, is taking a needed rest; being relieved by Mr. Bridgeman.

Bro. Cook is taking a much needed rest, and is accompanied by his sister Fay, and Mr. F. H. Hern, are visiting relatives in Lincoln, Neb.; relieved by Mr. C. H. Schetzer.

Bro. J. A. Boyles, agent at Gordon, Neb., is taking his vacation; being relieved by Mr. C. A. Russell.

We are pleased to learn that Bro. C. F. Sage, our ex-local chairman, was elected County Treasurer of Fall River County, S. Dakota. Gradually our members drift from us by being able to secure better positions. Bro. Sage still carries an up-to-date card.

Bro. Lewin, of Douglas, Wyo., has accepted the agency of the Colorado & Southern at Fort Russell, Wyo. Bro. Busch is holding down the first trick at Douglas now.

We are in hopes Bro. Troy can arrange to make us a visit soon, and arrange for a good rousing O. R. T. meeting, and let the boys know we are still on earth. Brothers, don't fail to come out, it will do you all good to meet our general chairman.

CERT. 679.

*Minnesota Division—*

Operator Maxfield can now be called brother, through the efforts of our worthy Bro. J. G. Johnson at Mankato.

Operator Ziege, second trick man at Junson, seems to have the right spirit, he is coming in on the first.

Rochester station has been moved up a notch, by splitting the ticket and freight business.

Mankato Junction, nights, has been closed permanently.

I received a letter from our old-time Bro. V. V. Vine last month, he is now located at Brookings, S. D., with the C. M. Youmans Lbr. Co., he writes that he is getting along very well, and says he is gradually getting over the R. R. habit. It seems that there are a number of the boys that have made up their minds that there's something else to do in this world besides telegraphing for a living, and you will notice they are leaving every day.

The following positions have been secured on bulletin since I last reported: C. D. Roach gets second trick at Lamberton; Wm. J. A. Maxfield gets Eyota, third trick; A. G. Bosshard gets Dover; G. W. Ellison gets Morgan, he bid for Zumbrota, but decided he did not want it; E. J. Thomas gets Zumbrota; P. F. Wilder gets Walnut Grove, second trick.

Business is better on this division, just at this writing, than it has been for some time, and I hope it will keep up. G. W. C.

*Dakota Division—*

Bro. Vern Postal, of Elkton, second trick, took a few days off during the holidays, and visited friends. Mr. Connelley relieved him. On Postal's return he was sent to Brookings to relieve Deckross, who resigned and started for the Pacific Coast.

Bro. Earl Pennington is visiting relatives in Illinois. Earl has been working for about three years, and this is his first vacation. John Calahan, a C. T. U. A. brother, who has been at Soo Valley, is relieving him, Soo Valley having been closed for the winter.

Bro. Arthur Daugaard, who resigned a month or so ago, is now working third trick for Jim Hill, on the C. B. & Q., at Seneca, Neb. It is a sub-division point, and he works eight hours for \$75.00 per month, with the luxuries cut out, such as baggage, mail, etc.

Bro. Ed. Butterfield, who worked at Iroquois, nights, and at other places on the division about six years ago, but lately with the Rock Island at Ottawa, Ill., has resigned, and is studying dentistry in Chicago.

Bro. W. C. Gordinier relieved Bro. T. A. Yates at Astoria, a few days during the holidays.

Bro. Klingelhofer relieved Bro. Wagler at Raymond, a few days, on account of sickness.

Bro. G. I. House relieved Kling at Tyler; House is figuring on holding Tyler, third trick, until warm weather.

Caution-cards are a thing of the past from now on. One good turn deserves another, they should dispense with the whole block system, and give the trains a chance to make their run within sixteen hours. More trains are handled at night, and with half the telegraph offices, yet the block system is not in effect.

Bro. Gordinier is the kind of new members we need. He has learned the business and holds a good position. He had barely sent in his application until he requested another set, as he had some one else lined up, and I hope to give his name in the next write-up. Three other sets of papers were requested this month; pay day should see something doing.

Bro. J. A. Steniger, of Parker, attended to telephone business a few days; Bro. Robert Holmes relieving.

Centerville is cutting "some ice" now days, and it keeps Bros. Paulsen, Finnerty and Neikirk on the hump. In the meantime, we are watching the big engines buck snow on the east end. No. 514 was stuck for five hours on De Smet hill, and No. 501 was in a drift at the same time on the west end.

Bro. A. W. Price is thinking of taking a six months' lay off this spring, and see if he can make more than a \$52.50 minimum in the real estate business. He will make good. Telegraphers nearly always do. It isn't so much what certain thing can a telegrapher do, but which one of the many things should he do?

Bro. Schlekau, of Aberdeen, was called to attend the funeral of his mother at St. Peter, Minn. It was impossible to get a man to relieve him, so Agent Von Arx was given a chance to brush up on Morse.

Bro. Jim Frederickson received Wessington on the bulletin, and took that station. Bro. Klingelhofer relieved him at Hetland. Bro. Bert Laity, who had been holding Wessington temporarily, relieved Bro. Holmes at Parker; Holmes relieved Bro. Otto Breen at Arlington, the latter having business matters to attend to at Brookings.

Day telegrapher at Huron has been taken off. Mr. Dickson taking his old job at Cavour as agent. Bro. D. W. Boh, who has been holding this station all fall, has resigned and taken work on the O. S. L., in Washington.

Two months ago we had fifteen delinquent members on the division list. At that time three of the fifteen were out of the service. At the close of 1908 ten had paid up, three were out of the service, and but two dropped their cards. That is a very good showing. Taking credit for transfers and new members we gained nearly fifteen members over the first half of 1908.

Bro. E. A. Nohlgren, who has been to New Mexico on account of his wife's health has returned, and is in the harness at his old stand at Estelline. In a letter which I received from him, he says that jobs are plentiful in that country and wages are fair. The climate is as good as could be wished for and the scenery is grand

in many places. Bro. Vanderhoof, who has been relieving at Estelline, is now at Ferncy.

R. H. Smith, of Midland, is on the sick list, with an attack of the grippe. Bro. F. M. Noe relieving him.

Bro. F. M. Noe was relieved by Bro. J. E. Noe at Philip, while he proved up on his claim.

We are now one of the strongest and possibly the strongest of unions in existence today. A new union has been formed which comprises all the railroad unions that are affiliated with the A. F. of L. This includes machinists, blacksmiths, boilermakers, switchmen, trackmen, freight handlers and telegraphers.

The object is to cut down the number of strikes, and in case of a strike to have all the advantages of strength, both financially and numerically.

All will be allowed to vote on a strike order, and in case of a strike all will act together.

The majority of the members of the Order are skilled workmen, and are conservative in their ideas. It is undoubtedly a good move.

We are indebted to Bros. Paulsen, Zollar, Ed. Noe and Nohlgren for the notes which they contributed. Just one item from each member makes a good write-up. A postal will do, and it is not necessary to write it in full, simply give the details, and abbreviate it any way to suit yourself.

H. A. STIMSON.

#### *Northern Wisconsin Division--*

Bro. Cook, correspondent, called to his home at Burnett Junction, on account of the death of his father. He was relieved by Operator Cleed.

Since the caution cards have been eliminated freights and passengers are suffering great delays. The company could relieve the situation by placing a \$52.50 man in a few of the closed stations.

When this is being read, election blanks will be received, and for one will say our present Local Correspondent Bro. Hackbert should be returned to office, if he will accept. He has done a great deal for this division, and we should show our appreciation. Another thing is our committee will no doubt convene in the near future, and an experienced committee man will stand us in hand, as this will be one of the greatest propositions in revising the schedule, and a green man will not be as well qualified. Let us hope the entire committee can be returned as they have been tried out, and we know they can make good.

Several of the delinquents have placed themselves in good standing, and let us hope the rest will follow suit.

Agency at Plymouth bulletined, but recalled.

Bro. H. J. Stark is again with us, doing the relief stunt.

Understand, from Bro. Hackbert, we will again hold monthly meetings, commencing with February, try and attend them. Everyone should be able to spare one night a month to promote the Organization. Keep your M. B. D. dues paid up, and keep after non-members. We have quite a

number at present, and with everyone working in the right direction should cut them down.

I can not impress too strongly upon you what the election means, and each member should be sure and cast his ballot. Do not let personal feeling enter into this, but let it be for the best man.

I am writing this article in hopes that the membership will look at this matter in all the seriousness it deserves, and trust you will not make an error casting your vote.

Bro. Stone, of Milton Junction, off a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Mr. N. B. Rummel.

Bro. Woodward, of Jefferson, took a short vacation during the holidays, which he spent with his folks on the north end.

Bro. Ransom and wife were in the west, visiting friends and relatives for a month; he being relieved by Bro. Monroe, he in turn being relieved by Mr. Burr.

Bro. Lindsey, formerly second trick at Tower, "DX," received third trick at So. Oshkosh, relieving Bro. E. C. Neitzel, who received the agency at Burnett Junction by bulletin.

Understand that Chester is a telegraph office again, at least it sounds like it. It's open in every respect, the same old story.

Mr. Burr took Bro. Heinzelmann's place at Plymouth, as day telegrapher. Better get an up-to-date card Mr. Burr.

The office force at Neenah are all enjoying their quarter in the new freight depot, which is certainly up-to-date in every respect, and one of the best in the State.

Bro. Evenson, cashier at Neenah, spent Christmas with his parents at Waupun.

Div. Cor.

#### *Galena Division--*

Regular meeting at Dixon January 16. Good crowd in attendance. Remember next meeting is election of officers and be sure to attend or send your excuse.

Bro. O. H. Schultz, third trick at Proviso on bid. Mr. W. Pitz now operator at Lake Geneva on bid.

Mr. F. L. Toenings, third trick "FD" tower, Peoria, on bid.

Bro. R. E. Dillingham, "BJ" tower, Belvidere, on bid.

Bro. S. A. Taylor spending vacation in Peoria.

Bro. Starks, "GS," spent Xmas with parents at Rockford.

Bro. Twigg, at Rockford, off sick. Relieved by Bro. Wilson.

Bro. E. H. Rose, agent at R. I. Junction, has resigned that position for promotion at Peoria freight office.

Tower "JN" has larger switch board in order to make it a testing office. Keep your tariffs posted up as fast as they come in or the inspector will get you if you don't watch out.

Look out for the union label, brothers, don't buy without it. It is the sign of good workmanship and decent conditions.

Our meetings at Dixon should be more largely attended. You brothers are missing a lot of fun and a lot of valuable information by not getting out of your rut once a month. There are big things doing in the labor world and every brother should be in touch with that activity.

CERT. 154.

#### *Madison Division—*

There is a trolley or electric power line between Marshland and Winona that may make it necessary to take out the telephone at these two points and re-establish the telegraph.

Bro. A. E. Mueske is holding forth at LaCrosse second trick.

Mr. Willis, a new telegrapher who held down Trempealeau, second trick, for awhile, is now relieving Bro. Luedke at Wilton.

Bro. Fred Tomlin got Elroy, second trick, on bulletin. R. J. Starry relieved him for a day or two and then went to Jefferson Junction and relieved Bro. W. H. Hansen for some days.

Bro. Tomlin is on the sick list at the present and Telegrapher Adams is relieving him.

Dispatchers certainly need the Order as much as any one. The first of January they took off the crabs line dispatchers and put the west end on the south end and the east end on the north end, dispatchers thereby increasing their work very much.

Better get in the O. R. T.'s band wagon; they have done something for the telegraphers and can do something for them. It costs them no more than the telephoners and we are all telephoners, anyway or either way.

Telegrapher N. A. Browne is relieving Bro. H. F. Sengpiel, agent at Whitson Junction, for a few days.

Bro. A. G. Elsner relieved H. J. Christoffer, agent at London, for some time and then went to Sullivan and relieved Bro. W. H. Williamson as agent for a few weeks.

Bro. J. H. Bucklin, Jr., relieved Bro. Chas. Bennett at No. Greenfield for some time. Bennett has resumed.

Bro. L. F. Schneider, local chairman, was off a few days and went over his division, calling on nons and lining them up. He also called at headquarters at Baraboo. N. A. Browne relieved him as agent at Dansman. N. A. Browne is a son of Bro. W. A. Browne, agent at Cobb.

Bro. L. M. Burt, agent at Brooklyn, is off and Bro. Art Elsner is relieving him.

Opr. Holden worked one night at Deerfield and about a week at Dane, second trick, and is now relieving Bro. Irwin, second trick at Lodi. Bro. Irwin is relieving Mr. J. Roberts, agent at Lodi, for a couple of weeks.

The January thaw and rains is causing considerable worry about track and bridges between Buncombe and Galena. It put the Hazel Green branch out of business for awhile.

Bro. John Meier is performing duties as second trick telegrapher at tower "EA" while on bulletin.

Our chief would make a hit if he would inaugurate the system of putting the assignments of positions on the previous bulletin on the lower part of the bulletins he sends out. Then we would all know who got positions. Maybe this can be arranged later on.

Dir. Cor.

#### *C., St. P., M. & O. Ry.*

##### *Wisconsin Division, Northern District—*

By the time these items reach us every member will probably have blanks for voting for a local chairman to represent them this year, and also a delegate to send to the convention. Boys, it's up to you to act on this matter immediately. The Northern District is getting in fine shape and I know that it is the unanimous wish of all to be so. Let the good work go on.

Be sure to vote for local chairman and delegate.

We wish to correct an error in the December Journal in announcing Mr. Conrad Paterson, late of Saronia, as a member of the O. R. T. This is an error. His "professorship" in teaching the art led him astray and caused his downfall. He was recently let out on account of incompetency, and Bro. A. Norman is now agent at that point.

Mr. O. Garrah is relieving Bro. G. E. Anderson, of Itasca, who is taking a much-needed rest.

On account of log trains and heavy traffic on Rice Lake and Draper Branch an extra telephonist has been put on at Tuscobia. A couple of night offices have been opened on the Draper Branch. Chetek is open nights and Chippewa Falls is again flourishing and another operator placed there to complete the link.

Mr. Roelke, agent at Radisson, is taking a few weeks' vacation visiting in Massachusetts. A. B. Clock relieving him.

Mr. W. B. Campbell, who was relieving at Barretonett, is now doing the owl act at Rice Lake while that position was on bulletin, went to Northline to relieve Bro. F. C. Kottke, who drew Hudson, third trick, on bulletin.

Bro. M. G. Hoard, agent at Draper, is off for a few days during the holidays visiting his folks in Michigan.

Bro. Tom F. Hurst, who drew Rice Lake on bulletin, is now located at that place.

Bro. Hart is now at Trout Creek, Mont., on the N. P. Quite a few of the "Omaha" boys out there now.

Following is results of December bulletin:

Millston, second trick, E. B. Jacobson; Strum, agent, Telegrapher A. R. Chase; Northline, second trick, A. H. Kuhn; Lake Elme, agent, Telegrapher A. C. Heideloff.

The operators of the "Omaha" will dazzle the patrons of the road with their new uniforms in the near future. A nice O. R. T. button and an up-to-date card in the pocket will finish the effects and make a fine appearance.

There are a few who are still delinquent in payment of dues and assessments for year ending December, 1908. Get in line, boys, and pay your dues. It is for your own good. Business is pick-



ing up and prosperity for the employers means prosperity to the employes.

There has been some talk of having a meeting on the north end, a thing we never had, but ought to have. There is good service to Spooner, so let us get interested and arrange for a meeting there with the local chairman, Bro. Marquette, of Shell Lake.

Invest in a new card, boys, they are beauts.

Div. Cor.

#### *Wisconsin Division, Eastern District—*

Bro. Henry Gaarden went to Turtle Lake for a couple of weeks last month to work the third trick; relieved by Bro. H. J. Halverson. Bro. Gaarden was very glad to get back to Woonville.

Bro. L. N. Judge went to Strum to act as agent until that position is filled by bulletin.

Bro. N. C. Norby, third trick telegrapher at Baldwin was laid up for a week with the grippe, but is now back on duty again.

Menomonie City is closed entirely as a telegraph office now. All messages are being relayed by telephone from Menomonie Junction.

Bro. P. Brandon, one of our tried and true members who always carried an up-to-date card, has left the service of the Omaha and is now employed on the Northern Pacific in Washington.

The telephoners are coming in gradually, as their eyes are being opened to the fact that they occupy the position which the telegraphers and agents occupied previous to the first schedule. No protection of any kind and entirely at the mercy of any one who cares to move them around or inflict extra work or duties on them. No such thing as overtime, pay for switch lights, travel time, noon hours, calls at night, no seniority, no vacancies bulletin. In fact, nothing but what the company feels disposed to give them. Well, we were up against the same thing ourselves, boys, and would be yet if we had not organized and demanded fair treatment and living wages. The remedy is in your own hands. When you get ready to enlist under the banner of the organization which has revolutionized the conditions for the telegraphers you will be in a position to enjoy the same benefits.

Bro. Brookshire took a flying trip out West recently and worked for the N. P. in Montana, but said it was too lonesome out there.

Bro. H. L. Donahy, another of our old-timers, has left the Omaha and is now working for some road in the South.

Messrs. Rosenhauer and Fletcher, two non-members who recently arrived on the Omaha, are relieving at Millston. They will be duly invited to get in out of the cold. A rumor is floating around that Fletcher made a remark about this organization which, if true, will not help to enlarge his circle of friends on the Omaha. There is no room on this pike for knockers. A man who works in any telegraph position on the Omaha and says the O. R. T. never did him any good, is a nature faker, to say the least.

A bill has been presented in the Assembly at Madison by Assemblyman Hammill prohibiting the handling of trains by telephone.

Following are the assignments on the December bulletin: Millston, second trick, E. B. Jacobson; Strum, "AT," A. R. Chase; Northline, second trick, A. H. Kuhn; Lake Elmo, "AT," A. C. Heidehoff.

The feeling of apathy still prevails among our members. They sit around and work with the nons and never make a move to secure their applications. They have nons working in the office with them and in the next office, and can not see any reason why they should make an effort to line them up.

Once more we wish to impress upon the members that the maintenance of this organization depends entirely upon the members themselves. The constant stream of members leaving the service makes it absolutely necessary that we have a constant stream of new members coming in, if we are to hold our own, not to speak of increasing our membership. This must be done by the individual members. If a man were sent over the road to organize the nons by the time he had the road covered he would have to start all over again, as new men would be coming in all the time. It would also entail an expense which would stagger the members. Instead of paying \$10 per year they would be paying \$20. What we pay in now is enough to pay our current expenses, such as salaries and expenses of the officers and committee work, etc., but we would be very quickly face to face with a special assessment if we were to keep a man on the line chasing up the nons and delinquents. This must be done by the members.

Div. Cor.

#### *Minnesota and Iowa Division—*

In ushering in the new year the Omaha, especially the M. & I. Division, have been blessed with a period of business. Every available trainman is being pressed into service and the rolling stock is all in use. The telegraphers at some stations are supposed to work only nine hours a day, but in a number of instances they are being worked to the law's limit.

In starting in with this glorious new year let us hesitate for just a moment, look back over the past year and if we can discover any place that we erred now is an excellent time to remedy it. There is one thing each telegrapher should aim to start the new year with, and that is a new card.

Bro. F. M. Schneiderhan has quit the Omaha road, and has accepted the slide-wire job at Minneapolis, with the M. & St. L. He was relieved by Bro. F. H. Spatgen, of Worthington, who in turn was relieved at Worthington by Bro. F. E. Anderson, of Sioux Falls.

Bro. F. E. Stolte, late of Mendota, has taken up his assigned position at Blakeley. His cousin, Bro. E. E. Stolte, relieved him at Mendota.

Bro. F. E. Stolte's arrival at Blakeley gave Bro. G. H. Schneiderhan that long looked for opportunity, and he will enjoy his vacation for a few weeks. He will visit his parents at Jordan.

Bro. Spatgen was off a few days during the holidays, incidentally visiting his folks at Merriam and his brother at St. Paul. Bro. J. M. Locke relieved him.

From Merriam Bro. Locke goes to Mitchell to relieve Bro. Feyder for six weeks.

Bro. Mock, of Sioux Falls, returned from his claim just long enough to say goodbye, then returned to his claim.

Bro. F. E. Anderson received the assignment to the Sioux Falls position for ninety days, and was transferred from Worthington to Sioux Falls. Bro. C. R. Williams relieved Bro. Anderson.

Bro. Lapachek, of Worthington, is taking a week's vacation and will spend a portion of that time around the head of the lakes. He is relieved by Bro. Williams. Unable to say who now holds the third trick at Worthington.

Bro. Kehr, of Mankato, was called to Spokane, Wash., the early part of January on account of the death of a relative. He was relieved by Bro. Funk, who in turn was relieved by Mr. C. O. Ziebarth, a new man.

On account of failing health, Bro. Robert Jamieson, of Beaver Creek, has been advised by his physicians to seek a different climate; accordingly he left the 19th Inst. for Oregon. His son, Bro. A. P. Jamieson, of Lake Crystal, accompanied him as far as Sioux City.

Mr. C. O. Ziebarth relieved Bro. Jamieson, and upon the latter's return he relieved Bro. Tenney, who transacted business at Mountain Lake, his family accompanying him.

We are pained to learn that Mrs. W. M. Hale, wife of that good natured agent at Windom, is at this writing in a hospital at Minneapolis, where we understand she will have to undergo an operation. Bro. Levering relieves Bro. Hale, and Mr. C. O. Ziebarth relieves Bro. Levering.

At this writing the little girl of Bro. Backer, of Bingham Lake, is quite sick with a hard cold, also Mrs. Backer quite sick with the grippe, which makes it pretty hard for Bro. Backer.

Quite a meeting of employes was held at St. James the 17th Inst, the object of which was the discussion of the proposed hospital pension plan. A few of the impatient ones went forward and signed an agreement giving the company the privilege of deducting 1 per cent from their wages, or more if the board of managers see fit. We believe in a case of so much importance as this is apt to be, one should do nothing on the impulse of the moment. There should be plenty of time after a thorough investigation. Men longer in the service than you are have decided they do not want such a plan, unless absolutely obliged to accept it. In view of the fact that we should all be materially interested in this proposition, I believe we should be entitled to know what the capitalization of such a plan is to be, and not go into it blind folded.

Bro. E. E. Gresham, of St. Peter, has already received his new up-to-date card and feels mighty proud of it, too.

I was told by one non-member, a short time ago, that he could not join because if he did some of them that he had promised a Christmas present would be disappointed. I question which would suffer the most, the one that was disappointed in not getting the Christmas present or he if his salary was reduced \$5 or \$10 per month. A man with as small caliber as that deserves a "hunch."

I believe the non list is the smallest at this time that it has ever been. With the exceptions of the above mentioned gentlemen, the boys are all taking an active part in the progress, and are more than willing to do all they can to further our welfare.

Election will soon be at hand and we should look well to our interests, selecting from the best timber our representatives. You all have a voice in this and should see that that voice is heard. If you sit idly by you can only blame yourself if you do not get the representation that you want.

Let me again urge upon you the promptness you should exercise in attending to your dues and assessments. This should not be put off until tomorrow, it should be attended to at once.

CERT. 251.

#### *Nebraska Division—*

In traveling over a division of railway, and talking with telegraphers regarding the O. R. T., it is wonderful what excuses some of them will put up in defense of not belonging to the Order. Very rarely will one tell you that the Order has not done any good to them, that time has passed, for they can no longer say that. Each and every one, no matter where he is or where working, is deriving a benefit of five dollars each month at least, so that time-worn phrase is done away with. But others are manufactured to take the place. We will admit that a few, a very few, are good and sufficient, and if the promises that these few make, are kept regarding their coming in and helping out in the near future, or as soon as their present inability is overcome, all well and good, but in a great many instances, the excuses offered are simply to stave off the expense that is to be incurred by joining the Order for the time being, and they will still go on drawing their benefits of increase in pay, overtime, shorter hours, relief from care of switchlights, and the other numerous favors obtained through the efforts of those who pay their good money in from time to time, and retain membership in an Order which is fast becoming one of the strongest in the labor world. Some of these bright examples of financial economy go so far as to tell you that they are always "broke," except at the time they draw their check, and as soon as they can get to a bank to cash it they have to either pay it all out at once to square bills incurred during the previous month, or else the society of certain elements which form part of the population of every city is so enticing that they cannot resist the "pull" which the aforesaid "society" has upon their pocketbooks. In consequence they are never in position to make good their promises to join the

Order, even if they really had the desire or intention to join, and thus help along the organization which has made it possible for them to work nine-hour tricks, and draw salaries much in advance of what they used to draw when they were working under the old rules. It would seem to the man of ordinary sensibilities and self-respect that such men would at least be ashamed to advance the time-worn excuse that they can not join the Order because they have no money to do it with, and also admit that they can never get to the point where they have backbone enough to deny themselves a little so-called pleasure for one lone month, in order that they may be able to hold up their heads among their fellow-employees and say that they are helping to keep the standard of wages up to where they are now, and enabling the general committees to get further concessions, which they desire as much as any of us, but are the least willing to help pay for. They are a class by themselves, human blood suckers, so to speak, and we are very thankful they are in the minority, there are very few indeed, but it can not be denied that there are a few on this division. We sincerely hope to see them still come into the Order, and thus make it unnecessary to mention anything of this kind in the journal.

Bro. Wassum, agent at Ponca, is taking a two weeks' vacation, and was relieved by Bro. Jones, late of Bloomfield, who will accept third trick at Emerson as soon as he is through at Ponca.

It's Bro. Pinion now at Wynot, and we are glad to extend the hand of welcome to him. He took a vacation over the holidays and spent a very enjoyable time with his people in "Old Virginny" way back east. He reports the demand for good telegraphers back there is good, and that some good jobs are vacant there, same as in other places.

By the time this reaches the members we can call G. W. Smith, at Jackson, "Bro." also; he having come to the front like a man, and cast his lot in with the others who are helping to keep the good ship moving.

Bro. R. B. Hatcher bid in the third trick at Ferry, and has taken up his duties.

Operator W. D. Whitaker, at Hubbard, is off for a few days; being relieved by Bro. Foutts, of the G. N. Division, but who will be transferred to "76" at once.

Bro. Woods is working third trick at Emerson at present, until Bro. Jones can get there to take it.

Mr. Ayres, agent at Thurston has been taking a vacation, and was relieved by Bro. Foutts.

Mr. French, first trick at Blair, was on the sick list a few days recently, and Bro. Thompson and Bro. Hine were compelled to work a little overtime until a man could be rushed to the scene. Operator Fowler who has been out of service for some time was secured and did the necessary

Bro. W. L. Wright, nights, at Oakland, was called away recently by the death of his wife's

mother, in Iowa; and was relieved by Bro. E. V. Leach, an up-to-date member from I. C.

Bro. L. C. Arnold, of Douglas, Wyo., a member of Division No. 76, drew the day operator job at Bancroft.

Bro. Whitaker, agent at Newcastle, took a few days off, and was relieved by Bro. Johnson, days, at Oakland.

Operator Kragscow, at Lyons, has given up his position and taken service on the extra list, pending the bulletin. He goes to Bloomfield to relieve Bro. Jones. Bro. O. A. Reveal, of Division No. 53, is relieving him. Bro. Reveal also relieved Bro. B. E. Crouch, days, at Wayne, while the latter was taking a few days off.

We can say brother to F. E. Strauss, agent at Concord, now, he having come in out of the wet again.

Wish some of the boys would send in some more items of interest; anything that shows up we would be glad to have it. Div. Con.

### Western Maryland Ry.

The Western Maryland has awarded contracts for equipment involving an expenditure of more than \$1,000,000. These contracts call for steel hoppers, consolidated freight engines and cabooses.

I'll venture to say there are very few who read THE TELEGRAPHER, read the items of other roads. Why not read over their write-ups and see what others are doing?

Very many of the boys were disappointed that they could not be relieved on Christmas, on account of no relief man, but since Mr. Breighner has started out on the line to do the extra stunt.

Mr. D. O. Martin, formerly from Hampstead, who for the past few years has been a traveling salesman is again back with the W. M., working extra on the main line.

Bro. Fleigh relieved Mr. Damuth ten days.

Mr. A. Benchoff, first trick dispatcher, had the opportunity of enjoying his ten days' vacation during the holidays; relieved by Bro. Koons.

Bro. Flickinger, third trick at "DI," out a few days on a hunting trip.

Bro. Ernst, second trick at Hampstead, off a few days.

Bro. Bupp, third trick at Porters, moved last month from Hanover to Porters; relieved by Mr. Sterner.

Mr. Peddicord, at "AR," off several days; relieved by Bro. Forster of "J."

Bro. Barnes relieved Bro. Forster during his absence at Hillen.

Bro. Blocher, at Alesia, off one day to visit relatives in Baltimore; Mr. Sterner holding down the chair while Harry was gone.

R. G. Sterner relieved Bro. Hoover, at Thomasville, one day.

Bro. W. C. Dubbs, second trick at Porters, enjoyed five days' vacation during the holidays; relieved by Mr. McCoy.

Our write-ups are getting smaller every month. Boys, can't you give your correspondent a little

every month. We have not heard from the main line for several months. What is the matter over there, can't you stir up something each month?

Two more members added to our list in January, from the B. & H. Division.

Bro. Spillman, who for some time had been working a broker office, is again back with the W. M., holding down his old place in "G" office.

Bro. Birely, formerly agent at Highfield, is again back at his old post at Highfield.

A few of the boys, I believe, are a little discouraged, and have an idea we will not have a schedule. We can not get it at once, a little patience and all will come right.

The official private car No. 201 caught fire, Monday, January 18th, but the fire company soon had it under control, saving about one-half of the car. The car was standing in the Hillen yard ready to make a trip the next morning.

Bro. Koons, one of our well-known dispatchers, is unable to be on duty on account of sickness.

Brothers, get after the men you work with and show them their mistake.

Bro. Kemper was called upon last month to pay the chief dispatcher a visit; relieved by Mr. Breighner.

Bro. Arnsberger, second trick at Walbrook, off two days; relieved by Mr. Barnes.

Mr. Peddicord, first trick at Hillen, on a five days' trip to New York; relieved by Bro. Spillman.

Bro. Flickinger, of York, off duty a few days on account of sickness.

Bro. Dubbs, second trick at Summit, displaced from Summit; second trick assigned to Bro. J. W. Wertz.

Bro. C. E. Stouffer, extra operator, put in one day at Union Bridge last month.

Bro. Morrison, second trick at Thurmont, off one night, attending a dance at Lake Side; relieved by Mr. Breighner.

Bro. Mummert off one day on a business trip to Hagerstown. Div. Cor.

### Bangor & Aroostook Ry.

Bro. Thorpe relieved Bro. Newcomb at Frankfort, while "NE" was at "BU." Bro. Thorpe later bid in agency at South La Grange.

Mr. R. S. Brown is doing baggage work at Milo, at this writing.

Bro. Croker and wife recently spent Sunday at Brownville.

H. A. Scribner, Jr., is doing second trick at Millinocket until bid in.

"13" Bro. H. F. Snowman, formerly agent at South La Grange, is at present at his home in Bucksport, Me.

We are glad to learn that Bro. Whipple is gaining in health at Bay Pond, N. Y.

We think Bro. Brown must have bid in Winterville again, thinking that Stacyville was hardly what he wanted.

"13" the "Ham Factory" at La Grange is still doing business. We trust this is not connected with the "Beef Trust."

Boys, wake up and see if you can not get something written up for the journal. We might just as well have one column in the journal every month, as to be represented by a few lines. This could be easily overcome if the brothers would only jot down what little things come to their notice.

Try it. Do it now.

CERT. 90.

### Illinois Central Ry.

I am now reaping the fruits of the error of one of our brothers of Division 93. Although this brother displays an up-to-date to every strange brother that comes his way, he took in a very charming young lady and taught her the art of telegraphy, merely to show regard for her, probably not thinking that in the course of a few months this charming young lady would go to the superintendent and make a proposition like this: "Mr. Superintendent, you have a man at — office that I understand you are paying \$50.00 per month. I am now a very good operator and I think that if you will allow me to go to — and go in your office and study for twenty or thirty days on that particular line of business I can hold down that position and will accept it at \$25.00 per month." It is useless to say that the superintendent accepted this offer and forthwith sent the young lady to — with instructions to the operator there to help this charming young lady to learn this branch of the business and for her to advise him as soon as she was ready to take the position. In the meantime Mr. Superintendent wrote the other brother that unless he could work the position for \$25.00 per he would have to let him go, as his object was to cut expenses this year and he could get a competent operator to work that job for that salary. Of course the brother couldn't afford to work for that and support himself, wife and baby. Consequently in the course of about thirty days the superintendent arrived at — in company with the charming young lady and proceeded to check out the brother and leave him without employment with a family to support. No doubt this pious brother with his up-to-date in his pocket will recognize himself when he sees this, so I will state that I only wish that he and all other brothers may profit by my loss and never allow any charming young ladies to learn in their office. If you can't love them without teaching them, my advice to you is to marry them and then ask permission of President Perham to teach her. Then you will know that she will not starve out any of your brothers.

CERT. 1762, Div. 93.

### Mississippi Division—

Outlook for business for 1909 is very promising and we must try and also make it the busiest and most prosperous year in the history of the O. R. T. and the only way we can do so is for us to use individual effort. If we do this we should be

99 to 100 per cent strong by the time 1909 has rolled away.

Several new names have been added to our lists since last issue and I am glad to say that they are all brothers.

Bro. G. A. Huckabay, of Ark., is doing third stunt at Vaiden.

Miss Minnie Caldwell, M. P. Powers, L. P. Bell and C. W. Porter all in line now, thanks to our worthy local chairman and others who have been talking to them.

Bro. and Sister Jarnigan, of Goodman, are at present at Greenfield, Tenn., on account of the death of the father of Sister Jarnigan.

I am sorry to report that several of the brothers have not as yet remitted for the last half of 1908. Now, boys, that won't do. You are all deriving great benefits from our schedule and I believe that you will see you are wrong in not remitting if you will only stop a moment and think what it means for you to drop out.

At this writing Mississippi Division only shows 80 per cent and we should show 100 per cent strong. Now, let's see if we can't show a better per cent next month.

Our regular monthly meetings will be resumed next month to continue throughout the year. Now, let's every one that can go and try to get some other brother to go along with us.

Bro. Harrington is "it" just now at Grenada, as Mr. Wright is away for a few days.

In December issue it was reported that Bro. C. A. Ross, of Vaughans, was dead. I am glad to say that this was an error, and "S" is still very much alive at "UC."

Mr. W. A. Taylor, our efficient chief, has been ill a few days this month, but we are glad to say that he is back at his post now.

Third trick at Durant has been raised to \$62.50.

Look out now for the notice of next meeting from Bro. Bull and let's all go.

CERT. 1658.

#### *St. Louis Division—*

Bro. Alderson, of "B," days first trick man, is off a few days on account of sickness. Relieved by Opr. Haggard, who is there with the goods.

Understand Bro. Smith, at "NA," second trick, is laying off. Unable to say who is relieving him.

Opr. Halliday, of "MS," second trick, is on the sick list.

Bro. Cavitt, of Mounds, "UN" office, has resigned and accepted a position as mail clerk on 205 and 6.

The St. Louis Division is up with the standard now. We have hardly a non on the division and we wish to keep it that way to better everything along our way. We have the 'phones going now, but we can not say how long they will make good.

Understand there will be a meeting soon at Carbondale and will be glad for every member to attend who can.

Div. Cor.

#### *Freeport Division—*

Have you voted yet? If not, vote now and vote right. Vote for one candidate for local chairman, delegate and alternate, marking envelope the votes are enclosed in "official ballot." Should you wish to enclose the same with some correspondence be sure and put your votes in a separate envelope, marking it the same as above, sealing it, otherwise your votes can not be counted.

Among the recent bulletins we have Haldane nights, Kerrick agency, second trick Freeport yard, Plato Center agency and first trick C. G. W. Crossing.

Bro. F. A. Henion off a few days, being relieved by W. C. Campbell, non.

On account of being unable to get the old hall on Stephenson street, Freeport, Ill., we have rented a hall on Galena street in the Blust Block. It is just three and one-half blocks west of Freeport yard office, upstairs in a large white front building known as the Blust Block. The rooms are much nicer than the ones we had before.

Bro. E. B. Lund, who was successful applicant for first trick at Dixon, was relieved at Freeport yard office, second trick, by Bro. Jno. Hayes.

Bro. John Funk was successful applicant for third trick, East Junction.

Bro. C. G. Price has left the service and has bought a farm in Wyoming, where he intends to go as soon as relieved.

Bro. A. H. Brodeur, third trick at Coleman, was called home to Tucker, Ill., on account of his mother's sickness. He was relieved by W. C. Campbell, non.

Bro. B. E. Melloan is at present doing the extra stunt on third trick at Parkway.

A vote was taken at the last meeting held in Freeport January 22d in regard to putting Bro. Sweeney on the seniority list, and allowing him his right from the time he last entered the service as telegrapher, and the same was voted unanimous.

Bro. W. C. Boldts relieved Bro. Granger at Freeport yard office for a few days on first trick.

Bro. B. C. Boldts is at present doing the extra stunt on first trick C. G. W. Crossing. Bro. S. A. Franks was the successful applicant for this position and will be checked in soon.

Bro. C. Peterson is figuring on taking a fifteen days' vacation. He is going to Kentucky.

Bro. C. E. Harrington, who was with us formerly, has again returned to the service of the I. C. and is at present doing the heavy work on first trick Freeport Yard office, relieving Bro. Granger.

Bro. Granger is at present relieving Bro. Madden on the day trick in Freeport, "DR" office.

Bro. Madden doing the dispatcher's stunt on the south end in the place of C. S. Pack for a few days.

Bro. Jno. Hayes relieved Bro. Foskule at Bloomington for a few days on account of sickness in Bro. Foskule's family.

"13" Bro. Bellows, second trick at Bloomington, is going to take in the Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

Bro. Kelly managed to get a \$2.50 raise for the night owl at Lostant.

Bro. F. E. Lamboley, of Monroe, Wis., was the first to pay his dues on the entire system this term, so Bro. R. L. Shannon advises me, although there was a statement in the journal last month that Bro. Allen, of the Tennessee Division, was first. This was a mistake, but he was a close second. **SHORTY.**

#### *Tennessee Division—*

Business in general is fairly good; however, not as good as was expected before the election.

Our local chairman, Bro. E. Cosgrove called a special meeting a few weeks ago, but the attendance was very small, owing to the limited train service and the nine-hour law prohibiting the boys from relieving each other. However, there is no one that could regret it on account of the nine-hour limit prohibiting them.

I notice that there are quite a good many a little negligent about getting in their dues. This is not to reprimand any one, but as a reminder. Let's not let the month of February slip by before we send the necessary stuff up to Bro. Shannon, for we well know it is only through our organization that we now enjoy the nine-hour workday and other things that have proven of benefit to us; so let us keep this good move going.

I notice that we have two good brothers in the field for local chairman, both good and worthy brothers. While, of course, all of us can not see alike, and to our judgment we vote for the man which we think best fitted for this position, and if the opposite is elected we, of course, as an organization, will support the officer elected in any manner that will be beneficial to us, directly or indirectly, as though we had our choice and not be in the least offended.

I notice men seem scarce, none floating through the country. The chief dispatcher can not relieve the boys for vacations, and lots of times it is very hard in case of sickness.

Bros. Dye and Etling bid in second and third tricks, respectively, at Ballard Junction, regular.

With one or two exceptions the Terminal is solid, and business seems much better than usual. We are handling some seventy-five or more trains daily.

Bro. O. T. Buffalow, of Martin, was recently off a few days, sick, threatened with appendicitis. No doubt an operation will be necessary before he is permanently relieved.

Bro. McDadoo bid in Lawrence nights on bulletin.

Bro. Knight landed Abbeville agency.

Bro. J. W. Barnett, Holly Springs, third trick.

"13" Bro. Futrell, of Waterford, Miss., has been trying to get off, but met with no success on account of the chief dispatchers being unable to relieve him.

In my conclusion I wish to say the company has gone to quite an expense installing telephones and experimenting in various ways, still they could not see their way clear to adopt the nine-hour law

last spring without a plea of poverty to the I. S. C. C., but finally decided it best, after no relief from the commission, and still have a surplus for this experimenting to keep going on.

CERT. 1099.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our esteemed and beloved brother, P. W. Maloney, be it

*Resolved*, That we thus express our high appreciation of his long service to the cause of truth and right, his sterling manhood and kindly disposition, qualities that endeared him to all; and be it

*Resolved*, That we extend to his bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of sorrow, and point them to the true source of comfort in afflictions, our Divine Creator, as their strength and refuge; and be it further

*Resolved*, By Tennessee Division, No. 93, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that a copy of this memorial be spread upon the minutes, a copy sent to the bereaved family and a copy be published in THE TELEGRAPHER.

E. COSGROVE,  
C. P. SIMONTON,  
E. DUGAN,  
*Committee.*

#### TO MEMBERS O. R. T., TENNESSEE DIVISION.

COVINGTON, TENN., January 23, 1909.

Please accept my sincere thanks for the beautiful floral tribute to my husband.

"May the union ever prosper."

Yours gratefully,

ELIZABETH MALONEY.

#### *Louisiana Division—*

The old year of 1908, with all its ups and downs, has passed into history, and we are now starting out upon the new year. Illinois Central System Division, No. 93, has weathered the storms of the old year in great shape. The financial depression for the greater part of the old year, together with the national nine-hour law, caused a great many of the railroads throughout the country to retrench in every possible manner, many cutting wages in different departments, and the telegraphers have suffered from this reduction on several unorganized roads, also on several poorly organized lines, and on top of this, several of the Northern and Western lines have installed the telephone, at great expense, for the handling of trains, thus closing up numerous small telegraph offices and opening up in their stead telephone offices at reduced pay, but the good old I. C. has withstood all this.

While the company has installed the telephone on the greater part of the system it has done us no damage, owing to our contract reading, "There shall be no change in these rules or rates of pay, excepting upon thirty days' notice," etc., and upon this we have stood pat. Starting the new year with our wage scale intact and the nine-hour law,

together with a 90 per cent membership, "The Banner Division" is in a position to accomplish much good during the year 1909.

Our general committee should be convened (and no doubt it will) in the near future to revise our schedule, in incorporating the nine- and eight-hour day at the several offices, new overtime rules, dinner hour, etc., and last, but not least, a new wage scale.

In order to present a solid front at all times, every member should look after his neighbor and see that he is provided with an up-to-date card. Every new-comer should be looked after. Do not take his word that he has a card, but make him show it, and if he belongs to another division, secure his division and certificate number and send them to your local chairman. If he has no card, persuade him to get one the first pay-day. Attend meetings regularly and, in fine, be up and doing. Do not depend upon the local chairman to do every thing. Individual effort is what we want, and with this we will keep Division No. 93 where she properly belongs, at the head of the procession, noted for its efficiency and for doing things.

The regular monthly meeting was held at McComb, Sunday night, January 10th, with the usually large crowd and plenty of enthusiasm. The new seniority list was received and the necessary corrections made. Two communications from President Perham were read, one congratulating the Louisiana Division upon its large percentage of members. Several applications were acted upon. Under the good of the Order, Bros. Hayes, Youngblood and C. C. Wilson interested us with some good advice, information and witty remarks. Do not forget the date in the future, every second Sunday night at 8 p. m.

Two of our members have become delinquent, thus joining the "down and out" club. Both of these ex-brothers are enjoying substantial increase in pay, secured by the O. R. T., besides shorter hours, etc., and we predict these parties, before many moons, will have regretted joining the "razor-backs."

The Western Union office at Crystal Springs has been removed from the depot and a separate office established, which knocks Bro. Holt out of several plunks per month commission.

Bro. H. G. Hungate, agent at Tickfaw, La., has returned from an extensive trip to Georgia and Texas, visiting relatives.

Bro. H. W. Wolf has resigned the position as cashier at Hammond, La., and has accepted the position of general freight agent for the N. O., N. & N. R. R., with headquarters at Natalbany, La.

Mr. Frank Lay, dispatcher for the Y. & M. V. at Memphis, a well-known Katy scab, paid the Louisiana Division a flying visit recently.

Bro. J. L. Phillips, from Harahan Junction, has returned from his home in Alabama, where he was called on a sad mission, the burial of his father.

After an absence of over a year with the E., P. & N. W. R. R., at Newman, N. M., Bro. W. L. Myers has returned to that dear old Crescent City,

where he has accepted the position of chief train auditor for the Southern Pacific.

The New Orleans & Great Northern R. R. have about completed their line into Jackson, Miss.; will enter the city over the I. C. tracks. This will throw a great deal more work upon "JD" office. An interlocking plant will also be built at the junction soon.

It seems that the boys working in our general offices at Memphis and New Orleans have to suffer the humiliation of having a non in each office.

Bro. E. A. Hearon, formerly of Canton, Miss., has accepted an agency with the N. O. & G. N. R. R.

Two new members this month, G. N. Arnold, third trick at Kenner Junction, and J. C. McLaurine, agent at Arcola, La., have signed up and they are now brothers. Nons are getting scarce.

The New Orleans Terminal is solid and a fine lot of boys, with the exception of two nons, who think labor organizations are no good. If dues were free and these parties could borrow a five or ten spot, without interest, between pay-days, it might be different.

One of our oldest passenger conductors, Mr. J. A. Wolf, is confined to the Touro Infirmary from paralysis and is not expected to recover.

Div. Com.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, to remove from our midst our beloved brother, W. M. Bailey; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, By the members of Division No. 93, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that in his death the order has lost a true and worthy member, his employers a faithful servant, and his sorrowing family a kind and loving son; and be it further

*Resolved*, That we extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of affliction, commending them, with reverence, to the comfort and solace of Him who doeth all things well; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this memorial be sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy sent to the bereaved family.

H. A. COMFORT,  
F. E. REHORST,  
R. S. BRENT,  
C. GILL,

Committee.

#### Peoria Division—

Bro. Howell and wife off on a four weeks' vacation, visiting in California. Bro. Hoffman is relieving him.

Bro. Castor on the extra board, relieving Bro. Perry, of Delavan, who is off on a few days' leave of absence.

Bro. Short, at Hartsburg, regular, relieving Bro. Jones, who got Browns on regular bulletin.

Bro. Clark, operator at Sullivan, Ill., took a short vacation in December. Bro. Castor is relieving him.

Bro. Burr, agent at Janesville, has been off now for several weeks on account of sickness, being relieved by Operator Endicott.

Bro. Manion, of Franklin street office, Evansville, off on a vacation from December 24th to January 6th, visiting friends in Wichita, Hutchinson and Newton, Kan., and reports a fine trip. Bro. Wilson is relieving him. "13" Bro. Wilson will go to "Q" office in Indianapolis for the Indianapolis Southern.

Bro. Frego, third trick dispatcher at "Z" office, Mattoon, was off ten days during the holidays. Bro. Bridges relieved him on third trick, he in turn being relieved by Bro. Castor.

Bro. C. J. Walker, our hustling local chairman, was out on the line a few evenings ago, shaking hands with some of the brothers.

Bro. Fred Berry, an old I. C. boy and for several years operator at Newton, together with his wife and daughter, spent the holidays with Bro. H. A. Bollinger and family, and while here renewed old acquaintances and shook hands with old-time friends.

Bro. H. A. Bolinger, second trick operator at Newton, and family visited with Bro. R. E. Millings and family one day during the holidays. They were accompanied by Bro. J. F. Berry and family.

We are glad to learn that the boys are paying up, almost to a man, on the Peoria Division, and from all indications we will soon be solid O. R. T. This is the goal we are striving for. Let each member who knows of a non on the line take after him and talk O. R. T. to him until he can not help but see where it has already benefited him, and will continue to do so if he will but come across and do his part.

Bro. Hardwick, agent at Willow Hill for the Indianapolis Southern, and the C. & D. was a caller in Newton a few weeks ago, and while there made the boys at "NE" a pleasant call.

We are sorry to say that there are still one or two offices along this division that have a so-called helper, and that they will get on the line and cause more or less annoyance to the boys who have wire work to do.

Now, boys, if this helper is in your office for your own good, as well as for the good of the Order, keep him off the wire, for you know from the experience of others, if not from your own, what it will lead to and then you will wonder, after it is too late, what you ever taught him for anyhow.

Bro. Morenous, agent at Robinson for the Indianapolis Southern, who has been on the sick list for several weeks, is now able to be back at his post again.

Bro. Clements, operator at Bloomfield, and local chairman for the O. R. T. on the Indianapolis Southern Railway, made a trip over the division January 14th, shaking hands with the boys and lining up the nons.

Bro. J. T. Caster, on the extra board, spent a few days in January visiting friends and relatives at Anna and Mill Creek, Ill.

Bro. Andrews, on the extra board, who has been working for the Indianapolis Southern Railway at Robinson, is home for a few days with his parents, at Rose Hill.

Bro. Jones, agent at Browns, was on the sick list for a few days, and was relieved by his operator, Bro. Huering, he in turn being relieved by Bro. Wilson, from the extra board.

The new cards for the first half of 1909 are now being sent out and every agent and operator should have one, up-to-date. Some of us are a little slow about paying up and, as a consequence, we are not receiving our cards promptly. Let us all pay promptly and not have our local chairman writing us to come across. We owe it to him as well as ourselves to do this, for he has enough to do without having to be everlastingly after us fellows who are slow about coming across. Watch this, brothers, and let us all do the right thing at the right time. CERT. 1315.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to call to the great beyond our loyal brother and coworker, A. D. Baber; be it

*Resolved*, That Illinois Central Division, No. 93. Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereft ones our sympathy; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be placed upon the records of our division, a copy sent to the deceased brother's parent, and one to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

C. J. WALKER,  
R. E. BAYLES,  
H. A. BOLINGER,  
*Committee.*

#### Dubuque Division—

Business has picked up to such an extent that the dispatching force at Dubuque "Q" office has been increased to six men, and the division divided with one set working main line Dubuque to Waterloo, and the other set handling Albert Lea and Cedar Rapids Districts, and main line Dubuque to Freeport. Mr. F. Hruby, C. H. Harris and Bro. J. L. Heins working first, second and third tricks respectively on west end and two new men, Mr. A. R. Hutchinson, who has been working as extra dispatcher on the Omaha Division, working first, Mr. L. C. LaPlant, who has been working at Carbondale, and various other places, is on second, and L. J. Smith is working the third trick on the east end.

Bro. W. J. Fitz working night side table in "KB," and F. W. Lacy handling the office days. There is plenty of room for an additional man in "KB" days, and work enough to warrant the company putting on another man, too.

Bro. J. A. Trice, third trick at "WF," Dubuque, is taking a short vacation and being relieved by Bro. P. D. Bechely, from second trick at Peosta.

Mr. M. A. Peck relieving "Pedee" at Peosta temporarily while he is relieving Bro. Trice.

Bro. C. C. Yoder relieved Mr. Reed a few days on third trick, Manchester.



Mr. O. O. Kilgore relieved Bro. B. W. Pierson on first trick at Manchester while Bro. Pierson took a trip to Chicago to buy Xmas presents. Bro. Pierson attended the meeting at Dubuque on November 28th.

New man named Dailey relieved Bro. Yoder on second trick at Winthrop while Yoder relieved Reed at Manchester. Mr. Dailey later went to Independence to relieve Bro. E. E. Truitt on second trick at "FE." Bro. Truitt spent the holidays at Clifton, Ill.

Remember the slogan "no card, no favors."

Bro. M. S. Resor, of Charles City, secured third trick at Scales Mound on bulletin bid. He was relieved at Charles City by Mr. A. G. Donahue.

Bro. B. A. Patrick still working day operator's trick at Osage until bulletin bid filled.

Bro. J. D. Vanderburg returned to Myrtle from Indiana and withdrew his application for Osage days, and has decided to remain at Myrtle.

Bro. C. G. Wagner, agent at Mitchell, Ia., took a short vacation and was relieved by Mr. J. P. Birch, of Orchard, Ia.

We will have regular monthly meetings hereafter and every brother should make an effort to attend. All members in good standing will receive postal card notice of each meeting in ample time to allow them to arrange for transportation. These meetings are held jointly with the C. G. W., C. B. & Q., C. M. & St. P. and Illinois Central, and there is always a good bunch from each road present and the brothers who do not attend will miss "great doings." We have several candidates in sight to be initiated at the next meeting and everybody should be there. General Chairman C. A. Mullhall, General Secretary and Treasurer R. L. Shannon and Bro. J. A. Newman, First Vice-President, were present at the meeting on November 28th and delivered excellent addresses which were fully appreciated by all present. Bro. Newman is a good, plain, sensible talker and brought out many points in such a logical way that all the brothers present were impressed with the truthfulness of his remarks.

It is not generally known that as a result of the recent panic that several roads attempted to annul their schedules with the telegraphers employed on their respective lines, and would have accomplished their object had it not been for the fact that the representatives of the telegraphers immediately got busy and proceeded to show them that the majority of the telegraphers were members of our organization and that they strongly opposed any reductions in salaries or changes in rules and regulations. If these railroads had succeeded in bluffing the telegraphers and making their schedules void it would have established a precedent and without a doubt all railroads in the United States would have followed suit and there would have been a general reduction in salaries all over the country. The unorganized classes of labor were the only ones who suffered a reduction in pay during the period of financial depression. This fact alone is enough to convince the most skeptical hardshell of the fact that organization pays. Come

over to our meetings and hear the discussions of interesting questions brought up and you will want to come every time. We will guarantee that you will enjoy yourself.

Bro. M. S. Resor secured third trick at Scales Mound. He was relieved at Charles City by Mr. A. G. Donahue.

Bro. C. A. Indra is laying off spending the holidays with relatives at Mitchell, Ia. Relieved by Bro. C. O. Butler.

Bro. "Jimmy" Hansberry secured night job at "CO" Hill. The day job is a "non-train order" job and therefore Bro. Hansberry is one of the unfortunates who is compelled to work a twelve-hour trick.

Ex-Bro. D. A. Stickney, formerly dispatcher at "Q" office, but now in the grain and coal business, is spending the holidays at Warren with his parents. Bro. Stickney took out a withdrawal card when he left the railroad service.

Mr. J. J. Lenihan, the popular local freight agent at Dubuque, resigned and is succeeded by Mr. T. F. Cassidy, formerly agent at Dyersville. Dyersville station is on bulletin, but up to the present time (December 28th) have not learned who is the lucky man. There is a bunch of old timers after it.

Mr. F. Fuller, of "JC," Dubuque Junction, is now a full-fledged brother.

Keep after the nons, brothers. Talk O. R. T. to them at every opportunity and don't let up on them until they get into the band wagon.

The nine-hour law in itself was practically a 33 1/3 per cent raise for all who were benefited by the reduction of hours, when you consider the fact that we are now working three and four hours less time then we formerly worked at the same rate of pay. But we must keep thoroughly organized in order to hold what we have already got. Even if the 'phone superseded the telegraph and we remained thoroughly organized there would be little danger of a reduction in pay. It will take trained men to operate the stations even with a 'phone, and don't think for a moment that any person with enough brains and practical experience to successfully handle all the work connected with a telegrapher's position will work for any less than we are now getting. However, don't worry about the 'phone question, for it will never supersede the telegraph for the handling of messages, reports and commercial business in your time or mine, although the railways may use it for dispatching trains on double tracks or where business is light. Read "An Old-Timer's" article in the November issue of this journal.

Hook & Eye.

### Chicago Great Western Ry.

#### Northwest Division—

When you read this write-up ask yourself how much of it you contributed.

Business has been increasing of late. The increase in number of trains requiring the stations of Skyburg and Vlasaty to be given an additional operator, making them a two-man station instead

of one. We are unable to say who got second trick on these two jobs.

Bro. C. Norris, agent at Inver Grove, took a couple of weeks' vacation visiting relatives. Opr. M. C. Rafael relieved him.

During the latter part of December a letter was circulated over the division originating at the office of General Chairman Albrecht, which has probably been read by every operator and agent on the division. The letter stated that complaints had been made that operators and agents were using the wires of the Postal Telegraph Company excessively for sending free business or "personal messages." You all know that the right to use their wires for such purposes was a privilege granted us by the telegraph company and we should show our appreciation by complying with the rules regulating the use of this privilege. Rule No. 23, in the Postal's tariff book, explains fully when and when not to use the telegraph for our own interests. Free business should be accounted for in the monthly reports, and some of the agents have not been doing this. The majority of us very seldom, if ever, have occasion to use this privilege and surely we do not wish to be deprived of it entirely just through the carelessness of a few individuals.

Bro. Frank Norris, second trick at Inver Grove, took a few days' lay-off (improving his health), and Bro. W. J. Maloney did the "O. S.ing" while he was away.

Bro. W. F. Smith, agent at Coates, has been compelled to leave his work again on account of sickness. Opr. M. C. Rafael is at present doing the agency stunt at Coates.

In the December number we mentioned Opr. A. B. Cook's name and represented him as a brother. This was a mistake, as Opr. Cook does not carry an up-to-date card and as far as we can find out he has no intentions of getting one. Another one of those "rising stars" who think they can gain the employer's confidence by their non-union methods and in the meantime are trying their hardest to land the good jobs that the union created.

A subscription paper has been circulated for the benefit of our former chief, Mr. Wilhelm, who has been and is still confined to his bed with a prolonged illness.

Bro. Holmes has returned to work at Renova after being absent for some time on account of sickness.

Opr. Carter was relieved when Bro. Holmes returned and we are sorry to say, he leaves no one to mourn his departure. While at Renova he attempted to establish a telegraph school there and besides being a non, he did many other harmful and unmanly acts.

General Chairman Albrecht says he is too busy to "be heard," but he will get busy with the fraternal affairs in a short time and then he will make a "noise."

Don't forget your dues.

CERT. 194.

## Seaboard Air Line Ry.

### Fifth Division—

Meeting held in Helena, January 23rd, not as well attended as we had reason to expect. Appears that there is no valid reason why we should not have an attendance of fifteen to twenty-five members at these meetings. The majority of those absent have no excuse other than negligence on their part. Each member is expected to make every effort consistent with his duties to attend these meetings, and let us urge that all make a strong effort to attend the next meeting in Savannah, latter part of February.

Our meetings while not held primarily for pleasure alone, are nevertheless, not only enjoyable, but result in better service to the company, our Order and each individual on the line.

The applications of Mr. Griffin, agent at Hagan, and Mrs. Ramsey, agent at Daisy, were presented by Bro. Rush, who was voted the thanks of our Order for his good work in securing these applications. The results obtained by Bro. Rush are indications of what any member can do on that line if the proper effort is made.

The matter of electing local chairman for the ensuing term was discussed at some length. The present incumbent Bro. Smith, of Ocilla, has expressed his determination not to serve, on account of not being able to give it the work and time that it deserves.

Bro. Tidwell, of Vidalia, was mentioned as a probable candidate, and in the event that he is elected, will, no doubt, handle this important office to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Each member who has not already done so, is strongly urged to pay their semi-annual dues, and secure an up-to-date card without delay. Our officials are greatly hampered when members unnecessarily delay this important matter.

Attend the next meeting.

CERT. 147.

### NOTICE.

#### To Members of the Second Division:

Regular meeting dates are in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, Hamlet, on the third Saturday night of the months of March, May, July, September and November, 1909. All up-to-date members are expected to attend.

H. C. BOOKER,

Local Chairman.

#### Second Division—

Regular meeting at Hamlet, Saturday night, December 19th, called to order by Local Chairman Booker. A splendid attendance—about thirty-five present. Chief Dispatcher Mr. Purvis offered us a permanent meeting place in the Y. M. C. A. Building. A committee of three was appointed to thank the chief for his generosity. The membership found the meeting room in the Y. M. C. A. very nice, and the secretary was kind and said he was glad to welcome such a body to the building.

Mr. Purvis was also very kind to the boys in holding No. 32 for adjournment.

The hotel management, at Hamlet, has offered us reduced rates for meals, and the lobby on the second floor is at our service at all times.

Bros. Booker, Pepper, Moore and Shooter, made very impressive speeches.

The C. C. West is solid with the exception of one man, J. T. Hughes, at Rockingham; he being expelled while on the A. C. L. for teaching.

Bro. Hines was very highly complimented, and his letter to the lodge was heard with much interest. We regret his absence, yet his excuse was acceptable, his wife being very ill.

Bro. Booker reports the R. & A. 90 per cent.

The New Year has a bright outlook, and our men are efficient and determined. The treatment of the company is satisfactory. We expect a schedule with the Express Co. in the coming month or two. Let's hear from Bro. Moore again.

Meeting at Hamlet was called to order by Bro. H. C. Booker, local chairman, January 23rd. Regular meeting date is third Saturday night of each month, but as officers were to be nominated the meeting was put off until this date. A right good attendance, but not as good as before, and as expected. A good many were kept away on account of the examinations this week, having just returned from Hamlet. Bro. Teague, from Cameron, and Bro. Moore, from Lemon Springs, were placed in nomination for local chairman. Bros. Hines, Booker and Milliken were nominated as delegates to the Grand Convention in Atlanta, in May. Following the nominations Bro. F. O. Cumming, general secretary and treasurer, gave us a good talk. He enlightened us on a good many questions, and his talk was grand. We were all very sorry that he could not finish, but No. 32 being due, the majority of those present had to leave.

At the next meeting, I earnestly hope, the new local chairman will appoint two good division correspondents. I have not done my duty, because I have received but very few notes from the boys along the line. I cannot tell when changes are made unless I get notes.

Bro. Chas. F. De Bus, of the Grand Division, has just been over the lines. He has secured applications at all places except some nuts at Raleigh and Wilmington. Those who are left might as well guess for themselves the contempt that they have insured for themselves. Mind you too they are the greasy face nons who always say the committee never did anything. Still they have never helped the committee to get anything. Oh, such ignorance is to be pitied. Operators at Wilmington are afraid to join on account of being afraid of the agent, named Fitter, Junior. One of them writes that Fitter says the O. R. T. is a fake. That none but the common class of operators and agents join it. Well, I am an agent, and this lodge is certainly willing to put its members up against the young fellow at Wilmington, and if a character is to suffer reproach, none of these men will suffer. Talk like this, perhaps, he thinks will bring him a solicitor's place.

The C. & K. is failing to represent itself at our meetings.

One fellow said he would like very much to hear Fitter say that he was a common operator.

Lancaster on first trick, and Big Foot Levester, third trick, at Raleigh Block, are reported and proved to have a student each.

Lancaster fired the messenger boy, and put his grand father's cousin in his place. Lancaster receiving the pottage.

Hamilton reported as having a time and a half with his student from Sanford, and the merchants in Apex.

Traffic department kicking on the decrease in revenue at Apex.

All competitive freight comes by the D. & S. Ry. The Drummers say they can not sell a single merchant in Apex, unless they promise to not route via S. A. L.

Bro. China is now working third trick at Sanford. Pointer at Cognac to rest.

C. G. Gibson is now at Marshville.

Several new members have joined under Bro. De Bus, about forty in number I think. This leaves our division in first-class condition. Bro. De Bus is a hard worker, and he has certainly made good over here. Div. Com.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

Branchville, Va., Dec. 1, 1908.

I wish to express somewhat our appreciations to our dear friends and brothers who so nobly responded to my appeal in the August number of our journal. With grateful hearts, in behalf of my family, I sincerely thank each and every one of our friends and brothers for their kind letters of sympathy and cheer, which bore us messages of friendship and love. We assure you that these kind expressions, backed up by much financial assistance, inspires us to bear with true Christian fortitude the affliction recently cast upon us. Your affectionate interest and unselfish generosity will ever be cherished and remembered.

Our Division No. 97 appropriated at meeting on October 18, 1908, \$25.00.

Space will not permit the printing of the names of individual contributors. I received from S. A. L. brothers \$45.50, including donations from Conductor Leavitt and Engineers King and Capell. I received from brothers on Panama Railway \$33.00, a total of \$103.50.

Yours fraternally,

S. B. COGGIN, CERT. 31.

#### Atlanta and Birmingham Air Line—

Several new members to report from our division this writing, among them being Mr. E. Hodges, first trick operator at Rockmart.

There are other new members since our last letter, but we have not been furnished their names for the reason all can not make personal mention of them as we would like to.

The new rules for our division, effective February 1st, have the boys doing some thinking and

studying at present. Boys, it is important that we thoroughly understand these new rules in order to be of good service to our employer, and I hope that there may never be a kick coming on account of inefficiency or a lack of a thorough understanding of them on the part of an operator on the A. & B. A. L. Division of the S. A. L. Ry. It is strictly up to the operators to make our Order popular with the officials of the railroad and we can not do this any other way as effectively as preparing ourselves for and then giving them good service. And they are keeping "tab" on us, too, to see if our record in this respect is any better than the record of those nons that will occasionally bob up on all railroads. So, brothers, remember that by making yourself proficient along these lines you at the same time give a boost to the cause of the O. R. T. Slowly but surely each day we live we are coming into more favor with the officials of the railroads of our country, and it is being done by the efforts we make to improve in efficiency every member that comes into the Order. Let us all keep the good work going. If you see a brother who is not giving the company the very best of service there is in him, don't hesitate to tell him so and show him the importance of so doing in a brotherly way.

Miss F. Jones has resigned the agency at Ohatchie and Mr. T. A. Mears is holding that place.

Our local chairman, Bro. Ewing, Atlanta, is doing us some very effective work in the way of getting in the nons. Bro. Ewing is a tireless worker and we are trying to give him a loyal backing up this way. How is it, boys, with the rest of you? Are you doing your part in this work?

We are glad to note that traffic on our division is picking up and hope it will continue to get better. If I can read the signs aright I think I can see just ahead a decided improvement along business lines generally. A BOOSTER.

### The Cumberland Valley Ry.

The first morning meeting of Division 106 was held in Chambersburg December 26th, with Bro. Kauffman in the chair, Chief Telegrapher Larrick being absent.

Because of the obnoxious doubling up, of which there is too much, a number of the regulars were unable to attend. However, considering all the difficulties we had a fairly good turnout. Inconvenient train service makes it pretty hard for distant brothers to join us.

The business that had accumulated was carefully gone over and affairs were put in tip-top shape. The financial standing of the division and the promptness of the membership in meeting dues was very encouraging. There was found but one inexcusable delinquent, the other in arrears were commended for having struggled this long after suffering the reduction in wages most of us received.

We urge you all to pay up promptly. Your business with us is as important as that with the

grocer or landlord. A clear slate with us will give you a better complexion and make more pleasant the duties of your grand and local secretaries.

Plans were made for a banquet to come off in January, when you will be addressed by men prominent in Order work on the N. & W. R. R. and Penna. R. R. lines.

A committee was appointed to get a correct list of all nons now working on this division. A complete list of our nons and their excuses will be published in an early number of THE TELEGRAPHER. Photographs were shown of several notorious nons and two scabs.

The discipline bulletin was discussed and each brother was and is urged to keep his slate clean. You have a pretty stony row to hoe. Your pay is lower than any telegraphers in this neck of the woods, doing the same amount and kind of work, and it can only be remedied by thorough organization.

The work of the past year was gone over and measures taken to promote the growth of Division 106 during 1909. The membership has been doubled in the past year and there are still a few on the outside. Several of these are undesirables, while the others are in a class that no man can define. Surely there isn't anything in this work that can not be seen and understood. Every sane person understands the benefits derived from complete organization; your employers do. They took advantage of it long ago, and you can not expect them to recognize you as individuals. It is impossible to understand why the few hang back so long, they have felt the same disappointment in promotion and reduction of wages that crippled you and I. On no road in the State was the reduction of wages as sharp as on this division. When offices were put on the eight-hour basis, their tardiness made the reduction possible. They are a hindrance to our progression. We can not force them into the Order and we do not want to, but you are urged to concentrate your efforts, with the hope that the remaining half dozen eligibles may be brought in out of the cold.

It is said that "weak knees" and "cold feet" are keeping some men out of the Order. If this is true of the man you are after, teach him history of the United States; his education has been neglected; his conduct, unamerican; his lack of manhood, disgusting; acquaint him with the spirit that has made history in this man's country. The same disease prevents some members from attending meetings. An application of the dose recommended for nons will cure them.

The nons must certainly feel uncomfortable in their unenviable position, knowing as they do that they are the misfit cogs that have tied up our progress. They have seen the working conditions of telegraphers on railroads around them. They have an idea or have been told how their work compares with work on scheduled roads and the wages they receive. How do they like the comparison? Have they fixed the responsibility? Matters have gone badly, fellows. Some of us

are pretty hard pressed for money, but in what other way will we obtain relief?

You who have said the decision in the Gompers-Mitchell-Morrison case would put union organization out of business, are mistaken. That decision has given this work the greatest boost it has ever received. For this same reason the decision was postponed until after the recent election. The nons have enjoyed the result of our hours of labor law. We got that. What have they done for us? They tell us the law will be packed up and removed by courts; that the railroads have an inside understanding; that they will not be prosecuted for violating the labor law.

Your eight-hour job goes up with mine, and that is the most convincing reason why you should be one of us. The promise of a better job may keep you out of the O. R. T. That is the silliest excuse. A steam rotary couldn't work its way through the pile of broken railroad promises.

Brothers, you have done well in this year just ended; won't you work just a little longer before taking the rest you have earned? You can't double your membership this year, but you can strengthen your lines, and if no other good is the result of your work, you will know that you have been engaged in a work that will survive long after your individual efforts are forgotten.

The date of your meetings in the future will be announced by the chief telegrapher. You are urged to attend regularly and take an active part in the work.

Div. Cox.

### Toledo & Ohio Central Ry.

Opr. Huffman, of Granville, bid in Millersport agency.

Opr. Burke, of Morgan nights, bid in second trick at Clemons. Relieved at Morgan by Extra Opr. Rinehart, from Centerburg.

Bro. Shelhouse, second trick at Fostoria, was at Toledo December 19th, doing his Christmas shopping.

Bro. Burdick, first trick at Fostoria, off a few days spending Christmas at home at Millgrove, O. Relieved by Extra Opr. Rinehart.

Bro. Chandler, third trick at Whitmore, spent Xmas at Mermill.

Bro. McDowell, third trick at Hickox, spent Christmas with Bro. Wiseman, at Toledo, O.

Bro. Johnson, first trick at Kenton, off one day, December 31st, Bro. Dye and the agent doubling while Bro. Johnson was off.

Opr. Stoltz, West Mansfield, off Christmas. Relieved by Bro. Thornton.

Bro. McKnight, from the K. & M., at Middleport, O., working for Bro. Johnson at Kenton, one day January 6th, while Johnson was in Toledo on business.

Bro. Cox, first trick at Whitmore, was at Marysville, January 2d, on business. Bros. Wiseman and Chanderler doubling on account of no extra men.

Morgan and Woodside, both night offices, closed January 8th on account of slackness in business.

Lewistown agency bulletined. CERT. 64.

### H. V., T. & O. C., K. & M. and Z. & W. Ry.

Receipts and disbursements of Division No. 118 from January 1, 1908, to January 1, 1909:

Balance on hand at close of year 1907....	\$ 236 64
Received for dues and initiations.....	1,644 00
Received on special assessment.....	188 00

Total receipts .....\$2,068 64

Grand Division proportion of dues.....\$1,006 57

Balance due Grand last year and supplies

this year ..... 12 18

Commission paid local chairman on new

members ..... 36 00

Local division expenses for year..... 772 74

Total disbursements.....\$1,827 49

On hand close of year 1908.....\$ 241 16

Yours fraternally

R. M. HENDERSON,  
Secretary and Treasurer.

### Hocking Valley Ry.

#### Toledo Division—

The year 1908 has passed and no doubt many of us look back and wonder if anything had been neglected. If we had given our Order its full share of our energy many of us can easily see that we have not and the only thing for us to do is to make up for 1908 and make 1909 hold its own.

To be plain it's up to us to dig, to exercise some of that same energy and devotion to our Order that we give to our daily work and the results will be surprising.

Many of us sit idly in our offices with nons working on either side of us and in many cases right in our offices and make no attempt to convert them or notify our chairmen of the conditions. You can't ever hope to gain a single member under these conditions, but if you go after these nons fearlessly and zealously, presenting your side of the case and discounting his you are bound to get good results. You ought to know and appreciate the usefulness of your Order, for therein lies yours and my destiny if we continue as telegraphers, which most of us in all probability will. It is absolutely necessary for us to maintain and protect this organization, which I assure you will return the compliment.

Our General Chairman Arnold has left the service of the Hocking Valley and I understand he is to enter business for himself in Nelsonville, Ohio. We have lost a good, honest, hard-working leader, one whose sole object has been to further the interests of the members of Division 118.

An election will be held during the month of February (voting by mail). Bro. Sims, our local chairman, is a candidate for re-election and should by all means be re-elected, for he has proven himself to be a sterling Order man, and is possessed of all the attributes of character which are required to make a faithful and competent local chairman. His selection would reward a faithful

Order man and bring to our division one in every way competent and prove most satisfactory to his organization.

Bro. Sandredge has returned to second trick at "JS," after a visit in Virginia.

C. E. Westover, third trick at "BD," will have his card by February 1st.

Third trick man at Alveda will not join us because we turned him down when he was a member W. U. T. during their strike. (Wonder what he expected us to do for him; more than we did do?) That is a new excuse on me.

Another man wants to wait until April 1st and then if he has a steady job he will get a card. He is afraid of us because we did not do anything for him during the panic. Wonder what he expected?

The recent decision rendered by U. S. Supreme Court against the three most prominent labor men in the country is evidence in itself that it is absolutely necessary for us to band ourselves together as union men in order that we can get that which justly belongs to us—"an honest day's pay for an honest day's labor."

Get your ballots and mail them to Bro. Henderson, Secretary, Marysville. "MA."

#### CARD OF THANKS.

I desire to thank all the brothers of Division No. 118 for the beautiful floral wreath given by them at my mother's death.

G. W. FULTZ,  
CART. 268, DIV. 118.

#### M., St. P. & S. S. M. Ry.

##### *Missouri River Division—*

As this is the beginning of a new year, I hope each and every member will make an extra effort to make this division one of the strongest and best we have. With the poor train service we are unable to get together and have regular meetings, but trust the time will come when we can have the service, so we can meet at least once a month, and have a rousing good time. Let every member try and land the few remaining nons, and make this division solid.

Three new members received this past month, and at this rate the time is not far distant before we will be on the top round, and then we can get down to work. It is the duty of each and every member to give to the company the best possible service, answer the dispatcher promptly, and let them have no cause for complaint.

The dues for the next term are due, and I trust you will all pay them promptly and save our general secretary and treasurer the trouble of asking for same, as he has his hands full, and should not be obliged to write regarding dues.

Mr. T. F. Dougherty, at Forman, will look after the write-up, and I would ask each one of you to send in a few items of news each month, so we can have a write-up each month.

Following are a few changes which have taken place:

Mr. James Legg, agent, from Ruso to Max.

J. Youngquist, from cashier at Wilton to agent at Ruso.

Mr. T. F. Dougherty, from Max to Forman.

C. M. Hunn is working relief at Ryder while Mr. Collings is away getting married. Mr. Hunn just filled out papers and is a staunch member now.

Mr. Mercher, at Herreid, resigned to go into business for himself.

Bro. Bergen, at Fullerton, resigned. Understand he has taken a station on the new Duluth line.

Bro. Heath, of Coleharbor, has been assigned Fullerton station, and Bro. J. F. Wosepka has been assigned the station at Coleharbor.

Following is a list of new members for the last thirty days: J. F. Wosepka, Coleharbor, N. D.; C. M. Hunn, relief agent; P. L. Wisniewski, Alicia, N. D.

Please keep our general secretary and treasurer advised of all changes, and send a few items of news to Bro. Dougherty at Forman. CART. 20.

##### *W. and P. Division—*

The semi-annual dues are now due. This is not to be put aside.

There are three boys on the W. & P. Division that have not paid their last July dues.

The positions on this month's bulletin are: First and second tricks at Rhinelander, third trick at Barron, and White Dale agency.

The boys are not sending in their news items very fast. Whenever there is a change or something important going on, just drop the division correspondent a note about it before the 22d.

Remember where the ham factory is and do not forget the "motto."

The following changes have recently taken place:

Bro. Messenier, agent at White Dale, is being checked out, and Relief Agent Cantfield is being checked in there temporarily. Bro. Messenger goes to Carrington, N. D., as cashier.

Bovee agency has been closed and agent taken away from that point, Bro. Ford going to Minneapolis.

Mr. Sckreen has relieved Bro. Bronoel as third trick operator at Manistique. Bro. Bronoel goes to Ladysmith as second trick operator.

Relief Agent Cantfield relieved Bro. Griffin at Cooks Mill for a couple of weeks, Bro. Griffin going to the cities to spend his vacation.

Bro. L. S. Aery preceding Mr. Blair as agent at Garnet, has left the brass-pounding craft to engage in the mercantile and lumbering business with the Hudson Lumber Company, of Garnet. He still holds his O. R. T. card and says that he will not part with it. Bro. A. is blessed with a college education and very naturally believed his services worth more than \$50 per.

Bro. Griffin, regular agent at Cooks Mill, has returned to work after two weeks' vacation.

The article that appeared in the December journal regarding Mr. Robert's first trick operator at

Manistique being a non-member of the O. R. T., we wish to rectify. I wish to say that Mr. Roberts is only behind in his dues and that he has done his share towards bringing the O. R. T. to what it is now, and just as soon as he is able he will be with us. Mr. Roberts got mixed with a non, who is not only a non, but a hard shell.

There has been a change of agent at Hobson, Bro. Price going west. Unable to learn who the new man is at Hobson. Guess he is a new man at the business.

Do not forget to send in your news items to the division correspondent. "PI."

### C., R. I. & P. Ry.

#### Minnesota Division—

How much has each one of you laid up during the year which is now nearly past? Do I hear you say, "Nothing;" if this is right, why did you not save a few dollars and buy a share in the bond company, you would then have saved a little, and that little would soon be earning you more. Did I hear that other fellow say he had laid some up in the bank? Well, that is good as far as it goes, but what is it earning you? What good is it doing your fellowman? Does it guarantee to you that the railroad company will not use the bond company to get rid of you when they have no other excuse? If so, why, just let it lay there, but if it does not do these things, why not place it where it will? In other words, invest it in stock in the bond company our Order is trying to form for your good. Wake up!

I understand that our general secretary and treasurer visited along the line, but failed to call upon yours truly.

Bro. Geo. McConnell returned to Glenville and resumed work as agent at that place.

Bro. Sallentine received "RN" office at St. Paul. on bulletin. He is to act as stenographer and telegrapher to agent. He was relieved at Glenville by Bro. Spillman, a new man on the road.

Glenville, second trick, is bulletined, and is a good chance for some good O. R. T. man. No others need apply, as the boys there are right up-to-date and have no use for nons.

Gordonville was bid in by a Mr. Frost.

Bro. Otto Schrieber has again taken the agency at Washburn, same being reopened as a telegraph office.

Bro. Jas. T. State, of the D. S. S. & A. Ry., is working third trick at LaPorte City.

Bro. J. L. Berschens, formerly of the C. & N. W. Ry., Division No. 76, has been transferred to Division No. 126.

Bro. C. J. Filer, formerly of the Illinois Central Railway, Division No. 93, transferred to Division No. 126.

Mr. F. B. Hagerman, formerly third trick dispatcher at Cedar Rapids for the Minnesota Division, is now holding down first trick at Oskaloosa for the Iowa Central Railway.

Bro. W. D. Smith appointed agent at West Bend, but understand he has bid back Hardy station, on buHetin, and will return there. I now

"13" that Bro. Villmont, from Wellsburg, is appointed to the agency.

Bro. L. C. O'Kelly, of the C., M. & St. P., Division No. 23, has been appointed agent at Linn, vice C. A. Bailly, resigned.

I understand that Bro. Moore, of Waterloo, has resumed work at that place, after being laid up, nursing a broken finger.

Bro. A. L. Stark, Reinbeck, is relieving Bro. Frusher, Clarks Grove. Do not know where Frusher is going.

The joint meeting at Cedar Rapids, November 20th, was well attended. A goodly number of the Milwaukee and C. & N. W. boys being present, but the boys from the Rock Island were a little shy, this road being represented by only three, Bros. Schooler, Gunderson and Hicks, but there is one thing sure, though the Rock Island was not there with the quantity she was with the quality.

Bro. Hicks reports First Vice-President Newman as being present and giving the boys a very interesting and instructive talk, as he always does whenever and wherever his limited time will allow, and always wears that welcoming smile, that makes us feel that he is one of us from the start to the finish.

Bro. Hicks also says he wishes the boys could have been there to hear Old John's experiences on the Yazoo Valley in the earlier days.

Bro. Nickerson has been appointed telegrapher at "SC," commercial office, St. Paul.

Bro. J. W. Smith, until recently agent at Robertson, has opened up a jewelry store at Livermore. Cor.

#### Colorado Division—

Bro. Boyd, agent at Calhan, has resigned his position to take up farming in Missouri.

Bro. Reichards, formerly agent at Ramah, bid in Calhan, and was transferred the first of the month.

Bro. Allen is relieving Bro. Barry at Rexford for two weeks. Understand Bro. Barry's father is on the sick list.

Night man has been put on at Prairie View. Bro. Wilder, from So. Pac. Ry., assigned to the position. Prairie View made non-telegraph station during days; Bro. Brown working as agent only.

Bro. Parrott, formerly night operator at Calhan, bid in Ramah, and is now a full-fledged agent.

Bro. Winegar assigned to night operator at Calhan.

Bro. Fletcher, operator in Gooland office, was off two weeks the fore part of the month, visiting friends and relatives at Lincoln, Omaha and other points in Nebraska.

Sister Swindall sent us her application on the 20th, and before this will be in print she will be in possession of an up-to-date card, which she can certainly be proud of, and advises that she will ever attempt to carry one in the future. This makes Flagler solid, and it looks mighty good too.

Bro. Fletcher, from Goodland, called on Bro. Garber at Dellvale, Sunday the 17th.

Mr. McLain, second trick operator at Limon, resigned, and has left for parts unknown. Bro. Winegar relieving a few days.

Mr. Deem assigned to second trick at Limon, but understand was discharged for violation of certain rules. Boys at Limon are doubling up for a few days until regular operator is appointed.

Bro. McGrath, at Limon off for a few days on account of sickness, but is again able to hold down his trick.

Nons on this division are becoming very scarce, but hope that the few remaining may soon see their mistake and the disadvantage they are putting us to, and hand us their applications soon.

Bro. M. E. Strain is back at his post at Peyton, after two weeks' vacation during the holidays and fore part of the year.

Bro. Mulford, formerly agent at Limon, has resigned his position and left for parts in the East.

Dispatcher A. P. Mitchell again relieving at Goodland. Dispatcher Kallastad off a couple of weeks.

H. A. Hill, car distributor at Goodland, resigned; was relieved by Mr. Gale from Mr. Balantine's office, Chicago.

Mr. Howe, nights, at Kanorado, resigned by request; is relieved by Bro. Seeley.

Mr. Blakemen, third trick at Stratton, taken off on account of reduction in force. Men at Stratton are now working twelve-hour shifts.

We wish to thank Bro. Winegar for the items he has sent us; it is a great help in giving the items, and if all the boys would do likewise we could have a much better write up each month.

The October issue of the *Railroad Magazine* contained a little poem by R. W. Phillips, of Needles, entitled "The Engineer's Star," the reading of which prompted R. L. Cristy, operator at Lamar, Colo., to contribute the following jingle:

#### THE OPERATOR'S STAR.

Twinkle, twinkle, signal light,  
It's me who lights you every night,  
Way up on a pole so high,  
Like a firebug in the sky.  
Seems to me you might come down,  
Somewhat nearer to the ground,  
Every night I climb up there,  
Sixty feet straight in the air,  
Risk my neck to make a light,  
So the trains can run aright.  
When the blazing sun is set  
And the semaphore is wet—  
Maybe covered thick with ice,  
Geel! That makes the climbing nice,  
When it's forty-two below,  
Little light, then out you go.  
Twinkle, twinkle, signal light,  
Won't you please stay lit tonight?

CERT. 186.

#### Oklahoma Division—

Has everybody got their new card? If not, why not? This is an important matter, and should receive your attention at once.

Suppose every one that has read the January number of the *Rock Island Employes Magazine* has had some severe chills thinking that they are going to have the good old Morse telegraph substituted by the telephone. Don't get scared yet, it will be some time before they get down here with it, and what if they do make the change, we are ready for them; we have the laws of the Order so fixed that the telephone operator that handles trains can join and be a member, and if we keep solidly organized there is no room for fright.

Have not had a line from any of the boys, and cannot get hold of much for this write-up.

The following is from Bro. T. F. McPherron, of Enid Okla., who has been confined to his bed for the last two months:

Dear Brothers—Now that I am out of bed and slowly, but I think safely gaining in strength, and that before a very great while I will be able to again resume duties somewhere; very nervous yet though, which was the beginning of the break down. I especially desire to now thank the boys, one and all, for their sympathies, and more especially their free and much appreciated contributions. While of course I hope that none of you will have the misfortune of my experience the past six weeks and better, I hope to some time be able to respond in substantial manner that will demonstrate to the satisfaction of all that I am under grateful and lasting obligations for all favors bestowed. Have myself in the past responded to all calls of this nature presented to me, and, expect to yet, so long as affiliated with the Order, which will be as long as I can retain my membership. Hope you all the best of new years sailings and brotherly good will.

Yours fraternally,

T. F. McPHERRON.

The company is now installing the new semaphores, which will be quite an improvement over the present train order signals.

The recent cold snap retarded the work of ballasting some, but it will be going full blast soon as weather permits.

If the members of this division want to see more news in the journal, from the Oklahoma Division, they will have to get busy and send me what they know.

W. E. JACKSON, L. C.

#### Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Districts, Mo. Division—

Bros. Howe and Igoe, Centerville, second and third tricks, off a few days. Each relieved by Bro. J. W. Cook, from "Everywhere."

Bro. G. E. Hughes, Harvard, nights, off on business; being relieved by Bro. E. O. Schriber.

Bro. C. H. Price, agent at Udell, off a couple of weeks; relieved by Night Operator Stewart, who was relieved by Bro. J. W. Cook.



Bro. S. E. Miller, of Seymour, third trick, was off a couple of weeks during "Xmas. Times;" being relieved by Bro. G. C. Wallingsford, who stayed about a week. Bro. E. A. Schriber tried it next and held on three or four days. Bro. Cook was next for a still shorter time, and Bro. Miller had to go to work before he was ready.

Bro. Wallingsford went to Pierce Junction; Bro. Schriber to Trenton, and Bro. Cook to Centerville.

Miss Fox, of Clio, nights, was off a few days; being relieved by Bro. Wallingsford.

Bro. Murphy, of Lineville, days, off for a few days; Bro. Cook doing the heavy.

A. L. Haines, first trick at Seymour, took charge of Express during the Christmas rush; relieved by third trick operator Bro. Miller.

In the last issue Buffalo was mentioned as having a non. I wish to correct this as Bro. Lisenby, agent, and Bro. Slaughter, who was relieving Bro. Lisenby at the time, are both up-to-date.

Bro. Wilson, at Cotter, is the only one on the Sixth District who seems to appreciate our write-ups enough to send in items. I wish some of the boys from the Eighth District would do likewise.

I would like to hear from the brothers all along the division, regarding regular monthly meetings. Sometime ago we had a couple of good meetings here, and I see no reason why we could not have them monthly. Seymour seems to be the most convenient place to get to and get home, and a hall can be had here at any time. Let's hear from everyone on this subject.

"T. M."

#### Minnesota Division—

Operator J. R. Whitchurch resigned at Inver Grove, and Mr. Chas. Smith, who worked here last summer, is again holding down third trick, while it is under bulletin.

Bro. C. R. Hicks, local chairman, took a trip to Missouri, to visit his parents.

Bro. Mork, of Vinton, also took a trip to Des Moines.

Brothers, I would ask that all get busy and assist us in lining up this division; by converting the nons at your stations, you surely know that it is as much to your own interest to keep up the percentage on this road as it is for you to transact any other personal business; and I would ask one and all to turn to and begin working upon the men that are working at your different stations, and who are not now in good standing. Try and show them that it is as much for their interests as it is for your own (or more so) that they become members, for they must realize that, "In unity there is strength," and to gain that unity we must all be banded together and pull as one, and when doing so the end must of necessity be success. Remember that you are working for your own good while doing these men a service that they should ever be grateful for.

There is a man on this division who has had as his cry (when approached regarding his joining the Order), I have not got the money to spare. Now the writer has heard this from this man over two years ago, and knows positively that he has been at work all the time, and I understand his cry is still the same (no money). Now this man has no more expenses than you or I have, and he is one of that kind that never spends a cent more than he has to, and I know that he has no reason for the stall he is giving all who approach him on this subject. It may seem alright for a person to do this way, but it seems to me that were I in that person's place and circumstances I should feel as though I was being supported by those who receive the same compensation as I did, and that they were donating to my support. I, for one, would have too much pride to allow any one subscriber to the support of my family and myself, and this is just the case with this man who has been crying poverty for so long. We are all subscribing to his support every time he draws his month's salary. Now I think it is about time this matter was taken care of rightly, and so will in the near future place this man's name before you all, and you can act accordingly.

I have noticed that there is not the right feeling existing between some of the brothers on this division, and am sorry to see it. Now boys, I would refer you to the obligation taken when you joined the Order, if you have forgotten it. I would recommend that you write your local chairman for a copy of same and brush up on it, and do away with this petty strife.

General Chairman Brown called on the boys on Iowa Falls branch, on the 6th

Bro. Rice, of Popejoy, was off sick a few days last week.

Mr. Geo. Brown, nights, at Grundy Center, quit; relieved by Mr. J. J. Chulker.

Mr. Bickol, agent at Grundy Center, sick on the 12th. The operators had to work twelve hours each to fill in.

If any of the boys on Iowa Falls branch know of any news, let Bro. J. W. Kennedy at "RB" have them by the 13th of each month.

Bro. J. L. Berschens, second trick at Cedar Falls, on a week's vacation visiting relatives at Madison and Wanakee, Wis. Mr. R. H. Balgeman, a new man filling in.

Cor.

#### Cedar Rapids Division—

General Chairman Bro. Brown was over our division and paid us a visit January 2d. He reports everything progressing very nicely, with prospects of good work from all the boys the present year.

Superintendent G. A. Merrill and Trainmaster Green, with private car, was over our division the first of the year.

Not many openings at present. The boys seem to be very well situated. We are informed that there will soon be a few openings in the station service in a short time.

Our letter will be short, as we have had no assistance from any of the boys in getting items for this next issue. CERT. 197.

#### *Iowa Division—*

Bro. H. M. Hansen, regular third trick at Neola, has been off for the past two weeks, undergoing an operation on one of his legs; relieved by Bro. C. Huyck, formerly at Shelby. Bro. Hansen is getting along nicely at this writing, and we hope to have him with us again in about ten days.

We "13" that Mr. G. A. Bentley, who has been working as extra operator on this road for about four months, but at Atlantic for about two weeks, has left the service, being relieved by an old-time operator, signing "B," who, we understand, holds a card dated December 31, 1908, and will get up-to-date as soon as possible, having been hard pressed on account of the commercial strike.

Cor.

#### *Chicago Terminal and Illinois Divisions—*

Meeting at Chicago, December 12th, very poorly attended. Some of you fellows better wake up, you will never get anything by being a dead one and asleep all the time. Get busy and attend these meetings and take more interest in the Order, other than paying your dues, and expect the other man to do it all. There is nothing to it. We have all got to work and work hard if we want to advance.

Very few nons on this division at the present time, for which blessing the writer is grateful. A few who are not in line possibly never will line up, as they have not foresightedness enough to see any further than the tip of their nose.

Bro. J. L. Summer is back from his trip to the West.

Bro. Albright is back at his old trick at West Davenport, having been in "RK" office for some time, relieving Mr. Teeters, extra dispatcher.

Carpenters have been at work the past few days remodeling the office at Missouri Division Junction. "13" Bro. Cronin is delighted with his new home.

The block instruments have been removed on our division, the electric being sufficient to protect trains.

Bro. Cronin, at Missouri Division Junction, is taking a couple of days off; relieved by Mr. Carmichael. Bro. Sumner is relieving Carmichael.

Bro. W. F. Kay is back to work, first trick at Joliet, after four months' vacation.

Bro. C. D. Wagoner off a couple of weeks, visiting down East; relieved by Bro. Lynch, of Mokena.

We understand the meeting of railroad employees of the Rock Island, which convenes at Davenport twice a month, is very interesting and instructive, and all are invited to attend. This organization

is known as the Railway Employees' Protection Association.

The meeting of January 9th was not very well attended by the boys on the division, but with the visitors that were present we had a very enjoyable and instructive meeting. Among those present were: Bro. Newman, first vice-president; Bro. Sohner, national organizer, St. Louis; Bro. Dal Jones, Bro. McDonald and Bro. Dewey, from Division No. 91, and six members of the general committee on the C., B. & Q., who are in for a revision of the schedule.

Bro. E. E. Quigley, third trick at Morris, has purchased the "Panatorium" (moving pictures), and is laying off at present. His place is filled by Operator Nolan (non). Operator Peterson, second trick, off duty and place filled by Operator D. Madden, but understand Bro. C. W. Knapp, who left here to work for the I. C., at Bloomington, is back again and takes second trick, January 26th.

The job will probably be up for bids, according to the rumors that are out.

The following positions were bulletined during the month: First trick and clerk at Washington Heights; second tricks at South Chicago, Bureau and Depue.

Understand Bro. Sumner bid in on Bureau and Mr. Hanson bid in on the Depue job.

Bro. Kay is back again and working his old trick at Joliet. Bro. Wagoner, who has returned from a trip to his old home in the East, has resumed third trick. Bro. Lynch returning to third trick at Blue Island.

Mr. C. R. Olson, agent at Cambridge, is taking a month's lay off. The position is being filled by Bro. C. S. Eastman.

Bro. J. B. McGuire has been appointed division agent. His duties will be to instruct freight agents on Illinois Division and branches regarding different reports. Understand the position is only temporary.

Mr. O. D. Lottenville is working second trick at "BN," Peoria, in place of Bro. Eastman.

Bro. J. H. Meehan, day operator at Twentieth street, Rock Island, has been appointed depot ticket agent at Thirty-first street, Rock Island, made necessary by the dismissal of W. R. Butter.

We are sorry to note that several of the members have failed to pay up for the past six months, and are now beyond recall. Boys, this don't speak well for you. A number of these are from the branch lines. Understand a couple of them tried to put up the excuse that we had a grievance. Why don't you tell your local chairman what you have in your craw? He wants the best of feeling to exist among the brothers on this division and wants every one treated according to our schedule.

At West Davenport, Bro. C. E. Alford's little girl has just recovered from an attack of diphtheria and has departed with Mrs. Alford to her home in Wisconsin.

A demonstration of dispatching trains by 'phone was given in J. B. Smalley's office with very satisfactory results, says the Davenport Times.

A. J. Hallihan, second trick at Silvis, is taking a three weeks' vacation; relieved by O. D. Ottenville, non.

If some of you brothers will send the news to us from your locality the local chairman will be relieved of some of his numerous burdens. A word to the wise should be sufficient.

A. E. Grann is relieving Bro. Albright at West Davenport. Bro. Albright is relieving at Silvis.

Bro. M. Cronin, at Missouri Division Junction, was off for a few days. We understand a death in the family, but did not learn who it was.

Bro. J. L. Sumner is working second trick at Bureau, in place of Bro. O. J. Knapp, who has accepted a position on the C., M. & St. P.

We note in *THE TELEGRAPHER* that the Southern Pacific is making a bulletin showing all the nons. We started this on Illinois Division quite a while ago, and the local chairman is now making arrangements to start again, and all who have no card by March 4th will be put on this list. This will give them the benefit of one whole year that they have enjoyed three hours less work per day, which the Order fought so hard for, and for which they have not even as much as contributed a cent towards. Come on, boys, get a card and do not let the trainmen all along the line know that you are a non, as they all get a copy of this bulletin. You know right from wrong. Come across. Remember our motto, "No card, no favors."

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

### L. S. & M. S. Ry.

*Michigan Division—*

"13" Bro. Lewis, of "AV" tower, Toledo, has resigned. Mr. Frltz, who has been working third trick, is taking his place, Bro. Phillips taking third and Mr. Munca, of Vickers tower, taking second trick.

Air Line Junction yard office has been opened nights, with Mr. Britt doing second trick and Bro. Ed Gangwer, third trick.

Last month Bro. R. C. Squier was referred to as a non. This item was received from a party signing himself as "Hep," and as I was not acquainted with the facts, I allowed it to go though, causing Bro. Squier considerable humiliation. In justice to Bro. Squier I wish to say he is a member in good standing, and has been for some time, and one of the best rooters for the O. R. T. we have; also Bro. Murphy, of Batavia, was a charter member of Division No. 129, and while he is allowed a helper, he is not conducting a ham factory, as was insinuated last month.

In future, unless items received bear the signature of party sending them in, they will not be considered.

Bro. C. C. Goodell, of Sturgis, is back in the ranks again with an up-to-date card.

Bro. H. H. Mecklinberg, of Sturgis, has had his hours changed some, working from 2:15 p. m. to 8K p. m., then he is relieved until 9K p. m., then comes back and works until 12:15 a. m. Wonder if this is what they call consecutive hours?

Why is it we never see anything from the other divisions on the Lake Shore, possibly they are too busy getting new members, "we hope so."

"13" that Bro. W. H. Bockus, who resigned as operator at Allegan, is working for the G., R. & I., at Mancelona, Mich.

Bro. Shrimplin, of Goshen tower, has been off a few days on account of sickness, being relieved by Mr. Mercer, of Corunna. CERT. 358.

### C., B. & Q. Ry.

*C. B. & Q. System—*

In clearing up my files of old records a few days ago, I found some letters of interest, one in particular from Bro. Quick, gives me a list of the first local chairmen of the System Division, that is after the system was instituted June 12th, 1903. It may be of interest to some of the brothers to know who they were, hence I will give them herein:

H. H. Hull, Illinois Lines, Mendota, Ill.

Iowa Lines, E. E. England, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

S. St. P. & M. Lines, E. V. Esterbrook, East Dubuque, Ill.

K. C. St. J. & C. B. Lines, G. A. Conaway, Bigelow, Mo.

H. & St. J. Lines, A. H. Wigle, Meadville, Mo.

St. L. K. & N. W. Lines, J. W. Burch, Texas Junction, Mo.

K. & W. & C. B. & K. C. Lines, A. P. Ogier, Gravity, Iowa.

Northern Division, W. A. Henry, Ravenna, Neb.

Southern Division, W. F. Denton, Sterling, Neb.

Western Division, W. T. Heaton, Ft. Morgan, Colo.

Alliance Division, M. J. Johnson, Anselmo, Neb.

Sheridan Division, J. P. Carrigan, Lodge Grass, Mont.

A few of these brothers are still with us, and I will mention their names, and also those who have left us that we know of at present.

Bro. W. A. Henry, is our general secretary and treasurer, now located at Fairfield, Iowa.

Bro. W. F. Denton is the only one of the number who is still a local chairman; long may he live and prosper, as a man who can stand the ravages of the past he is certainly entitled to a great deal of credit. How things have changed and men have come and gone. It would take considerable research to give a list of all the local chairmen who served so faithfully on the system.

H. H. Hull, who was elected as the first general chairman, is now located at Aurora, Ill., and is working in the relay office there, and we hope some day to see him the big chief.

E. E. England, I believe, is now located at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and is manager of some large telephone company at that point. He was one of the first very active members who lost out on account of his activity in the Order; at that time membership in the Order seemed to be sufficient cause for dismissal.

We can not give the whereabouts of E. V. Esterbrook, or G. A. Conaway, but would like

to learn where they have taken up their abode, and what line of business they are devoting their time to.

I believe that A. H. Wigle is still working for the company on the Brookfield Division.

Bro. J. W. Burch, who served as general chairman in our first schedule negotiations, is now located in St. Louis, Mo., and is working in the office of the grand secretary. This brother needs no introduction, everybody knows he has done a great and good work.

I am unable to say where A. P. Ogler and J. P. Carrigan are at present.

W. T. Heaton, when last heard of was located at Oxford, Neb., was in business for himself, and was doing very nicely.

This completes the list, however, should any one know of the whereabouts of the others shown above, I would appreciate it if they would so advise me.

Of the twenty-five charter members I can only recall eight who are still employed on the system. Great changes have come about in the past five or six years, and I wonder what the next five years will bring us?

A great amount of work has been done in this time and with the assistance of all, there is no doubt but what many good things are still in store for us, but to attain this a few things must be considered; first, every man must do his work and do it well, in order that your services may be more desirable and that the company feels it a profit to have such men in the service and pay them better wages.

It is certain that unless there is a decided increase in wages soon, there will have to be a drop in living expenses, because men are not long going to stay in their present quarters on this hand to mouth system of living, for it is no doubt true that a great many of us can find work where we can make a living, and not have to work every day in the year as on the railroad.

I have no words of condemnation for the railroads, they are a necessary thing, but I do say that wages are exceedingly low, especially when compared to what it costs to live.

I would like to call the attention of all concerned to a matter that should be very closely looked after during the cold months, and that is for you to see that your waiting rooms are properly heated during the cold months, waiting rooms lighted up and platform lights burning during the dark nights. The keeping of good warm fires in the waiting rooms is absolutely necessary. I read not long ago of a lady collecting \$5,000 from a certain railroad company on account of a waiting room not being properly heated. You can imagine what become of the poor, unfortunate agent or operator.

Mr. Willard spoke very highly of the condition in which he found the station buildings, etc., last summer, hence I hope we can be accorded the same praise next spring.

I just make mention to these things in order that there may be time for improvement and save some one some unpleasantness.

Let us remember this: "The man who does no more than he is paid for, is never paid for more than he does." That is not to say that we should all, do at all times more than we are paid for, but we should always see that the measure is full and not scant.

Now the officials should also see that they hew close to the line, more so than in the past, especially in the filling of the good positions on each division. There has been quite a disposition in the past to fill the good positions with men who are not by rights entitled to them, men who have previously been employed on other divisions, or men from other railroads, this is not right, and is not in accord with the teachings of the higher officials.

The argument that is always advanced is that there are not suitable men on the division for the large positions, but usually some one who has what is called a "pull" gets the jobs, and the man who has spent years to fit himself for the higher walks of life, gets the siftings, that is all. I hope these matters will be remedied.

During the month of February, there is election of local chairmen on each division of the Burlington, also there are ten to fifteen delegates to be elected to the Grand Convention to be held in Atlanta, Ga., the second Monday in May. Let every member vote for local chairman and delegate, do not overlook this.

The schedule committee is now in session at Chicago, and perhaps before this reaches you, a settlement will have been made.

I hope this year the brothers will take it upon themselves to make a report promptly to your local chairman of any violation of the schedule, as we have been promised closer observance of the schedule providing we keep the proper officers posted on violations.

You are all posted in regard to the position the organization has taken on the telephone question, we want to bring every suitable man and woman into the Order and hope you will lend your assistance to the end that this may be done without a hitch. Do not knock, but push.

A report will be rendered within a short time for the work done on the system for the past year; it will be noted that regardless of the hard times, we have been progressing nicely.

As this is the beginning of the year, let us make a resolve to use greater effort the coming year to build up our membership on the Burlington. Let us not all be drones, each has a duty to perform, let us perform it well. Conditions are just what we make them, if you want a better schedule and more money, it is up to you to perform your duty, as well as it is for the few officers on the division.

Do not be a has-been, but a real up-to-date fellow; be a hero in the strife.

This is a good month to pay dues, let us not forget this, but get an up-to-date card before

the term is over. Why not have the good of the card before it is out of date? The man who strikes first or is first on the scene, gets the best there is going. Will you be one of the first? Let us see.

M. J. JOHNSON.

#### *Beardstown Division—*

Nothing worthy of comment on the Beardstown Division this month. Have not heard anything from the Jack Line at all; can not say what changes are being made down there.

Bro. J. A. Brandon, organizer, has been with us for a few days now and expects to visit all offices in the next few days. Help him get those nons lined up, particularly the man you are working with and your neighbors.

No definite reports from Chicago on the work of the general committee up to date. Bro. H. B. Perham, our President, is there with them and everything is being done that possibly can. We expect results soon.

Bro. R. O. Willette, who has been agent at Adair for some time and who resigned a few weeks ago, is now in the jewelry business in Vandalla under the firm name of Pilcher & Willette. Bro. Willette continues to hold an up-to-date and extends an invitation to all visiting brothers to call on him when in Vandalla.

Adair on bulletin. Can not say sure, but believe that A. D. Dale has bid same in. Been a good chance for some of the good men on the Jack Line to get a good place and get away from the 'phones.

Business seems to be better than for some time past and the weather at this writing is certainly the best we ever had at this season.

Don't complain about this small write-up, but send me some news. Some one on the Jack Line anyway should be able to find some news.

All that have not done so please pay up dues at once.

CERT. 1637.

#### *Ottumwa Division—*

Bro. L. S. Grabow has returned from a visit with home folks in Chicago, and is now located at Biggsville Cabin, third trick.

I have a letter from one of our good brothers saying: "It has come to my notice in the work of getting the old has beens back into the Order and getting new members that some of the brothers have been writing very insulting letters to them, and in one case I doubt very much whether I'll be able to land a has been on this account. He was once a very staunch member and haven't been able to talk with him lately, so do not know what his reason for dropping out was; possibly just wanted a little stirring up, but the party who took it upon themselves to stir him up, took the wrong means of doing it, consequently I think we have lost what would of in time have proven a very true and loyal member."

I do not know whom our brother refers to, nor whom received the letter, but in writing nons we should not say anything to insult them, although sometimes the provocation may be just. It is the

truth, though, that sometimes hurts worst, and the conscience of a has been will hurt him more than anything else.

Mr. O. E. Hutchinson, agent at West Burlington, off from January 1st to 16th, being relieved by Bro. R. W. Lee, he in turn being relieved by a Mr. J. L. Graham, recently from the Iowa Central.

For some time past they have been hauling water Burlington to West Burlington. They are erecting a new water tank there, one of 300,000 gallons capacity.

Bro. Pearl L. Yates, of Leslie, off a few days to work on his farm; relieved by Mr. C. A. Fowler, of Ackworth.

Bro. Wm. Dorsey and wife, of Norwalk, spent a couple of weeks at his home in Albany, Mo. He was relieved by Mr. C. A. Fowler.

Bro. J. W. Butler, of Prole, ate supper with his mother in Osceola, one day last month, returning on night train.

Mr. W. A. Schlemmer, of Lockridge, second trick, has filled out the papers and can be called brother by time this appears.

Mr. C. E. Johnson, third trick at Agency, has also filled out application papers, and may be called brother by the time this appears.

CERT. 283.

#### *Sterling Division—*

I have been absent from the division almost the entire month, partly on committee work, and on account of the death of my mother. In bearing this great loss I appreciate the many kind acts and words of the brothers and the many favors shown by various officials of the C. B. & Q. Ry., both at Chicago and at Sterling, Colo. In afflictions of this nature such kind attention can not be allowed to go unnoticed.

I will not be able to write all the members of the Sterling Division for some time, and in the meantime would like to advise you that you will be able to reach me by letter promptly at Sidney, Neb., as formerly.

Fraternally,

J. T. MADDOX.

#### *St. Joseph Division—*

Bro. J. S. Clanton, agent at Percival, renewed his membership this month, and J. H. Campbell, Hepburn, Iowa, handed in his application also. Prospects for quite a few February pay-day are very favorable.

You that have not paid up should do so at once, and get busy after some other member that happens to be a little slow. Get after some non and help us get them lined up. This is your fight, as well as ours, and it requires all the assistance we can get to keep our division up in good shape.

A few items from you each month would help mightily in our write-up. See what you can do and let us have it soon as you read this.

Mr. V. A. Seller bids in third trick, block 31.

Bro. Stewart, Corning, third trick, laying off the latter part of January to get married.

Bro. R. R. Johnston, a former C. & N. W. man, going to Halls.

Bro. Henderson returned to second trick at Bigelow, January 1st. Mr. Saleder, his relief, going to Craig as relief for Bro. Finch, who is laying off, nursing a crippled finger and a touch of lagrippe.

Bro. H. E. Millen relieved E. C. Baird at Forbes a few days, then went to Forest City to relieve Bro. Ed Boyd, temporarily. Cor.

#### *Aurora Division—*

By the time you are in receipt of the February TELEGRAPHER you will have elected a new local chairman for a period of two years. You who are reading this kindly remember that whoever he is he will need your help. It is a thankless position at best, and if anything is to be accomplished each member must appreciate his responsibility.

I wish to express thanks to all brothers who have so kindly rendered the assistance which I so much needed, especially Bro. A. F. La Bundy, of Rockford; Bro. C. O. Rabourn, of Steward Junction; Bro. J. O. Pahaly, of Oswego; Bro. C. A. Mitchell, of Kangley; Bro. O. F. Butler, of Wyand, and Bro. C. E. Bodine, of Walnut, all of whose services have been very valuable.

At this writing your committee are still hard at it in Chicago, and by the time you get this you will no doubt have learned of pleasing results. They are surely after big game, as Bro. Perham is also on the job.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Schaffer, of Rochelle, is rapidly improving and will soon be back on duty. He has had a tough time, and deserves the sympathy of all.

They are putting in a new system of clocks and selectors in each station, Aurora to Savanna. It is claimed that this experiment will make a great improvement. No doubt, however, we think there will be still plenty of room for improvement.

We are glad to see the 'phoners getting in line. That is right, boys, invest a little in good old "O. R. T." stock and be in on the dividends which they declare yearly. The reason you should be for the O. R. T. is because they are for you.

Brother, when you have read your TELEGRAPHER forward it to some 'phoner, who may gladly join us when it has removed his misunderstanding of us.

It is reported that the sounders on the Rockford branch will soon stop ticking, as the company is making ready to install 'phones in their place. Wonder who the joke is on if, instead of breaking the backbone of the O. R. T., the 'phoner is to be a hearty support?

Bro. C. O. Rabourn made a flying trip to Chicago the other day.

Bro. A. J. Johnson enjoyed a short vacation during January. Bro. Johnson is located at Zearing just at present.

Bro. O. F. Butler, of Wyand, visited Aurora friends and relatives, January 21st.

Bro. R. N. Stoneberg, of Somonauk, was obliged to take a vacation because of a severe cut in his wrist, caused by a lamp chimney breaking in his hand while he was cleaning it. He was relieved by Operator West, of Sugar Grove.

Bro. Stoneberg relieved Operator Chambers upon reporting for duty, the latter having been called upon to perform juror duties at Aurora.

Operator Losey relieved Operator Hedberg at Earlville tower. The position has been bulletined, but can not say at this writing who will get it regularly.

Bro. Brundage is back at Somonauk, after a vacation of about a month, having been relieved by Bro. Carley, of Bristol, and relief agent, A. N. Johnson.

If it is not here the chances are you did not tell us about it. CERT. 125.

#### *Brookfield Division—*

Bro. Feich, of Birmingham tower, off a few nights, chaperoning a theater party in K. C.; relieved by O. R. Freeman, from Randolph.

Bro. Dickerson, first trick at Birmingham tower, makes his weekly trip to K. C.

Bro. Stevens, agent at Stewartsville, has been given Meadville, an exclusive agency.

Bro. Tulme, regular relief agent, is handling Stewartsville agency until awarded.

Bros. H. Smith and Pierron bid in second and third tricks, respectively, at Osborn.

Bro. Sturgis, of Meadville, off a few days, visiting with home folks; relieved by Bro. Howe, from Chillicothe, and Bro. Freeman, regular relief agent, filling Bro. Howe's position at Chillicothe.

Bro. Ritter our local chairman in Chicago now; relieved by C. W. Carroll.

Bro. Withers on sick list; relieved by Operator Bishop.

Bro. E. E. Dennig holding down third trick at Stewartsville, during Bro. Miller's absence.

Bro. Edsall off on vacation; relieved by Bro. Yaunt.

Bro. Edsall relieved by Bro. Shockey at Cameron Junction, on account of sickness.

Bro. Sparks off a few days on a hunting trip; relieved by Bro. Starrett.

Bros. Yaunt & Freeman are working extra at Shelbina, second and third tricks, respectively, during vacancies there.

Bro. Freeman bid in first trick at Shelbina.

Bro. Skinner was awarded Stewartsville agency.

Bro. Wood off a few nights; relieved by B. W. Welch.

Bro. Stevens off a few days; relieved by Bro. Bond from the Frisco.

B. W. Welch is holding down Anabel station until same is awarded on bulletin.

Bro. Alspack off a few days; relieved by Bro. Yaunt.

Helpers at Holt and Lathrop, third trick position taken off at Lathrop on account of decrease in business.

A. Y. McClougham off on a ten days' vacation; relieved by Bro. Yaunt.

Bro. C. Dale has just returned after a vacation of twenty days; relieved by Bro. E. Hughes.

Bro. G. O. Dyer, of Callao, off during the holidays. Cor.

*Alliance Division—*

Bro. J. L. McKinnie working second trick at Ellsworth; relieving Operator Wilson, who has left the service. Bro. C. M. Fox, second trick at Whitman, going there from second trick at Ansley. W. O. Marcy working third at Whitman.

Bro. L. A. Nott is now working second trick at Seneca.

Bro. Powell is back at Broken Bow.

Bro. Doolittle, of Anselmo, laying off, getting married. "13" he gets permanent agency at Dunning, and Bro. Allstat goes to second trick at Anselmo. Extra Agent Thompson is relieving Allstat at Dunning for a while.

Asbury telegraph office closed.

Extra Agent Bro. Triplett, who has been at Hill City the past few weeks, expects to take an indefinite vacation, going to Denver, later to take in Ogden, Boise City and the Seattle Exposition and wind up in Los Angeles, Cal. The Order will lose a good worker, one of the first to join on the division, and always here with the goods.

Train No. 46 had a little accident, caused by a broken rail between Mullen and Hecla, spilling about twenty cars; no one hurt. Trains were delayed a few hours on this account.

Train No. 42, from the West, has been late all week, presume on account of the storms in the West. Understand the company is making arrangements to equip one through train with electric lights. Who says the "B. & M." ain't up-to-date?

How do you fellows like the new tariff cases? Fine "biz"? Ain't they? "KINKAIDER."

*Sheridan Division—*

The New Year has begun with some energy on the part of several members in helping the good cause and lending their general support. Several of the nons, as usual, made a good resolution by joining the ranks while others haven't brains enough to make any. In the line-up the last of the year we were surprised by finding several nons scattered here and there on the division. We will have to go after them harder than ever before, and induce them to join us. There are some good men amongst those nons, but they got the habit like several of the hard ones and are giving similar excuses, "Financially embarrassed, sickness, etc." It would seem that those excuses would get old with those men. Those wishing a list of all non-members on the Sheridan Division will receive same by writing to any of the following: W. L. Kesinger, assistant, Rozet, Wyo.; G. A. Hinman, assistant, Toluca, Mont., and J. P. Meehan, local chairman, Ulm, Wyo. You can also assist the above brothers by sending them notes and names of any new men that come on the division, who will see that they are properly made use of.

Brothers and Sisters, see that you get your dues paid promptly, in order to get credit for your vote cast for local chairman and delegate to the Grand Division. Everybody should vote and take an interest in this election.

Bro. C. W. Marrs, formerly of the U. P., has been placed as agent at Colwey.

Bro. Bert Hazlett has returned from a thirty days' vacation, visiting his home in Nebraska and other points along the "Q." He was relieved by some new man on the division; and have not heard where this new man was sent from Newcastle yet.

Bro. Bailey is working second trick at Alger.

Bro. H. C. Dodge has been shifted around considerably lately. He was relieved at Parkham, third trick, by Bro. O. P. Brown, and sent to Frannie, and later sent to Cody, relieving Bro. Lee Snyder, who is taking a short vacation.

Bro. Keene, C. T. U. of A., relieved at Arvada, third trick, by Bro. Lynch.

Sister Ollie A. Hoadvedt at Frannie, nights, transferred to Crow agency, third trick; relieved at Frannie by Bro. F. D. Bradley.

Sister Miss M. R. Moore, an enthusiastic member, is working second trick at Upton.

A Mr. J. D. Ryan relieved Bro. Richardson at Moorcroft. Bro. Richardson going to Newcastle as cashier, relieving C. C. Vaughn, who took second trick, relieving Mr. R. L. Miller, who was let out.

Three new members for the month of January, and several transfers. See if we can not double this amount for February, and reduce the nons.

Understand "biz" is dropping off considerable, both on branch lines and main lines the last week or two. But we expect it will pick up a little later.

Some foreign members are inclined to believe that if they are transferred to another division they will be assessed a dollar. I don't see where they got this idea. There is absolutely no fee whatever charged to any member when he is transferred into this division. Bear this in mind, and inform any one that wishes to be transferred of the fact.

Bro. Marrs, agent at Cowley, is laying off on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. Vacek.

Bro. Lee Snyder returned from his vacation, and took his old stand at Cody, relieving Bro. Dodge, who went back to Parkman, his old job; relieving Bro. O. P. Brown who relieved Sister Clare Shaughnessey at Arvada, who went to Wyola, relieving one of the boys who resigned there.

Solid organization betters conditions and higher wages.

We should quit petting the nons, and show them our motto, No cards, no favors.

Ask your local chairman for a list of the nons, and know who you work with.

Wyola has had only two operators for a short time but the third man has been put on lately.

Mr. Neeley, non, takes first trick at Wyola, Sister Shaughnessey second trick and Mr. Geo. Snyder, non, third trick at Wyola.

Bro. Trego, agent at Parkman, off a few days to Pryor on a visit. Bro. Vacek relieving him. Trego had to hurry back, couldn't do without him. Needed Vacek at Cowley for a few days.

Mr. McMurphy, one time member, relieved Bro. Brown at Arvada; Brown going to Clearmont, relieving Mr. Burns, who has left the service.

There has been so many changes the last month that it is impossible to keep a tab on them, unless each member takes a hand in the matter and helps with the changes, etc. At least everybody likes nothing better than a good write-up with all the news of the division, and feels disappointed when he only sees a couple of lines. You can see a good write-up every month, if you will only send a few notes each month to your assistants or local chairman.

Send your TELEGRAPHER to some non when you get through with it, and you will know the interest he displays in it, when his application comes across.

Several of the brothers are investing in homesteads along the line. Bros. Kesinger and Meehan being the latest ones.

A nice little talk in the line of O. R. TISM to some of the nons will bring results, try it once.

Things have thawed out a little on the N. P., and expect a rush of traffic as it has been dead for the last month, on account of big storms through the Northwest.

Mr. W. H. Powers, nights, at Dewey, will be wearing the emblem before this is in print. His application is already on file.

If one member out of ten should secure an application, we would be solid on the Sheridan Division. So brothers, try and take a little interest in the work and see if we can not have a solid division before May. Get a list of the nons and drop them a little letter, and explain to them the necessity of having them get in line. You can do this in the spare moments you have.

The writer came across some good smoking tobacco the other day, and it bears the union label. It is a mild smoking tobacco, and everybody should get it, or try a box, and you won't use any other. It is Bagley's Sweet Tips. Do away with this non-union stuff.

Bro. Mills expects to get the day operator job at Kirby, as soon as it is open for bids.

Bro. C. P. Wilson, nights, at Clifton, has left the service. Bro. Thomas's son, Cliff, a handy youngster at the key, relieved him temporarily.

I understand that there has been announced several times that Mr. W. W. Mallison, nights, at Crow agency, was a member. We are sorry to state otherwise, and would be pleased if he would come across with the necessary.

Mr. L. L. Fowler, agent at Algar, is laying off a few days attending to some business, and was relieved by Extra Agent Bro. Vacek.

Bro. Kesinger, of Rozet, noted for his art, was the leading prize-winner for Wyoming, in a recent prize-contest for students of the illustrating and cartooning course of the Corresponding Institute of America, Scranton, Pa. Kesinger is only a new student of this institute, and his success is most promising.

Bro. Robb relieved Bro. Brown at Arvada, third trick.

Let me say a few words in general to the members of the Sheridan Division. What are you doing toward perfecting organization on this division? It's an old story, but are you trying to get the man who is working with you, and not a member into the O. R. T. If you are not, you are not doing your duty. The local chairman and his assistants need your help. You are on the spot and can have more influence than anyone else. If you have no one working with you that is a non, get after those nearest you. You come in almost daily contact with these men and should do your best to get them in. Do not, under any circumstances, abuse a man because he is not a member, because it will never do any good. If they are worthy to become members of our Organization they should be shown every consideration. Thereby showing them it is to their interest to join. And another thing which should be taken into consideration, and that is your own actions, both on duty and off. Give your very best to the company while on duty, and show the officials you appreciate any consideration they give you. Show them it's to their advantage to employ O. R. T. men. When not on duty conduct yourself in a manner that is a credit to the O. R. T. and profession in general. It was brought to my attention by an official of the large number of operators who had been discharged from the company's service and the causes. Were you to know them you would be surprised, and yet all these things are summed up when our committee goes up for a new schedule. We should like to have the best efforts of each member toward perfect organization, and loyalty and good service. We will probably know the results of our committee's meeting with the general management before this goes to press. We are hoping some good things. A word to those who are not members: We want you in our Organization, and would ask you to put aside petty grievances against members or officials, which I know some of you to have. We are none of us perfect, nor can the Order be run to suit individual tastes. Such things are impossible. Get in the O. R. T. and try to help out. All officials are open to suggestions, and I do not believe we have one in our organization who is narrow-minded enough to think his own particular ways are most suitable to all concerned. Get in and raise the standard to the highest possible point.

J. P. MEEHAN, L. C.

*Ashland Division—*

Bro. Kellogg is relieving Deveney (non) at Waterbury.

You can now say, Bro. Jordon, of O'Neill.

Mr. Hubbell, of Yutan, off for a few days, being relieved by Bro. M. J. Armstrong, from "NI" office. Bro. Armstrong goes back to Gretna from Yutan.

Bro. Wagner, of Oakland, is taking a trip to points in Texas and Old Mexico; relieved by Bro. Kellogg.



The bunch at Ashland and South Omaha who filled out the blanks when the local chairman was around have certainly neglected their promise in regard to remitting. They can not say they have forgotten this as they have been notified several times since. Suppose they are waiting for a raise in salary before they will chance any money. It is queer how some people like to sponge.

Since the ice business has commenced most all of the boys on Ashland line are kept on duty until their full twelve hours are up. But no kick is being made.

Our committee is in Chicago at present, trying to revise our schedule. After one week's session they had to go back on the 19th.

There are a couple of our brothers on the Ashland line and one on the O'Neill line who had better look out for the national nine-hour law. Boys, if you can not do your work in twelve hours you had better kick for more help or let it go. There is another day coming and we do not want to see any our brothers looking through the bars for violating the laws.

Wonder why some of the boys do not send in a few notes once in a while. They all like to see a nice write-up and you can not see this if you do not keep your correspondent lined-up with the changes. Now try and show him this month. He is a small fellow, but can juggle a bunch of items.

You can now say Bro. Youngman, at Emerald, and Bro. Bright at O'Neill.

Brothers, all try and land the non who is working next to you.

Mr. Goldesberry and Mr. Van Wiell, at Waverly, promised to come across January pay-day, but our local chairman reports they failed to come, after being reminded of it just before pay-day.

Now, brothers, each one send in a little and we will always have as good a write-up as any of them. Mc.

#### *McCook Division—*

The most of you know of the poor health of Bro. C. E. Sandberg, formerly first trick operator at Akron, who was let out some time ago on account of his health. I quote below a letter written by him to our general chairman, M. J. Johnson, thanking the division and his many friends in Akron for their efforts in his behalf. His letter is as follows:

"Well, I'm feeling pretty good over what has happened to me during the last month and I certainly appreciate such kindness as the boys have shown me, and wish to extend my thanks to you and Mr. Carter for the interest you have taken in me. Would like you to express my thanks to all through the columns of the TELEGRAPHER. I have surely appreciated this and will always remember the kind act. I received \$100 in gold from the boys, and my dues waived. This will surely "help some." Just got my transportation this morning and expect to leave here the first of this coming week for Safford, Ariz. When I get there will let you know as to my condition, etc. I am feeling much better since I have gotten out

of the office, and I am sure when I get down where the climate is milder I will see an improvement. Hoping this will find you in the best of health, etc. I am, fraternally,

(Signed) "C. E. SANDBERG."

Would add that at the time I am writing this our friend, Sandberg, is in Deming, N. M., just having heard from him yesterday. I am sure we all join in wishing him good luck in his new location, and a speedy return to health, and that he will let us hear from him often as to how he is, his location, etc.

Mr. C. B. Morgan is now relieving Bro. Niemann, cashier at Fort Morgan. Bro. Niemann is taking a trip East and South, to Chicago, New Orleans, and, possibly, Cuba. Bro. J. L. Hasty is relieving Mr. Morgan at Laird.

Understand that Bro. Paul Jones is at Eckley now.

Bro. F. W. Cowart, formerly third trick at Fort Morgan, from there to Holbrook, third trick.

Bro. S. E. Gilmore, formerly second trick at Akron, resigned to go to the D. & R. G. R. R. Understand he is now located at Palisade, Colo.

Bro. C. V. Glenn, formerly of the Wymore Division, agent at Nemaha, transferred to the McCook Division; came to Akron to relieve Bro. Gilmore a few days; from Akron to Brush, second trick, permanent. Understand he relieved the cashier at Brush recently, Bro. Sheridan, who has left the service. Bro. Reveal relieved Glenn until a new cashier was secured. Understand Bro. F. A. Bullock has taken the job.

Mr. W. H. Gilbert relieved Bro. C. V. Glenn as second trick at Akron, and in turn was relieved by Bro. C. F. Avery, from Indianola, Mr. Gilbert being assigned to third trick at Akron.

Bro. A. C. Hugg, who has worked the past summer and fall as extra agent, assigned to Akron as first trick operator and cashier.

Bro. H. W. O'Donnell, who has held first trick at Ft. Morgan for a long time, checked in at Akron as agent, relieving Mr. W. G. Thorson, who returned to work in Mr. Loomis' office at Denver.

Bro. Ferguson, formerly of Cambridge and Akron, third trick, now at "FH," Denver days.

The write-ups for succeeding months will depend chiefly upon the members of this division. If you will drop me a card or letter when you know of any change taking place, either in your own office or other offices, we will have good, newsy write-ups, but it is impossible for one man, the correspondent, to do it all himself, for he simply can not get wind of all the news without the co-operation of other members. Do not get the notion that the item of news which you may know is not worth publishing. If it affects this division or some of the members it will be of interest to the rest of us. So remember, the name and place, and drop us a card when you have anything to tell. There are lots of changes taking place. If you will but do your part we can be well represented each month.

A. C. HUGG, Div. Cor.,  
Akron, Colo.

*Galesburg Division—*

Bro. H. R. Gray landed Prospect street, Galesburg yards, on bulletin.

Bro. Sample, third trick at Graham tower, off a few days last month; relieved by Bro. Harlan.

Mr. Murray, first trick at Prospect street, Galesburg yards, out of the service; relieved by Bro. Erickson.

Bro. Boyce to Peoria yards, "SY" office; relieved Mr. Mera, who relieved Mr. Paugh.

Bro. Kost, from Terminal Junction to first trick at Barstow; relieved by a Mr. Johns.

Bro. Adams, who was extra at Barstow tower, went to Plum River tower extra. Did not learn who he relieved there.

Bro. Norcross to Prairie City on bulletin; relieved Mr. Ewers, who was there as extra, third trick.

Mr. Chinne relieved Bro. Norcross at St. Augustine.

"No card, no favors," and whenever you get the opportunity to slam it to the deadbeats land on them with a volley that even its echoes will never be forgotten.

We only have a few nons left now on our division, but we have two of the most famous ham factories in existence, also a good quantity of dead beats. Boys, let every one of us remember our obligation and the motto, "No card, no favors."

Mr. Mercer, second trick at Galesburg yard, "YD" office, sick a few days; relieved by Bro. Erickson, from extra at Prospect street, Galesburg yard, who was relieved there by Bro. Brothers, from Seminary street, Galesburg yards, who was relieved by Mr. Allen.

Bro. Brothers relieved at Prospect street by Bro. Gray, and returned to Seminary street.

Bro. Harlan relieved by Bro. True, at Moline, a few days last month. Bro. Harlan to Peoria yard, relieving Bro. Boyce, who has departed for parts unknown.

Did you ever notice, in reading the journal, that nearly every lady operator is always armed with an up-to-date card and always first to pay her dues? This shows their willingness to aid a good cause. If we had a few more lady operators and a few less of these old hard heads, we would have a much better union and our working conditions would be unexcelled.

Bro. F. S. Omer, of Camp Point, is again with us after being on the outside for some time on account of circumstances. He and Bro. Ward must be working on some nons, as they have both asked for some application blanks.

Bro. E. G. Armstrong, third trick Macomb, was off four days last month on account of the death of his mother; relieved by Bro. Harris, who came from Bardolph on a hand car.

Macomb and Colchester depots have received a good coat of paint recently, and look very well, but they are not so nice for a while to work in with all the doors shut.

Mr. Clayton, third trick at Quincy passenger station, off, sick; relieved by his son, Bro. J. R.

I wonder how the boys along the line like the new train sheets. I think there will have to be a requisition for a new table, if they make them any larger.

Bro. W. H. Earnest, of Bushnell, visited friends at Quincy between trains on Sunday, January 17th.

Mr. J. P. Heston, agent at Plymouth, will soon take a thirty days' vacation; relieved by extra agent, Bro. E. L. Hendricks.

Three tricks have been started again at Farmington, instead of two. Bro. Harry Thornton is working the day trick, others unknown at the present time.

The depot at Marble Head, on the Louisiana branch, burned to the ground about Christmas, and the man in charge was presented with a box car from Galesburg as his Christmas present. We wish him well in his new office.

We understand Colmar is to get a new depot in the spring. This will be quite an improvement over the old building there at the present time. Some poor brass pounder will have the pleasure of a box car or the summer skies to cover him during the change, but will be well repaid when the new building is completed.

Not long ago I heard a man express his opinion of an agent on the C., B. & Q. for not getting up at 5 o'clock in the morning and flagging No. 3 for him. Wonder if he thinks some men must work all the time. Of course he will have it up with the officials for satisfaction and will always think he was treated very badly.

Operator Meyers, of Lewistown, off three weeks; relieved by "Buck" Major, one of Plymouth's debutantes, and, later, relieving E. C. Eckstrand. Mr. Eckstrand has been in service eighteen years on the "Q." and in reply, when asked to line-up, stated he would like to, but his circumstances would not permit, but now we understand he is going to take his family on a trip through California as soon as he is relieved at Fairview.

Mr. Bobbie Terril, of Colchester, extra freight clerk at Macomb, was laid off there on account of slack business, but was put to work by Mr. Fuller, on a 'phone job at Lynn, Ill., and, I am glad to say, will be a member before this appears in print.

Mr. Frank Gibbs, a former member, of Coatsburg, was relieved a few days last month by Bro. E. L. Hendricks.

Bro. W. A. Harris expects to relieve Agent Switzer at Tennessee, for a short time in the near future.

Bro. W. A. Harris to Colmar, Sunday, January 17th, attending Sunday-school convention.

Owing to the death of Bro. W. Gray's wife's mother, of Fowler, Bro. Gray was relieved two days by Bro. Murriel Ogle, of Paloma; also relieved some time before this on account of the death of his father.

I suppose our new schedule will be out by the time this appears in print. We will also have our local chairman elected for the coming two years, and our delegate elected for the grand convention at Atlanta, Ga., in May.

Boys, after you have read this, let every member drop your local chairman a letter with your suggestions as to a meeting once each month; also, do not be afraid to send in a little news once in a while. I know you must hear of these changes, and it would only take a postal card and about ten seconds to write it up. Cor.

#### *La Crosse Division—*

Many of the boys were surprised at the change made at the agency at Prairie du Chien. This may be a square deal, but we think not, as many of the boys think some other man is entitled to this place; but "13" that we are to have another change there.

Bro. Dyer, agent at Lynxville, Bro. Clark, agent at Cassville, and Bro. Rogers, of Victory, were La Crosse visitors one night last month.

We are glad to see the brothers so prompt in paying up their dues for the new term, and hope the good work will keep up.

Agent J. O'Brien, of Hastings, received the appointment as agent at Prairie du Chien; former Agent F. C. Clinton assistant cashier of the Crawford County Bank at Prairie du Chien.

A number of the boys took a vacation during the holiday season, causing the company to crowd every extra operator into the service, Operator Dederick, of Victory, doing relief at Rusk, and Bro. Chas. Bright at De Soto.

Operator Morris received the third trick position at De Soto, but only worked four days, on account of past record. Unable to learn the name of the man there now, but "13" that he is up-to-date.

Bro. Jos. Schneider, a new man with us, is working at the Crawford tower, was off a few days last month, going to Winona to have an operation performed upon his ear. Relieved by Operator Pierce.

Operator Miner, of Prairie du Chien, was off for a few days' vacation, being relieved by Bro. A. W. Cummings. Also Bro. Fried off on a vacation; relieved by Operator Casey.

Operator W. B. Tartt, of Prairie du Chien, did the agent's stunt there for a few days, while the new agent, Mr. O'Brien, was moving his family and household goods from Hastings. Bro. Schneider relieved Mr. Tartt.

We were pleased to receive a few items this month from Bro. Schneider. Wish some of the other boys would try and send some every month, as it would be a great help to us all to have a good write-up each month.

Understand that the brothers at Dubuque and East Dubuque have arranged to form a club, to be known as the Key City Telegraph Club, and will include all the brothers on the Illinois Central, C. G. W. and the C. B. & Q., also the C. M. & St. P., and that a meeting will be held in Dubuque each month. Notices have been sent out to all the brothers that a meeting is to be held there January 29th. We trust that some of the brothers will arrange to be present.

We are short again this month for news from the brothers on the north end. There are some

fine boys up that way, and we would be pleased to have the news from them, so get busy, boys, and send it in.

Bro. A. F. Retzlaff, our assistant local chairman, at Cochrane, has a number of the boys promised. We can now call Clarence Lindrud brother, as his papers have gone in.

It would surprise some of the boys if they knew how many of our stations along this line are solid to a man.

Bro. Rogers, our local chairman, was called to Chicago on the 10th to be present at the committee meeting. Unable to say just yet what is being done, but we wish them success.

Bro. G. L. Dederick, second trick at Victory, is holding down the agency there while Bro. Rogers is absent.

The journal was a little late last month, and the boys were all anxious. Suppose the delay was caused by the holiday rush.

Wish you all a happy New Year, and trust that those who have not will pay up and get the little paste-board, and also get that non next to you to do the same if he is worthy.

"UNION MADE."

#### *Creston Division—*

Bro. C. L. Lamb has been appointed as local chairman to succeed Bro. J. A. Bollman, who resigned on account of heavy station duties.

Would like to see some of the boys get busy on the nons, and also try and furnish a little news for the monthly write-up, and help Bro. Lamb out all they can.

Mr. C. T. Leonard, who has been superintendent of the Creston Division for many years, has resigned, his place being filled by Mr. A. W. Newton, formerly with the "Q" in Chicago. All the boys were sorry to lose Mr. Leonard and wish him success in the future. Mr. Newton is a very congenial superintendent and is well liked by every one.

Mr. W. F. Shiffer, who has been our chief dispatcher for the last few years, has been promoted to trainmaster. Mr. W. C. Welch, former trainmaster, has gone to Brookfield, Mo., as superintendent. Mr. C. W. Jarvis, for many years first trick dispatcher, took Mr. Shiffer's place. Second Trick Dispatcher Jeffery took the first trick, and C. W. Connert, formerly first trick branch dispatcher, took the second trick, Jack Moran remaining on the third trick, at his own request.

Bro. J. R. Brandon, formerly of Division No. 12, is now working at McPherson. Bro. Brandon was at one time local chairman of Division No. 12, but has now been transferred to Division No. 130.

Bro. H. P. Nixon, formerly agent at Randolph, has bid in Macedonia station.

Bro. W. M. Fleming, formerly agent at Macedonia, bid in Greenfield station.

Former Agent S. M. Mercer, of Greenfield, was elected county treasurer.

Bro. W. D. Camp, formerly agent at McPherson, bid in Creston yard office third trick.

Bro. R. E. Templeman bid in Bridgewater.

Bro. E. B. Wallahan, working third trick at Hastings, formerly from the C. & N. W., has been transferred to Division No. 130.

Bro. F. B. Rose has been transferred from third trick at Hastings to third trick at Emerson.

Bro. B. F. Thompson bid in third trick at Red Oak, formerly third trick at Emerson.

Bro. H. L. Keever bid in McPherson station.

Bro. E. E. Gill, second trick at Stanton, has been laid up the past two months with rheumatism. Hope to see him back before long.

Bro. J. E. Walkington, who has been working as relief agent the past few months, has settled down on third trick at Stanton for the winter.

Mr. G. C. Bell, who was sent to relieve Bro. Gill, was transferred to Maryville. Relieved by Mr. E. J. Rodgers.

We hope to be favored with up-to-date bulletins under Mr. Jarvis' administration, and think it a wise suggestion to have these bulletins numbered consecutively, as they are on other roads. However, we will leave this to Mr. Jarvis' good judgment.

This write-up will have to be credited to a "ham," as our division correspondent, Bro. Burton, is too busy to attend to it. We hope he will do better next month, and ask the boys to contribute something to assist him. RED.

#### *Wymore Division—*

The boys are coming across with their dues in splendid shape, and I believe most of them will see the wisdom of keeping in the ranks and standing for retaining what we have at present and endeavoring by peaceable means to secure what is yet due to us.

If somebody will arise and explain what a man expects to gain, either for himself or his fellow-worker, by dropping out of the Order, I shall feel thankful.

Personally I can not see how any sane man could consider such a move for a single second, and it is my candid opinion that a man who does so, having no excuse but cold feet, is lacking in gray matter, because he is simply helping to drag himself down to the bottom of the ladder.

Extra Agent Johnson is holding down Auburn days, temporarily.

Bro. A. E. Miller has resigned as agent at Fifth. Bro. A. F. Heskett is now heavy man at that point.

Bro. C. D. Bowers has been transferred to day telegraphers' position at Beatrice.

Bro. Jones, agent at Smyrna, has been on a vacation; relieved by Bro. Money.

Bro. Logan has been transferred from days at Auburn to agent at Thompson.

Bro. O. D. Samsell has been transferred from agency at Thompson to agency at Nemaha City.

Bro. Heinon, from the Wabash, is holding down Salem nights.

Bro. Daggett, agent at Dawson, has been away on account of his brother losing a foot by getting it crushed in some machinery at the light plant.

Mr. Whitson has returned to his duties as agent at Table Rock, and Bro. Zink again takes his old trick, which throws Bro. Grimes back to his old love, third trick at Pawnee.

Get up-to-date. No card, no favors.

Have you paid your dues for the present term? If not, please get busy and send your five dollars to Bro. W. A. Henry, Fairfield, Iowa. The time has arrived when it is necessary for us to stand together to retain our rights, obtained by years of hard labor and perseverance. While doing this we must not fail to give the very best of service as an inducement for the officials to give preference to organized labor. The boys with a card should ever endeavor to make good under all conditions.

J. B. Lewis, agent at Brownville, has filed his application. It took John five years to make up his mind, but we are glad to welcome him, even if he is a little tardy.

It is rumored that Bro. E. A. Cox, agent at Cheney, and Bro. H. S. Pennington, agent at Benet, are to trade positions.

Bro. Hartzell has been doing the agent's stunt at Sterling during Bro. Denton's absence on committee work.

Bro. J. M. Cook, of Division No. 2, has transferred to this division, and is now located at Syracuse days.

Bro. Mitchell, agent at Elk Creek, was recently absent a few days; relieved by Bro. Harper.

No Card, no favors.

COR.

#### *Hannibal Division—*

Now is the time to show the stuff you are made of. These are inspiring words and magnificent. When the tocsin of battle is sounded, our grand and noble leaders are first to take their place on the firing line. Your forefathers fought to destroy the reign of kings, and yet you grovel at the feet of industrial kings, your very life depending on their whim whether they will give you jobs or not.

The men who make the fabrics wear rags. The men who build houses live in rented hovels. The men who make automobiles walk. The men who build railroads tramp between the rails seeking work. Samson was weak when his hair was cut. The worker is a slave only because he has not yet got his eye teeth cut. Every worker should get the full product of his toil, and be able to own a home free from indebtedness, and every laborer should be able to travel and see the world; but this old world will not be transformed into these beautiful things until the workers join hands in fellowship and present their demands in one body, then we will be able to accomplish our ambition.

Here are some facts: The capitalists have formed the Civic Federation, the Citizens' Alliance, the National Manufacturers' Association, Organization of Coal Operators, Organization of Newspaper Publishers. Workingmen, what do you think? The capitalists are organized. Open your eyes and see this struggle as it really is; see the massing of the hosts of capital against you; hear the gathering of the clans. Is there any wonder

there are lockouts, blacklists and injunctions? Feel yourselves already crushed, defeated, annihilated, unless you take immediate and decisive action. Workingmen, get together, unite! Does not capital feel the power of their organization? Do not the workers feel the power of their organization, and are you more good outside of that organization than inside of it? Let us all get busy now.

We are short on news along the line, as information is not obtainable.

We understand that the dispatchers' job at West Quincy is going to be closed; if so, there will likely be three operators looking for a job. We have not learned who the unlucky ones will be, but it is easy to surmise.

We note that Patterson, Viele, South Troy, and night job at Hawk Point have been bulletined, but have not yet learned who got them.

Now, boys, our local chairman has promised to give the Hannibal division a good write-up each month if you will furnish him with a line or two. Tell him about all the changes. Keep him posted on everything and there will be a surprise in store for you.

I repeat, let us all get busy.

Rouse, my brothers, from your slumbers,

Greet the coming day,

See the darkness fading

In the morning ray.

Long the night has been, and gloomy—

Now behold on high,

With the light of Freedom's dawning,

Shines the Eastern sky.

Stand erect in kingly manhood,

Labor must be free,

Nor to tyrants vile and heartless,

Bow the servile knee.

Robber drones in hives of workers

Shall no longer hold

Toiling millions in their bondage

By the power of gold.

He who knows the joys of freedom

Can not be a slave,

Close the ranks and still press onward,

Loyal, true and brave;

Soon shall come the day of gladness—

Soon fraternal love,

All the earth shall bless and brighten

Like to that above.

Hark, the fateful hour is striking—

Man must higher go,

Rise above the clouds and shadows

To the sunlight's glow.

Heed not profit-seeking idlers,

Let them sneer or frown,

Labor bears the world's great burdens,

She shall wear the crown.

Hail the sunlight, O, my brothers,

Shout with glad acclaim,

Let Columbia's snow-capped mountains

Echo Freedom's name.

CERT. 436.

## Atlantic Coast Line System.

### NOTICE.

*To the Members of Division No. 132:*

When this issue of the journal reaches you, the time in which you can remit for a card for the first half of 1909 without getting in bad standing will almost have expired.

Your card reading good until December 31, 1908, keeps you in good standing until March 1st, not later. If you do not remit for your new card before March 1st, you will not be in good standing, which prevents the committee or local board exercising themselves in your behalf. It also prevents your attending any meeting or taking part in any of the functions of the organization. Your journal is stopped, and to all intents and purposes you might as well be a non, with this one exception: you can pay up your dues and become a full-fledged member again by simply paying up your dues and insurance assessments, provided you do it promptly.

Now we don't want any back-sliders this year; we want this division to move forward as never before. We have got the material. We must have your assistance. Give it to us and we will do our best for you.

Read carefully the article on the union label in this issue of the journal. Live up to your obligation, which is implied, that you will advance the cause of labor generally. How can you do this better than by patronizing union labor of others?

On the 14th or 15th of January, there appeared an article in the daily papers stating a general strike of the hatters of the country had been called, and that an organized effort on the part of the manufacturing hatters of the country was on to try and discontinue the use of the union label on their goods. It may not be generally known to our members that the hatters are about the best organized of any class of wage-workers, and that their label appears on a larger per cent of their product than of any other article in common use.

You will naturally ask what has that got to do with the telegraphers? The answer is very simple. If the organized manufacturers can discontinue the use of the label by the hatter's unions, they will have made an opening in the ranks of union labor that will take years to mend, and every wage-worker, whether of the hatters, or any other organization, will feel the effect. The day after the article appeared in the newspapers I was in Jacksonville, Fla., and had occasion to need some articles of wearing apparel, among which was some collars and cuffs. I went in the first furnishing store I came to and asked for union made articles. Imagine the surprise on the faces of the clerks. They did not even know what the label looked like. Not finding what I wanted I went to every clothing store and gents' furnishing place on Bay street, the leading thoroughfare of the city, and failed to find a union made collar or cuff. Do you suppose this

condition would have existed for one day if all the union men in Jacksonville had asked for union made articles when they went to make their purchases? Well, hardly. Several of the shopkeepers told me they had never had a call for union made stuff before.

Did I buy in Jacksonville? Certainly not. I was next in Wilmington, N. C., and met with the same situation, with the exception that one concern told me they had put in a supply of union made clothing in order to cater to the union trade, and that the union people had bought the scab stuff instead. This concern seemed to be honest in their desire to supply union made stuff, and asked where it could be bought. I failed to find any collars or cuffs with the label in Wilmington; the result, no purchase in that city.

I knew where such could be had at all times, so sent to Washington, D. C., for what I wanted.

You may ask the question, "Don't you have to pay more for union made goods?" The reply will be no, but if I did I would still buy the union articles, for the reason that I know I am helping the union labor movement; while if I purchase the scab made goods, I am patronizing the people that are fighting the unions.

I am not advertising any concern, but wish to turn all the business I can through people who will handle union made goods, and will be glad to tell you where you can get anything you need in this line with the label on it.

If you can not get what you want, don't take something you don't want, but look around until you find it. When the shopkeepers find you won't buy non-union goods, do you suppose they are going to keep on buying them? Not if your trade is worth anything. They can sell union made goods to the other fellow, but they will learn they can not sell scab stuff to you.

As an example of this, I have an interest in a grocery store, and we are forced to handle the products of the Postum Cereal Company, simply because customers demand Postum, and will not take anything in its place. A man in business has got to satisfy his customers. It is up to us whether we buy non-union goods or not. Which are you going to buy from now on?

If you don't know the label when you see it, by all means write to Mr. Frank Morrison, secretary of the A. F. of L., Washington D. C., and get a circular showing fac-simile labels.

Yours fraternally,

J. H. WILLIAMS, G. S. and T.

#### Norfolk District—

From what I hear, our dispatcher, Mr. Mabry, seems to be worried about the piece that appeared in the November journal, on page 1,987, about him, but I think if he will only do as that says, he will have easier sailing.

We have had two very bad wrecks on this pike lately. Wouldn't be surprised if the officials don't see where they need a few more telegraphers, so it would enable them to open up the offices that have been closed for nearly a year,

thereby being able to block trains and prevent some of the accidents.

The wreck at Speed, it appears, could have been prevented if the block system had been in operation; and the one at Nansemond would certainly have been prevented by a middle order. With a reminder of this nature an engineman would not overlook a meet order.

Bro. H. L. Gardner has been assigned the agency at Norfleet, vice Bro. G. H. Hall, assigned to Hobgood, second trick. This put T. B. Capps at Boone. Sorry for Bros. Stever and Small.

Bro. C. S. Smith is acting agent at Aulander for a few days, while Bro. Gatling is away.

Bro. Haynes is working at South Tunis, second trick, while Bro. Smith is at Aulander.

Bro. Smith seems to be in demand for relief work, having been sent to Eure for a few days, in order that Bro. N. E. White could make a business trip to Norfolk.

This brings up the thought, where is our regular district relief agent that is provided for by the schedule? Some one should be drawing this \$65.00 salary, instead of taking a regular man and running him around at a smaller salary, and making him lose time going and coming. Our local chairman will kindly take this up.

Bro. G. H. Hale, second trick at Hobgood, is off at present; being relieved by a Mr. Watson. Haven't seen the color of his credentials yet.

You would think there was a presidential campaign on if you should happen to drop in on the Norfolk District members now. They are very wide-awake to the fact that now is the time to register their desires, and the consequence is that there are several candidates for the position of local chairman for the Norfolk District. As the material is all good, the members will hardly make a mistake in voting, unless they don't vote at all. We mean to have the banner district on the system, and whoever we elect as local chairman will have plenty of assistance if he will show us what he wants done. We will tell him what we want all right.

Bro. J. W. Gardner, who has been working extra for sometime, has resigned and accepted a position with the Southern Railway, being located at Lawrenceville at present.

Mr. D. S. Harper, agent at Bethel, has been off for a few days; relieved by Bro. Edmundson, of Parmele, and Bro. Edmundson was relieved by Bro. G. H. Hale, of Hobgood.

Since the above, Bro. Edmundson resigned, and accepted a position with W. U. at Washington, N. C.

Bro. R. J. House, of Aurora, W. & V., spent the holidays with relatives and friends in Pitt County.

Bro. W. C. Andrews, also of the W. & V. at Vandemere, spent the holidays at Parmele.

Relief men seem to be very scarce on the Norfolk District, but that should be expected as the schedule provides for a regular relief man, but the chief dispatcher or superintendent has not

seen fit to employ this relief man. We have a very good superintendent over here, and can not understand why he does not use this man as provided for.

A case of violation of the nine-hour law occurred at Boone, during December. Understand the day operator, Bro. Stever, was held on for sixteen hours and forty minutes, but it was caused by a wreck, and we understand an effort was made to get some one there to relieve Bro. Stever, but without success, until he had been on duty for the time named.

This is not the kind of violation that the law was primarily intended to prevent, and very few prosecutions will be made against any company where they show an honest desire to live up to the provisions of the law. SOREBACK.

#### *Richmond District, South—*

At the meeting on the 22d of December, six candidates were initiated into the mysteries of the billy. The load was so heavy that the billy had a hard pull, but he got through all right, and with the assistance of these six new ones he will be in such fine shape at the next meeting that he will be willing to tackle any number and size of comers.

The matters under discussion at the meeting were of vital interest to the fraternity and to the nons as well. We wish every member within reach of Rocky Mount could have been present at this meeting.

Bro. G. P. Jones, from Elrod, has been assigned and sent to Smithfield, third trick.

Bro. S. W. Brown goes from Smithfield, third trick, to Four Oaks, third trick.

Bro. N. F. Lewis has been transferred from second to third tricks at Kenly.

Bro. O. H. Harvey is relieving Bro. I. O. Farmer, third trick at Beards.

Bro. F. A. Truitt assigned to second, and Bro. Ira Hall to third trick at Benson.

Bro. Chas. Bolick, first at "FY" tower, Florence yard, transferred to "CO," South Rocky Mount.

Bro. McLeod, third trick at Winona, has resigned to accept the agency at his home, Carthage, N. C.

Bro. K. G. Kennedy comes from Winona second trick to Kenly second trick.

Bro. R. C. Wells, agent at Sellers, is off for a few days; relieved by Bro. D. P. Spell.

Bro. T. D. Teford, second trick at Contentnea, has been off for a ten days' vacation, which was spent in and around Washington, D. C.

Bro. Z. V. Jeffreys, third trick at Contentnea, was also off ten days.

Bro. S. V. Ellis spent a few days at home during the holidays. He was relieved by Bro. Hall, of Benson.

Bro. J. C. Bowman, agent at Kenly, was relieved for ten days by Bro. F. A. Truitt, who always carries the right kind of credentials. Bro. Truitt has been doing quite a good deal of relief work on the district recently. He has been as-

signed regularly to one of the tricks at Benson, but it looks like they are going to use a regular man for relief work, instead of employing a salaried relief agent, as provided in the schedule.

#### *Richmond District—*

Bro. Harvey, third trick at Latta, was relieved for fifteen days by Operator Dover, a new man on this district.

The following assignments have been made on bulletins issued:

Bro. K. G. Kennedy to second trick at "DI," South Rocky Mount, from Kenly.

Mr. D. A. Foster, third trick at South Rocky Mount, "CO."

Mr. E. L. Creech, second at Dillon.

Mr. A. P. Parker third at Dillon.

Bro. J. H. Jones third trick at Parkton

Bro. H. H. Arnett, third trick at Rennert, where he has been located for several months.

Bro. J. A. Wiggs to third trick at Beards.

Bro. Williams, agent at Sharpsburg, was suspended for fifteen days, and was relieved by Bro. H. L. Roberson, of Wilson. On account of the suspension, Bro. Williams refused to be checked in again at Sharpsburg, and the place is now on bulletin. Understand no one wants it, as it is a twelve-hour position and the men on this district do not seem anxious for any more twelve-hour work in theirs.

The following positions were placed on bulletin on the 21st of January:

Second tricks at Kenly, Rennert, Elrod, Latta, Fayetteville and Elm City.

Third tricks at Fayetteville and Latta.

Mr. W. C. Wilson, former agent at Spring Hope, has been appointed agent at Hope Mills, which appointment is very unjust, as much older men made application for the position. The rankest kind of favoritism shown in appointments made at this point within the last two months.

Bro. R. C. Wells, formerly at Sellers, goes to Spring Hope as agent, and Bro. D. P. Spell, from Elm City, first trick, to Sellers agency.

It is with much regret that I learn that Bro. F. A. Boswell will not stand for re-election as local chairman of the Richmond District, south. Bro. Boswell has made a very efficient and wide-awake officer and his place will be exceedingly hard to fill. Bro. Boswell certainly deserves the thanks of every member on the district, and I think each member should write him a personal letter expressing their regret at his decision, and thank him for the untiring efforts he has put forth in their behalf. Div. Cor.

#### *Richmond District, North—*

Nothing in the way of notes has been sent to your correspondent this month, so I will have to ransack the files of my memory for something to say this month. I am afraid this file is about as unreliable as the average railroad file, so my readers will please overlook any omission or errors.

The writer recently saw a letter from one of the oldest members on the road, and I think it would be especially appropriate if applied on this district.

In the letter, among other things, this brother said: "I sincerely hope the Order may not wane for lack of support and encouragement, and I have faith in its ultimate success. Could the younger members view the matter as I do or realize what I have done in a long service, they would be more united and loyal."

Coming from a man well on in years, and one who has always held the confidence and esteem of every one with whom he has come in contact, this is very gratifying.

Bro. H. B. Scott, of "K," Richmond, has been promoted to a trick at Rocky Mount. Bro. Scott is a good, live brother, and we predict that he will make good as a dispatcher.

Bro. S. B. West, of Dunlop, is now off on account of some dispute with Conductor Ragland on January 1st over a pass. From the information that has been received, we are of the opinion that Bro. West has got a very raw deal (excuse the slang) up to the present. Also understand the case has been referred to the general chairman.

I have just heard that Bro. B. M. Bennett was discharged at Battleboro a few days ago because he asked for permission to be absent, and when refused he got Mrs. Russell, the wife of the agent, to work for him and went any way.

Have heard of no other changes, although a number have occurred.

Hope the brothers will let me have a list of them next month, and will give the information in full.

Fraternally,

VIRGINIA.

#### *Savannah District—*

Great strides were made during the year 1908, but we want to see a card in the hands of every telerapher on this district very early in the new year. We want to say a word to the few members who have not yet remitted their dues for the term ending December 31st: Can you afford to let your membership in the grand old Order lapse? Can you afford to be classed with the nons?

Bro. T. L. Highsmith, who has been in the service for ten years, has resigned the agency at Ludowici on account of heavy work, short force and small pay, and will, we understand, engage in the real estate business.

The agency at Ludowici is filled by Bro. Ed F. Hull, from Offerman.

Bro. P. H. Raiford, third trick at Ludowici, has resigned and left the service. He is succeeded by Mr. A. C. Burnett, from the L. & N.

Bro. C. R. Shuping, second at Burroughs (on the river), has resigned. He was relieved by a Mr. Coney.

Bro. J. M. Clements, third at "Q," Savannah, made a flying trip to Ludowici recently.

Mr. J. B. Simpson, formerly first trick at "DE," Savannah, has been assigned the agency at Offerman, which was made vacant by the transfer of Bro. Hull to Ludowici.

Bro. A. S. O'Neal, who was shot while on duty at Nahunta, some time ago, is about well now, and will go to work on January 1st on the Waycross District.

Mr. J. W. Daniels, our popular chief, has been off for a few days, we understand attending court at Columbia, S. C. Mr. E. P. McLain, first trick dispatcher, filled the chief's chair with credit to himself and the district during Mr. Daniel's absence.

Bro. J. G. Zander, formerly at Jesup, is now working third at McCullough.

Bro. Geo. T. Cater, third at Folkston, has resigned, and is succeeded by Bro. Jno. W. Eubanks, formerly of Bologne. Bro. Eubanks was succeeded by Bro. Crumpton, formerly with the W. & T. Ry.

We now have only about two nons between Folkston and Jax, and our correspondent from that end states he hopes to do something for them soon.

Bro. H. C. Page, of Folkston, was off about ten days, attending court, and afterward going to the carnival at Jax, and to see his parents in South Carolina.

Bro. T. L. Butler, second trick at "ND," Callahan, is doing some good work on his end. This brother is wide-awake in every respect, can always get him on wire, and the nons do not get a chance to sleep while he is on duty.

Bro. J. C. Featherstone, first trick at Folkston, was off a few days last month.

The following are new men that have come to the district for the winter, or block season. Can not at this time say how many of them hold cards, but hope a good many do. All of the new offices opened are on the eight-hour basis.

Below are all new men on the Short Line:

At Leake, first trick, Bro. B. A. Brockman; second trick, C. H. Gaines; third trick, G. W. Embry.

At Broadhurst, L. E. Glover, first trick; W. L. Nichols, second trick; F. C. Boog, third trick.

At McKinnon, M. B. Crews, first trick; H. H. Farrell, second trick; W. B. Smith, third trick.

At Raybon, Bro. J. A. Deloach, formerly at Lodowici, first trick; E. J. Norton, second trick, and C. S. Nesbitt, third trick.

At Nahunta, H. M. Marris, agent since the retirement of Bro. Green; J. W. Britt, formerly at "SF," Savannah, second trick, and Bro. L. A. Vestal, third trick.

At Shea, R. F. Anderson, first trick; F. R. Williams, second trick; J. A. Gleason, third trick.

Winokur, M. D. Malone, second trick; W. L. Showalter, third trick.

At Newell, J. J. Connoley, first trick; W. H. Clendening, second trick, and Bro. Jackson E. Stinson, third trick.

At Burch, W. E. Featherston, first trick; B. G. Joyner, second trick; C. S. Joyner, third trick.

I understand most all of these new men carry cards, either O. R. T. or C. T. U. of A., but can not say positively. The local board are right after



them, however, and will soon be in position to give the desired information.

Andrews opened up with T. H. Frost, first trick; Walter L. Forrester, second trick, and J. H. Milling, third trick. Mr. Milling was off a few days in the early part of January; relieved by Bro. C. C. Johnson.

Hilliard opened as block office, with Bro. Leigh as agent and first trick, Bro. Jeb Martin, second, and Mr. R. A. Barber, third. Mr. Barber is well remembered on the Richmond District, south, having held down Selma, N. C., for some time. Not necessary to say why he left there.

Ratliff, new office, L. L. Prabst, first trick; R. F. Crutchfield, second, and D. F. Stanter, third trick. None of them up-to-date.

Dinsmore opened with Mr. Strickler (well remembered), first trick; A. F. Hudson, second trick, and O. N. Hudson, third trick. Both Hudsons up-to-date.

Picketts opened with Bro. W. C. Clark, transferred from new yard, as first; Mr. E. M. Segin, second trick, and W. W. Perry, C. T. U. of A., third trick.

There is plenty of work to do now, and we are at it and hope to show some results in a very short time.

Bro. J. H. Williams, G. S. & T., was down this way this month and spent several hours with Bro. E. L. Porter, local chairman at Blackshear. Bro. Williams expected to visit each office on the block, but for some reason only got to the New Yard and Moncrieff, and to Folkston. Understand he carried an application with him from the New Yard, and found a new member at Moncrieff.

#### CRACKER JOE'S SUCCESSOR.

#### Montgomery District—

As not a single note has been sent in, and I am so far from everybody, will not attempt to give any move that has been made on the official chess-board, except that of Bro. W. L. Grissette, local chairman, from Brinson, Ga., to La Pine, Ala. All members make a note of this change so you will know where to address the local chairman.

Several of our members have been asking for blanks this month, which shows they want to get on the roll of honor. Only four members of Division No. 132 appear on the roll of honor for December, and none of these from the Montgomery District, but we expect to see some on the list for January. There is plenty of material, so let's have our names on the honor roll, and on the division roll, which is more important.

With the election of division officers this month, and appointment of new local board, we should take a long stride forward in our work. Let's all join hands with our local chairman, and make the district solid. I notice some of the other districts say they are going to make theirs solid. Let's make this solid first. Fraternally,

GEORGIA.

#### Charleston District—

There is always something doing in the good old state of sand-lappers, cabbage and mosquitoes, but sorry to say that "something" was not to the credit of the telegraph fraternity for the past month or two. Too many men are walking the plank via the booze route, but there is a grain of consolation in this to us, as an exceedingly small number of these are up-to-date Order men. Some of them have been, but do you notice that when a fellow begins to booze in earnest in this country that he drops his membership? It is either because he feels we are not good enough for him to associate with, or he is ashamed to claim fraternal brotherhood with us, as he knows he is not worthy to be called brother.

Bro. Taylor, of Kingstree, promoted to the agency at Marion, S. C., on the Wilmington District.

Bro. W. F. Lanier, of Bonneau, has resigned to enter other business.

Bro. J. A. Hardy, from Foreston, gets to Bonneau, as Bro. Lanier's successor. Bro. Hardy was hit hard by the nine-hour law on account of the discontinuance of the telegraph service, and we are glad to see him sent to a better place.

Our worthy Local Chairman Bro. Boswell is talking of resigning the local chairman's place, with the expiration of his present term, which will be March 1st.

We must have something in each issue of THE TELEGRAPHER for the year 1909. SANDY.

#### Lakeland District—

At last there seems to be a move toward increased force on the Lakeland District. On December 8th, the third operator was put on at Dunnellon.

Bro. E. A. Bristow, of Division 59, is now located at High Springs.

Our very efficient Chief Dispatcher Mr. E. T. Mulquin is certainly showing us how an official can live up to the schedule when he tries, and be it said to his credit he is trying. Now let us show our appreciation by sticking to him and holding up our end as well. We can do it. We must do it.

Floral City agency transferred from Bro. A. E. Pooser to Mr. J. H. Strunk. Mr. Strunk only remained a few days before he found he had gotten up against the real thing and sent in his resignation; and on December 28th the agency was transferred to Bro. S. J. Hood. Bro. Hood found out his mistake even sooner than Mr. Strunk, and gave up the ghost. Bro. Hood only remained two days, being checked out to Bro. D. W. Grider on the 30th. Bro. Grider was given a permanent clerk at \$47.00 per month, and we now understand Bro. Grider is getting along finely with the work. This clerk-operator position was one of the many that was cut off in the fall of 1907. Note the good men that had to quit before a remedy was applied. Several such positions have been re-established, as it became absolutely necessary to do so.

We hope to see every one of them back at no distant date.

Inverness agency transferred from Mr. R. M. Selvidge to Bro. F. E. Henry on December 31st. Bro. Henry returning from leave of absence.

Arcadia agency transferred from Bro. R. M. Locke to Bro. N. S. Foulkes, on January 1st. Bro. Locke resigns to accept position of general freight and passenger agent for the Charlotte Harbor and Northern, and while he will no longer be in the telegraph service, he intends carrying a card with the O. R. T.

Mr. J. D. Henry has been assigned second trick at Croom, which by the way is a twelve-hour position. Would like to know how a second trick man can work twelve hours. Mr. Henry succeeded Bro. J. L. Stewart at Croom.

Several of the largest and best agencies on the bulletin list as follows: Lakeland, Dade City, Martel, Dunnellon and Fort Myers. At this writing no appointments have been made, but it is expected that Bro. W. Brantley, local chairman will go to Dade City.

Following clerk-telegrapher positions also on bulletin boards: Floral City, Bowling Green, Fort Meade and Arcadia.

Bro. J. M. Oren goes to Arcadia as clerk-telegrapher, and understand Bro. O. C. Kight succeeded him at Bowling Green.

Are cheap employes always cheap? It would seem not in the case of an agent who was sent to a station here at a reduction when discontinuing the telegraph service. From the information I have received this man has already been checked up short twice, once for \$60.00 and once for \$85.00, or somewhere near these figures. This man offered to take the place at a lower salary than the former agent was receiving. A shortage of something like \$150.00. Well, experience comes high, but some people, even superintendents, will not always learn in any other school.

Some one said brother Williams, general secretary and treasurer, and another old gentleman who was a telegrapher, were over the district this month, but they only stopped at Trilby. Could their visit be accounted for by the violation of the nine-hour law at that point? GATER.

#### *Jacksonville District—*

The same old story is to be repeated again this month, not a single line from any one to help in the write-up I am to give you each month. Boys, there is no use saying that you cannot help some if you will use an ounce or two of try some times. Let's keep the good work going on, and not let some of the boys on the system divisions boast about holding the record for "herding nons." Say that's fine business though, and I desire to congratulate the Waycross District for the number of new members they have enrolled in the past few months, but probably they had more raw material to work on than any of the other districts, but I tell you we have some rusty ones ourselves, and that's no whale's dream.

One good old professor has changed places, with his school lately, but as he is allowed about three clerks at that place, instead of none at the old stand, I guess he will prosper now.

I hope that this gentleman and one or two more will be able to secure a copy of the issue containing this, and that it will enable them to reconsider the matter a little, and cause them to stop this profession that they are now practicing, and that it will have some reaction on a few more that are contemplating taking up the profession. Brothers and friends, just think what you are doing, when you start out on the line gathering up any old thing that will agree to pay you \$25.00 or more, to learn him how to "operate." Oh, Gee! Say, old rusty back nons and farmers, didn't that sound big in your ears to hear the call of the professor, when he said, you get all the way from "\$60.00 to \$100.00 per?" Well, you can not much blame the little boys at all, as it was not their fault, and we have all been in the same path. Nons, what are you going to do? When we are all paying in our hard-earned money every month to keep you and your dear ones at home from having to do other jobs on the side, and to keep the wolf out of your kitchen? Just answer that while you are enjoying the pleasure of an eight-hour trick, or probably a nine. That little picture in the front of the December journal, according to my ideas did not just exactly hit the non in the right light. He was pictured as sleeping all the time; well, I don't think he is, for he never fails to wake up in time to get his O. R. T. present, but I agree with the brother that he is in danger of stopping Santy from visiting his home.

We are all glad that we are to get a new passenger depot at Plant City, and also one at Winston, not before it was needed, however.

"13" that Bro. H. D. Corbett, of Carters, has bid in Tampa, first trick, over Bro. V. C. Campbell, on the seniority rule.

Mr. Hurt, our first trick dispatcher, has been suspended from service for some mistake in a "31" order. Hope, however, he has landed a better position by now.

Let all the news you have come to me as soon as possible, and I will do my best for you all. As I want to see the year 1909 pass out with the Jacksonville District solid O. R. T., that would certainly look fine.

Now, get busy, and either run him off or land his application next pay day.

I am still getting my mail at Box 332, Lakeland, Fla. So don't forget to let me have any item you might chance to pick up on the line.

CERT. 1206.

#### *Waycross District—*

Bro. Sasser has again showed his ability to secure applications, by appearing on the honor roll in the November, December and January TELEGRAPHERS.

We extend the right hand of fellowship to Bros. O. J. English, and Geo. S. Perry and R. D. Reid, all since November 30th.

A new office has been opened in the agent's office in Albany. This was made necessary on account of the yard office being so far away that business was suffering.

Bro. J. A. Turner, Baconton, has been let out and Bro. G. L. Youmans, of Brookfield, has been assigned to that point.

Bro. T. W. Hewitt has been succeeded by Mr. R. C. Mansfield, of Pelham. Let's see if he will keep his promise now, that he has been promoted.

Mr. P. H. Perry is now working as night operator at Marion, Fla., one of the nine-hour law offices; but he works twelve hours, try and figure this out.

Only one application filed for the clerk-telegrapher position at Sylvester, Ga., Bro. Kirkland, of Tarver, and was not considered heavy enough for the position, which has not yet been filled.

Bro. J. G. Rice, of Naylor, has been relieved by Mr. C. W. Floyd.

Bro. Seibert, of Valdosta, has resigned; unable to give name of his successor.

Bro. L. J. Murray is again at Waresboro. Understand he is working extra, was at Dupont last month. As there are several vacancies or places filled by younger men, Bro. Murray will soon be located permanently.

Bro. W. P. Horne is now working at Brookfield.

Our January journal has not yet shown up, so cannot say whether we are represented therein. Our notes were late on account of the Christmas rush, and if we are not represented, it will not be on account of nothing sent, but on account of being late.

It looks like the Waycross District telegraphers are trying to make a reputation, but certainly not an enviable one. Within the last month three of them have been arrested and placed in jail for shooting, and in two of the three cases killing other men. In at least two of these cases the telegraphers shot in self-defense, so your correspondent is informed, but even this is not a record to be desired.

Mr. W. E. Holley, one of the Commercial strikers, is now clerk-telegrapher at Sylvester, succeeding Bro. E. F. Goodrum, now at Pearson.

Two new men at Valdosta, Messrs. W. Nobles and E. W. Smoak. Bro. G. L. Seibert, of the same place resigned and accepted a position with the W. U.

Mr. W. F. Fuller, formerly on Montgomery District, is working extra on this district.

Bro. L. A. Vestal, one of our old-timers, back with us again working extra, is now at Nahunta.

Bro. J. W. Walker and Mr. Britt, formerly in Savannah, worked extra at Nahunta, during part of December and January.

Bro. R. C. Austin now third trick at Valdosta. Bro. A. S. O'Neal, formerly second trick at Nahunta, is relieving him at Boston.

The members at Waycross report that Bro. Williams, general secretary and treasurer, was there this month, but that he was not making any local stops. Understand he came in on the

A. B. & A. from Atlanta, and went South toward Jacksonville. We would like to see Bro. Williams over here again, as it is encouraging for us to have our officers come around and tell us what the Order is doing.

If the brothers will give Bro. Sasser notes of interest before the 20th of each month, he will send them to me, and we can have a pretty good write-up each month. We desire to show up in each issue of THE TELEGRAPHER during the year 1909, and if the information is forthcoming, we will do it.

There has not been a month during the year 1908, that there was not an application sent in from the Waycross District, which was due to two causes, one was that many new men came in without cards, and they were not allowed to rest until they showed where they stood. This policy, if continually pursued, will make our district solid. We propose keeping up just this line of work. Will members on other districts do likewise?  
GEORGIA CRACKER.

### Big Four Ry.

#### *Cincinnati and Sandusky Divisions—*

The first thing we wish to announce is that the meetings are now held in the Johnson Building, Springfield, instead of Dayton. Meet once a month; always the third Tuesday of each and every month.

This announcement is for the benefit of some of our brothers on the south end of the Cincinnati Division, who seem to be afraid to drift away from home and come out to the meetings and keep in touch with what is going on.

What is the matter with some of our brothers, any way. I was talking to a brother a few days ago and he did not know that we ever held a meeting. I am sorry to say, but that brother has been missing some good times for the past three or four months. Come out to the meetings and if we don't show you a good time for nothing and give you all you can eat, I will say Amen.

Our meeting last month was a very good one, still we could have accommodated more if they had not been afraid to come out. We had about thirty-five in attendance, and had a nice fish fry.

I understand that a Mr. Stickney and Bro. Lang, of "KD," were off for a few days, being relieved by a Mr. Butler. Unable to say if Mr. Butler has a card or not.

Mr. Withrow, our chief dispatcher, had twenty-five operators off Christmas Day.

We are all glad to know that Mr. Stewart has handed in his application. We can call him brother.

Bro. Rogers, of "YK," was off for a few days; relieved by Bro. Lyons.

Bro. Weber, first trick man at "YK," was called away from duty very suddenly on account of the death of his mother.

Bro. Shoeman, first trick at Silver Creek, Sandusky Division, has resumed duty after being off sick.

Another one of the Devore and Bozarth graduates tried a whirl at the real thing. He was sent to Galloway, and understand the dispatcher was unable to get him to answer his call, and as soon as Bro. Lyons was relieved at "YK," he was sent to Galloway. Suppose we have heard the last of the graduate for a while at least.

The operator and clerk at Bellecenter, Sandusky Division, has been discharged, and the agent has succeeded in having his daughter installed as operator and clerk; but this will have to be bulletined, and it is hoped that some good O. R. T. man will bid it in.

Understand that Bro. McNutt has been taken from Myers to "CD" for a few nights.

You brothers over close to Columbus get after those nons and backsliders and stir them up. I guess there are a few there.

Bro. Hayes, third trick at "Q," off for a few days on account of the sickness of his sister.

Bro. Franklin, third trick at Dayton yard, spent Christmas at Plattsburg with home folks, being relieved by Bro. Smith, of South Siding.

West End has been made a test office, testing with Cincinnati "C" office and Indianapolis "B" office, making a total of nineteen wires cut in at "WD."

The third trick, non, at Myers, relieved by Bro. J. B. McNutt.

Bro. Kever, of "MX," has resigned, some non fixing in.

Operator Butler was sent to "CD" Columbus to work third trick until further notice. Unable to say how he stands.

We have a man working here on this pike that says he is a friend of the O. R. T., but that it is not worth his while to join at this late date. Fine biz., this being friendly to the Order. They are all friendly when it comes to an O. R. T. hand-out. No card; you know the rest.

Another man won't join. Says the Grand officers are living off of such poor fools as him. Another case of *non compos mentis*. Wasn't it through the efforts of the O. R. T. that this man can enjoy his java and punk.

Now brothers, let's get together. Come out to the meetings and be friendly. Of course, we have some who are weak-kneed, but, as a whole, we have good men, and we must get together and come up to other divisions of the system. Be loyal to your organization. Keep your dues paid up and help to bring about thorough organization. To you who are members and delinquents: Do you consider that you are giving the balance of us a square deal? A word to the members: Resolve that you will get at least one member during the current term. You can do it. Let the membership get busy. Co-operate with each other, and you will see what united effort will amount to. The nons can not remain out if you go after them in a body. Don't give them a chance to back down. Boys, if they don't come across with the new card for 1909, run them off. Just so long as you allow yourself to be deprived of your rights of the contract, just so long will it be done, and

unless you handle the matter with the local chairman in accordance with the contract, these conditions will continue to exist. Your local chairman will be glad to take up cases for you if presented to him, but he can not handle your grievances unless you put the matter up to him in writing. No matter how hard your local chairman works, he can not make much of a showing unless he has the support of all.

Of course, it is understood that a man who has a bad record and gives poor service can not expect to be protected, but when he gives the best that is in him, and is sober and attentive to business, he can always get justice, if not from the lower officials, from the higher ones, to whom he has the right to appeal.

Now, brothers, you can not expect to see your name in print unless you let me know that you are alive. It is impossible to keep track of all of you, and by dropping me a short line you will assist me greatly.

The year 1909 closed with the Cincinnati-Sandusky Division holding her own. That is very good, considering the new men that have come to the road in the last year, and the panic. The year closed with three delinquents. Let us start the year 1909 with an up-to-date card, and every man put his shoulder to the wheel and help push the O. R. T. wagon up the hill. Let every man secure at least one new member during the current term. If you will do that, we can start the next term with a solid organization. Wouldn't that look nice, no nons on this division? And we can make it look that way if every man will lend his aid to the good work. Look at the schedules the S. P., C. & O., B. & O., and N. & W. have. It is because every man is a live worker. We can have as good or a better schedule than these roads if we will only follow their example. When you drop your union card, no matter what you make yourself believe, or what excuse you give to someone else, you have sold out. Brothers, don't drop your card. That won't get you anything. Keep it up-to-date. That's the way to get the O. R. T. dividends. Every telegrapher is wanted in the ranks to do battle for increased opportunities and better conditions. It's up to you to help get all the desirable ones into the fold. One man, nor a half dozen men can not keep the labor movement pushed to the front. It must have the support of all. When you approach a non and he hands you the hard luck yarn, pass it up. That's no excuse. A great many of the nons will say: "Oh, yes, I am a warm friend of the O. R. T." They have a mighty poor way of showing their friendship. Others will say: "Oh, yes, I am in sympathy with the boys." Their friendship and sympathy does not get us anything; it's their membership that we want. If there is a will, there is a way. Those that are not with us are against us; that's sure.

Would like to make mention here of the fraternal home for telegraphers. In the September, and also in the December TELEGRAPHER, is some correspondence from Bros. Nelms and Warrick in

regard to the home. I think that the O. R. T. should have a fraternal home, by all means. The old and disabled members should have some place to spend their last days on earth without going to the alms-house. Think every member in favor of the home should write Bro. Quick, asking him to put it up to the entire fraternity.

Don't overlook the nons, who are becoming too thick on this division, and all ready with the same old excuse as to why they can not come in.

Our last meeting was well attended and a great deal of interest manifested by all present, but as we have a large room, there was plenty of seats for those that could but did not come. Brothers, you should get out to the meetings. All make an individual effort and try to get there the third (3d) Tuesday night of each month. In that way you can keep in touch with each other and keep posted as to what is transpiring on the division.

Now, brothers, let me again urge you to pay up your dues, attend the meetings and send in some items, so we can have a nice write-up in *THE TELEGRAPHER* each month. A postal card only costs one cent. Let every brother on the division buy a postal card and send in an item to the division correspondent.

I wish to call your attention to the fact that I have written several members asking some information, but it seems that they were out of paper, pencils and ink, as they did not make any reply. It is to your own interest, as well as the entire membership, that you answer this correspondence.

Would like for every member bidding on any vacancies to send me a copy of your bid; also the names and addresses of any new men that come to the road; if members, their division number; and of any new members that you may secure.

Let's make the year 1909 a howling success.

Fraternally yours,

A. A. BRIGHT, L. C.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, God, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it best to remove from the family of our brother, E. E. Weber, his beloved mother; in manifestation of our grief, and fraternal sympathy for our brother and family; be it

*Resolved*, By the members of the Cincinnati and Sandusky Division of the C. C. C. & St. L. Railroad, System Division No. 138, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to the bereaved brother and family our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of affliction; be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy be spread on the minutes of the division, and a copy be sent to *THE TELEGRAPHER* for publication.

A. A. BRIGHT,

E. C. ROGERS,

O. O. DIBERT,

*Committee.*

#### *Chicago Division, East—*

At the present writing we have a great many new men, and am unable to say how the majority stand, but it seems that in some of them are men that have been out of work for some time, and on this account have been compelled to drop out of the Order, although all those I have talked to have promised to get in line immediately upon raising the price.

I certainly think that some of our confirmed nons would feel exceedingly ashamed of themselves to see the way some of these men are situated, and then the first thing they think of is the source from which they receive their living, although they have been out of work all the way from six months to a year, and yet the first thing they think of upon getting work is paying up, and these elegant robbers who have worked 365 days in the year since the beginning of time, and yet they can not afford the price to help support the only thing that enables them to get a meager living.

It certainly seems that it is impossible for any human being to be as dense as these old fellows, but, nevertheless, they continue to be boneheads. and I suppose will so continue until a scab hearse hauls them to the bone yard.

I understand that there was some misunderstanding on the part of one of our agents of one phrase in my write-up in the December journal. The phrase in question was this: "And not an agent on the division belongs to the Order." I tried to make clear, in the forepart of this article, that I was merely citing this part of the article, as an illustration, and it did not apply in any sense to any one division or the road. What I was getting at was that if the agents on any road wished legislation in a schedule it would be the proper thing to help support the Order, as it would not be just to the telegraphers to hold a committee up for an extra length of time in order to secure a schedule for the agents, when none of them belonged.

Beg to say that we have a few agents who see things in the proper light, and for the benefit of those brothers I beg to say that I think they have long heads in hanging on, for it is but a question of time until our efforts will reap results.

This is the place for each and every brother to show what is in him. It is impossible for your local chairman to keep track of all the new additions, so the only way to handle this part of the business is for each and every member to appoint himself a committee of one whenever a new man comes to your station, and find out if he is a brother or non. If he be a non, find out why. and then get busy overcoming his "why," and show him where he stands. This is the only way in the world that this condition can be handled successfully.

Now, brothers, instead of forgetting the Order except twice a year, that being at each due-paying time, please be awake to each and everything pertaining to your Order, and this phase of getting the new men is the most essential part of individual work.

We are very glad to see that business is increasing, and think, from all appearances, is about back to normal.

Sister Andrews, of "KI," reported seriously ill, although not thought dangerous.

Bro. Carter, of "CD," has been spending quite a little time with the old folks down in old Tennessee. Bro. Pinson relieving Bro. Carter.

Bro. Abbott, of Hyde, visiting friends in Indianapolis for a few days.

Bro. Barbe, of Newpoint, spent the latter part of December in Kansas, and states that while there met a very interesting brother at Mound Valley on the Frisco. So, brothers, you see where the social part of organization comes in. No matter where we go, we are not aliens in a foreign land.

Bro. Martin, of "BY," off for several days, owing to the very serious illness of Mrs. Martin's mother, but understand that she is greatly improved and trust that Bro. Martin may be able to resume work soon.

Bro. Kirby, of "RS," off New Year's day.

Bro. Rathburn, of "DA," we "13," may now be found in Wagoner, Okla., where he has purchased a nickelodeon, and we understand he is making a success of it.

If any brother has been left out, remember it is your fault and not mine, as I have pleaded with you with tears in my eyes as large as snow balls, trying to get you to furnish me items.

Bro. V. R. Bender, of Whitestown, will handle any items on the west end. So, brothers, in the land of snow and ice, please keep him posted.

I trust that at the next writing I may be able to report fifty new brothers.

W. O. BRINKMAN, *Local Chairman.*

#### *Indianapolis Division—*

Business on the bum. Where is that business boom and raise in salary they promised after election?

The general committee is called to meet at Hotel English, Indianapolis, January 20th. Very important business.

Student teaching seems to be quite a fad at a few offices through Indiana. Must be getting hard up out that way, and this is the way they repay the Order for the eight hours they got them, also the thanks the committee gets for their work in fighting a salary cut. But these people will be the first to holler.

All offices being bulletined and filled according to schedule.

Bro. Hoover, from the Wabash, visited his parents at Quincy over Christmas.

Bro. Newfarmer has taken a half interest in a grocery at Harrisonville.

Bro. Harry Miller has returned to that dear old Gretna.

Extend the glad hand to the new members who slowly but surely wake up to the fact that there is something doing.

Let us all lend a hand to those gallant martyrs for labor, Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison, and give freely.

GEE WHIZ.

#### *St. Louis Division, West of Mattoon—*

Bro. Cook off a couple of days; relieved by Operator Scarsdale.

Glad to know that we can call Mr. Fred Morgan, "WO," brother, as his papers went forward and he will have his card before this reaches the eyes of the brothers.

"SI" office is now open.

Bro. Henderson, Gays, second trick, bid in second trick at Twelfth street, Mattoon.

Everybody secure their new card, as time is about up. Only a few days in which to renew.

"SI" office is now open, with Operator Scarsdale workin first trick, Mr. Gillespie working second trick, and Bro. Stewartson working third trick.

Bro. Wycoff is back at work after a little sickness.

Upon Bro. Wycoff's return to work Operator Hart relieved ex-Bro. Welch, who, in turn, relieved Bro. Arkabaug, who bid in Livingston, first trick.

Bro. Mike Flemming is now working first trick at "KA," and Bro. Hamilton first trick at "DG."

Bro. Henderson, Gays, bid in Twelfth street, "DG." Bro. Henderson was relieved by Operator Fitzgerald.

First trick at Witt, first, second and third tricks at "SI," second trick at Lake View, second trick at Gays, first, second and third tricks at "HS," and second trick at Venice Crossing are on bulletin.

"HS" office is open again.

Bro. Jno. Cross is laying off at "JA;" relieved by Operator Glasgow.

Bro. Frasier, "RD," Hornsby, is back at work after a vacation of several weeks. Bro. Frasier was relieved by Mr. Glasgow. Cxrt. 668.

#### *Cleveland-Indianapolis Division—*

Bro. Fouts, second trick at Farmland, off a few days visiting in the West; relieved by Operator G. E. Connelly.

Operator Shepard, second trick at Taft, has bid in second trick at Raleigh.

Bro. Mann, from "SC," second trick, to Chesterfield, second trick.

Bro. Branam, third trick at Raleigh, relieved agent Backley at Ingalls, a few days.

Bro. O. L. Rickey, now working at Winchester, second trick, relieving Operator Stillwell.

Bro. Foster, third trick at Farmland, off for Xmas. Operator G. E. Connelly relieving him.

Bro. Jenkins, first trick at "M.U.," off a few days. Operator Shoffner relieved him.

Bro. Burkett has resigned, and gone to the B. & O.

Bro. O. F. Ricky has bid in second trick at Taft.

Bro. Fouts, second trick at Farmland, is off thirty days.

Operator R. D. Slagle is working third trick at Taft. Bro. Bright off for the holidays.

Bro. Roach, third trick, "BN" yard, off taking in the sights of the West. X. Y. Z.

#### *Cleveland Division—*

Bro. D. R. Stump spent a few days during the holidays visiting with relatives near Columbus.

Geo. McGinnis has been assigned second trick at Harper, and Mr. McCarthney, of Galion, third trick.

We have instructions effective January 1, 1909, that trains of inferior class can run ahead of trains of superior class, without the use of train Orders. To be governed by messages issued by the dispatcher.

Owing to the many vacancies, many nons are working at present. Brothers, wake up; get to work.

"DK" is bulletined, third trick, at this writing.

Mr. D. R. Roberts, agent at Rushsylvania, returned from his vacation, which he spent in Missouri. Bro. Eberhard resuming second trick, and Bro. W. B. Elliott, third trick.

May we all hope that we will be as progressive in the ensuing year as we have been in the past; and as a whole, thank the officers for their faithful labor and appreciation shown us.

We are glad to see so many up-to-date cards upon this division, and only trust we will be able to say in the near future, that this division is solid.

Before this is in print, we can have the pleasure of calling Mr. Cunningham, of Ridgeway, brother, which makes that office solid.

Any information concerning the whereabouts of former third trick Dispatcher J. J. Kelley, known as Buster, would be greatly appreciated by the boys, who through him tried to corner the egg and butter market. Think he is working for the I. & G. N. R. Write to L. M. Eberhard, Rushsylvania, O.

Bro. Titsworth, of La Rue, was off two nights; relieved by Operator Teipleles. Can not say whether he is a member or not.

Bro. Kimball has been working second trick at Harper, extra, since January 7th.

Agency at West View and second trick at Harper are now advertised.

When business is rather dull, and you have nothing to do, why not write an invitation to some non, and explain this matter to him (although it does not require much, as this work speaks for itself), and try to improve this division as a solid organization. There is more gained in this manner, than reading yellow-backs, or picking the banjo, to while the time away.

Bro. L. R. Reams was called to attend the funeral of his grandmother. O. E. Bishop relieving, second trick at Ridgeway. BILL-E.

#### **The Trinity & Brazos Valley Ry.**

Bro. N. B. Anderson, of Tomball, was off about ten days in December, with the grippe. He was relieved by Bro. G. W. Hawkins.

Bro. G. F. Barnsill, of Tomball, spent one of the holidays with home folks in Brenham.

Bro. C. E. Slater, of Tomball, was off a few days for Xmas; relieved by former Bro. J. L. Phillips.

Bro. J. L. Phillips is now holding down "Q" Venture, for steam shovel, days.

Bro. Rochelle, agent at Richards, has returned to his post after a two months' ramble.

Bro. Boyd, of Navarro, has also been off for a rest; relieved by a Mr. Burrelson. We hear that Bro. Boyd is back now.

Bro. C. C. Wheeler is again at Emhouse.

In my last write-up I made the statement that the agent at Streetman had an up-to-date card. This is an error on me. Remember our motto: No card, no favors.

Bro. Slaughter, of Ray Pit "RA," transferred to Corsicana second trick operator.

Bro. Crockett, of Gulch, has gone to Houston for a couple of days on some unknown business; relieved by Mrs. C. Smylie, of Normangee; in turn she was relieved by Bro. J. L. Phillips.

I guess all must be satisfied with starvation wages and fifteen hours a day under a nine-hour law. I, for one, am full of it, and I have been telegraphing only a very short time. Our future is what we make it, and if each one sits down and depends on the other fellow, then we are a "con-flamergasted" mess, without back-bone enough to stumble a gnat. Now, boys, I'm not going to send in anything next issue. I am not going to take it by force, but I do think it is time for some man with more experience to "butt in," as I have done, and let's have the doings of the line through the columns of the best, THE TELEGRAPHER.

CERTS. 0,033 and 2,146.

#### **Grand Rapids & Indiana Ry.**

##### *Southern Division—*

Our G. S. & T. Bro. M. Duncan, of Kalkaska, is very low with typhoid fever, and is not able to attend to the work just now. He has resigned the office, we hate this very much because Bro. Duncan is a good worker.

I understand Bro. Cox, of Pellston, has been elected to fill the vacancy left by Bro. Duncan. Bro. Cox is a fine man, with a perfect record, and no doubt will be a good G. S. & T. for our new system division.

Business is at a very high standard on this road, and a new night office has been opened at Wallen, twelve-hour job, for the small sum of \$47.50 per month.

A third trick man has been put on in "NS," Ft. Wayne, to assist the third trick dispatcher, and do message work in "NS." The position was given to Bro. Hoenstein, first trick man at "BU," Vicksburg.

Bro. Sines, from second trick at Waspei, to first trick at Vicksburg.

Bro. Long, from second trick at "SK," LaOtto, to second trick "SI," Wasepi, and Bro. Schugg, from extra list to second trick at LaOtto.

Bro. Willard and Bro. Bentz, at "DR," Sturgis, have changed tricks. Bro. Willard now on first trick and Bro. Bentz on third trick.

Mr. W. R. Howard transferred from "PO," Portland, nights, to Kalamazoo, "Z" office, second trick.

Bro. Myers and Bro. Swank, at "GR," La Grange, both working nine-hours. The agent, Mr. Seeb, is so kind as to offer to do enough work on the wire to keep the boys from getting a third trick man; he also has a dummy instrument rigged up in the office, and thinks it is real mean of Bro. Myers and Bro. Swank, because they don't teach his student.

Bro. E. E. Robinson, better known as "Smoke," was called to Ft. Wayne, and appointed day operator at "RN" cabin, Kalamazoo, but has not yet taken up the work.

Bro. O. O. Miller, agent at Lima, who is our local chairman, is working thirteen hours every day for the company, says he has very little time left to work on his duties as local chairman, but will do all he can for us. Let us thank him for that, and work to help him.

We still have some nons South of Ft. Wayne. Hope they will get in line and work with us now, when we need them the worst. We expect to have a schedule soon, and the nons should be ashamed if they don't help us get it.

Div. Cor.

### Pennsylvania Ry.

#### *Allegheny Division—*

Bro. A. L. Ritchey has returned to duty at third trick, Ford City, after an extended absence, due to sickness.

Bro. J. A. Harding has been appointed agent at Fuller, his trick at New Bethlehem being up for bids. Temporarily filled by Bro. Hodge.

Bro. F. L. Ditty has resumed duty at Mosgrove, after being off a month or more on account of an operation for appendicitis.

Sister M. E. Yost has returned to duty at Sabula after a short leave of absence; relieved by Bro. E. J. Stanley.

Bro. A. T. Conley was off duty a few days recently on account of sickness; relieved by Mr. C. E. Hovis.

Bro. M. C. Brubaker was off several days the latter part of January; relieved by Bro. E. C. Campbell.

Bro. Harry Knapp, a new arrival on the division, put in a few days in "BN" Pittsburg, extra, on account of shortage of men in that office, due to sickness.

At this writing there are still ten of our men on the delinquent list. It is to be regretted that any of the boys are so short-sighted as to fail to see that there is no hope for the telegrapher ex-

cept by thorough organization. To those of you who chance to read these few lines I would say that if you are satisfied to let others bear the expense of running the organization, there is little to be said, but should conditions become worse in the future, you have no one to blame but yourselves; you have all been given a chance to make good, in fact, your local chairman has written each of you no less than three times, and you have not even shown him the courtesy of a reply; if for any reason you are unable to pay your dues, the division is always glad to carry you over until such time as you can repay them; but when you ignore all communications sent you, there is nothing to be done, and in order that all members may know "who's who," there will be published in the March issue the names of all who have been dropped for non-payment of dues on this division.

The meetings held at Kittanning are proving a big success, if the attendance is any evidence. They will be continued monthly, as long as there is a disposition on the part of the members to attend. It might be well to say that all telegraphers are welcome at these gatherings, the object being to talk over matters of mutual interest, to promote our welfare by exchanging views and experiences. Nothing of a secret nature is discussed, for the reason that we are doing business in the open; we have nothing to hide, nothing to be ashamed of, and all our actions are along peaceable and honorable lines. We are a law-abiding lot of men and women, with due regard for the rights of others.

Applications are coming in again at a rapid rate and quite a large number of the members on this division are entitled to a place on the honor roll. Is your name there? Why not?

We wish to call all the members' attention to the extra operator, Mr. A. T. Kernick. This operator is teaching telegraphy at Hoofs' Business College, Warren, Pa., at the rate of twenty dollars per month, with his tuition.

BRIGHAM.

#### *Chant Division—*

"N" tower, Jamestown Junction, has been reopened as a block station, with Mr. Cook on first trick, Mr. Cole second trick, and Mr. Barrett third trick. Messrs. Cook and Barrett are the same men that worked at this point before it was abandoned as a block office by the P. R. R., Mr. Cole being formerly second trick operator at Prospect. We "13" that these men are employed by the J. C. & L. E. Ry.

Mr. L. D. Reynolds is working third trick at Sherman. He relieved Bro. B. S. Taylor, who is now employed by the Erie R. R.

December bulletin: Second trick at "BC" tower, third tricks at Salamanca, Quaker Bridge, Vandalia and Clymer.

We "13" that Bro. C. W. Trick, second trick at "BC" tower, has bid in third trick there, and that Bro. J. F. Faircross, third trick, has taken



second trick. Can not say who bid in the rest of the jobs.

Telephone block office, call "SY," was placed in service at Siverly on January 7th, and block system extended from Reckmore to Siverly.

Bro. F. J. O'Connor, second trick at Spartansburg, was off a few days; relieved by Mr. Bryant.

Bro. W. E. Sipson, third trick at Spartansburg, was off a few nights; relieved by Mr. Bryant.

Bro. Harry Lytle, second trick at "NB" tower, was off a few days; relieved by Bro. Kirkpatrick.

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#### *Buffalo Division—*

The regular meeting was well attended, more would have been present, but on account of sickness several members unable to show up.

Several changes made on account of operators bidding in jobs which were up for bid, but unable to give you the proper information. Nobody ever sends in the news. It is a case of everybody keeping "mum."

Please send \$4 to Ed Bronold for your dues.

Bro. Polya, third trick at "GD," worked third trick at Delevan a few nights. Bro. Polya was relieved by his wife at "GD."

Bro. Black, third trick at Protection, attended the Elk's hall at Buffalo; relieved by Bro. Hixon.

Bro. D. F. Cashman, first trick at Chaffee, off a few days on account of his father's illness; relieved by Bro. Hixon. CERT. 23.

#### *P. & N. W.—*

Now that we are settled down for another year's work, let us put on our studying caps and go over what has been accomplished. A little less than a year ago the nine-hour law became effective. What did the telegraphers do towards keeping what they had previous to that time (March 1, 1908)? Quite a number of the boys on this line had one and some of them more than one student. Some seemingly staunch organization men weakened just at the time when they should have remained firm, and what are the results? All straight day and night offices that were getting \$60.50 per (which was the P. & N. W.'s minimum) were cut to \$54.45 per. All-day offices only were left at \$60.50. Can you see the cause? During February, 1908, the question was asked, How many students have you and what are their names? Some few months previous to February the question was often asked the operators and agent-telegraphers, "Have you a student?" Answer: "No." Command: "Get one at once." It was then you could tell what kind of stuff the telegrapher was made out of, whether he was O. R. T. or not.

The result is now apparent, viz., the division operator had enough applications from students on this line to man every block office on the division, and had three or four left to do the extra work.

The great number of students on the line resulted in the wages being cut. The B. R. & P. Ry. had no students and so reported. The telegraphers' wages were not cut. The N. Y. C. tele-

raphers had very few, so they say. Their wages were not cut.

Now, where does the blame lay, on you or on me? Had you or have you a student? Then answer the question yourself.

We "13" Bro. A. E. List is chairman for Division No. 86 on the P. & N. W.

Let every brother that reads these lines get to work and bring in at least one name for proposal. If you can not get one of the new men, get a backslider. Plenty of either kind.

Bro. Williams, first trick at La Jose, was off a few days recently; relieved by Mr. Harbor, a brother of our old "pal," Joe, at Noona.

Bro. Harbor, the twelve-hour man at Irvona, was off a few days last week; relieved by Mr. Bratton, extra agent.

Bro. Harvey, first trick at "DR" block, was off for a week during December; relieved by Mr. Harbor.

Hoping that all get hold of at least one non, I will ring off. Ask Bro. Hall for application blanks, if you need any. Coa.

#### **Delaware & Hudson Ry.**

##### *Champlain Division—*

Business has picked up a bit on the main line in the past few months, and at present the Chateaugay Branch is very busy.

The south-bound and north-bound sleepers have been running in two sections for a week or so lately, on account of heavy travel.

Bro. and Mrs. Clingman, of Whallonsburgh, visited the Capitol City a few days.

Do not forget to send the correspondent some notes, so our division will be represented each month.

On account of the storm our meeting for January was not attended by a big crowd, but the February meeting will make up for the absence.

Bro. P. W. Whyland was nominated for local chairman on the Champ. Division. Ballots will be counted long before this is out, and I hope he is elected, for "KS" has the ability to represent us in a creditable manner.

Bros. Kemp and Keeley represented Division No. 122 at the meeting of Division No. 78 in January, and extended an invitation to all to attend our election of officers, February 19th, at Whitehall.

Requests for application blanks are coming in already from the students of Prof. May's school, but they are not eligible under one year's service. It is good to see them ask, for, apparently, those who have been out working on the line, realize that a telegrapher's position is not so nice as it is painted, and their eyes are opening to the thing that will give them better conditions, etc.

In this respect I wish to call the attention to membership and those who neglected to keep up-to-date, that surely if you lose all interest in the Order, and do not take an active part in all its procedures, you will regret it later. I ask all who have dropped out within the last year to come back and push with the rest. Our chief sent

notices out with the notices for dues calling attention to our good schedule, and if we want to add new benefits we must stay in and get the nons, if any. Division No. 122 was nearly 100 per cent strong, but the last half of the year some got careless and let their dues lapse.

Bro. Snow, Whitehall, has his hands full now, doing the transfer booking.

I wonder if they are not going to hire any clerks in the future, or if telegraphers will fill the demand.

All stations are being equipped with the new tariff cases, which your writer finds to be very handy and useful, and, by the way, they are to examine them every six months. So let us keep them in proper shape, and see if we can not get credit from the freight department. As a rule, the telegrapher does the billing, and we certainly needed something to keep up-to-date. I understand the "in" tariffs will be taken care of about March.

The storm of January 17th came suddenly upon us and if we are not paid up with our Mutual Benefit Department, probably death will come the same way, and where do you stand, brothers, paid or unpaid.

Quite a number from the R. & W. Division attended our banquet and election of officers. Will give you the good news from the meeting in March TELEGRAPHER.

Appreciate our brother, "Cert. 25," for helping me out this month, and hope all will take a hand in sending something, no matter how small.

Yours in S. O. and D.,

CORRESPONDENT.

### The Twin City Telegraphers' Club.

Again we are obliged to announce no meeting held the past month. As there have been a number asking the date of our next meeting, one will be arranged for soon.

Bro. Mack, who has been billing clerk in the transfer shed at Northtown Junction, was let out on account of a reduction in forces, has departed to his home at Boise, Idaho.

Bro. Lapham spent a few days at Chicago, attending the motorcycle show at that place; also spent a couple of days at Anoka lately.

Bro. Richard's wife had the misfortune to break one of her arms as the result of a fall during the recent cold snap.

The Short Line towermen underwent a rigid examination in eye and ear. Understand all were successful.

Bro. Foulkes spent a week at Whitewater and Barneveld, Wis., on account of the death of a sister, following an operation at the Rochester hospital.

The new cards are being distributed and members can obtain them by either calling on or writing our secretary.

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### Dixie Twin Order Telegraphers' Club.

Plans are rapidly being made and consummated for the entertainment of the delegates to the seventh biennial and seventeenth regular session of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, which meets in Atlanta on May 10th. The committees are hard at work, and by the time May rolls around everything will be ready to touch the button and put the machinery of both the convention and the entertainment of delegates into motion.

At the meeting on January 9th, many important matters were taken up, badges selected and ordered, and plans laid for the furthering of preparations.

One very notable speech was made by Bro. Henry Morris, and which all might well take to heart. In substance, he said, that the next few years would be the hardest struggle that the Order would ever have, inasmuch as all organized capital had arrayed themselves against organized labor, and that the railroads would be the first ones to bear the brunt of this condition. He urged that every division elect men whom they were confident would come to the convention and work with determination. He also asked that every general chairman would impress it upon each delegate after elected, that upon his shoulders rested a more important duty than has ever before rested upon any delegate.

Convention funds are rapidly pouring in, the A. C. L. Ry., G. S. & F. Ry., Southern Ry., Seaboard, Central of Georgia, A. B. & A. Ry. and others having already turned in to the secretary-treasurer a part of these funds.

**Any railroad in the South, or any member in the South, who wishes to add to the Convention Fund for the entertainment of delegates will communicate with the Secretary-Treasurer, or remit direct to her any funds on hand for this purpose, addressing her as follows:**

**MRS. E. B. SMITH, Sec.-Treas.,  
Dixie Twin Order Telegraphers' Club,  
P. O. Box 716, Atlanta, Ga.**

All those who can possibly make arrangements to be present at the March meeting, March 13th, should do so, as many matters of importance will then be taken up, and the local committee would like to have suggestions from all the members possible. The meeting will be called at 7:30 p. m., at Federation Hall, 14½ North Forsyth street, in Hall No. 3. If you will drop the secretary a card that you will be there the local committee will see some one is detailed to meet your train.

PRESS COMMITTEE.

### Key City Telegraphers' Club.

On Saturday night, November 28th, the members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, employed by the four roads entering Dubuque, Iowa, held a special meeting in the G. A. R. Hall, in that city, for the purpose of organizing a Telegraphers' Club, for the purpose of bringing the

members closer together, creating a more fraternal spirit and as a means of furthering the work of more thorough organization. General Chairman C. A. Mulhall, general secretary and treasurer; R. L. Shannon, of Division No. 93, and First Vice-President J. A. Newman, were present, and Bro. Newman presided at the meeting. Officers were elected, and were installed with due ceremony by Bro. Newman, with the assistance of Bros. Mulhall and Shannon. The club will be known as the "Key City Telegraphers' Club." Regular monthly meetings will be held in G. A. R. Hall at Dubuque, and all members in good standing are cordially invited to attend.

The first meeting of the club was held on the evening of December 19th; a good crowd was present, and a very interesting meeting held. Questions of interest were discussed, among which was the question of dispatching trains with the telephone as compared with the telegraph, and everybody present enjoyed the meeting immensely. A neat postal card notice has been gotten out, and all brothers in good standing on the C. B. & Q. of the La Crosse Division; C. G. W. and C. M. & St. P. and Illinois Central, Dubuque Divisions will receive due notice of each meeting in ample time to allow them to arrange to attend.

CHIEF TELEGRAPHER.





## NOTICE

A. L. Park, Cert. 4876, Grand Division, was expelled from the Order for conduct unbecoming a member.

## MUTUAL BENEFIT DEPARTMENT.

Assessment No. 119 is due FEB. 1, 1909.

Time for payment expires MAR. 31, 1909.

### AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS.

On \$ 300 00 (Series A).....	20 cents each
On 500 00 (Series B).....	30 cents each
On 1,000 00 (Series C).....	60 cents each

### BENEFITS PAID DURING JANUARY, 1909.

CLAIM No.	NAME.	CAUSE.	DIV.	CHRT. No.	SERIES.	AMT.
748..	Joseph M. Shorshell..	Tuberculosis.....	Grand..	17329..	B..	\$ 400 00
760..	Mrs. Louise Kennedy..	Tuberculosis Pulmonalis.....	32..	17514..	C..	1,000 00
792..	Wm. LeCorre.....	Cancer Intestines.....	26..	7915..	C..	1,000 00
802..	William F. Carroll....	Acute Pulmonary Tuberculosis..	35..	23288..	C..	1,000 00
826..	Wm. H. Rosa.....	Struck by Train.....	23..	8390..	A..	300 00
827..	Peter Smith.....	Cancer of Larynx.....	8..	25808..	A..	300 00
828..	Deloss E. Webb.....	Tuberculosis.....	Grand..	12203..	B..	500 00
829..	Michael W. Clifford..	Valvular Disease of the Heart...	20..	27256..	A..	300 00
830..	J. R. Miller.....	Chronic Pulmonary Tuberculosis	52..	13882..	B..	500 00
831..	Augustus S. Barnes ..	Heart Failure.....	59..	6532..	C..	1,000 00
832..	W. A. Schramm .....	Pulmonary Tuberculosis .....	126..	16549..	B..	500 00
833..	Louis N. Faulkner....	Tuberculosis.....	1..	4249..	B..	500 00
834..	W. R. Bratton .....	Apoplexy causing Paralysis.....	119..	16861..	C..	1,000 00
835..	J. B. Shore.....	Typhoid Fever.....	34..	21491..	C..	1,000 00
836..	Chas. E. Gingery....	Tubercular Abscess .....	33..	20464..	A..	300 00
837..	C. J. Ryan.....	Typhoid .....	7..	15239..	B..	500 00
838..	Arthur M. Gray.....	Paralysis .....	Grand..	3989..	C..	1,000 00
839..	Chas. C. Hamlin.....	Typhoid Pneumonia.....	21..	14133..	B..	500 00
841..	Austin C. Hayden ...	Mitral Insufficiency.....	65..	1279..	B..	500 00
844..	Robert D. Ecker.....	Carcinoma of Stomach .....	43..	18592..	B..	500 00
845..	Walter T. Hancock....	Tuberculosis .....	5..	5879..	B..	500 00
846..	Elliott B. Dyer .....	Asthma and Rapid Tuberculosis.	33..	10547	C..	1,000 00

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MORTUARY FUND.

#### RECEIPTS.

Received on Assessment Account to December 31, 1908.....	\$716,089 02
Received on Assessment Account January, 1909.....	22,992 47
	<b>\$739,081 49</b>

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

Death Claims paid to December 31, 1908.....	\$480,881 47
Death Claims paid in January .....	14,100 00
Assessments refunded, account rejected applications.....	1,132 96
Assessments transferred to dues.....	193 73
Cash on hand to credit Mortuary Fund, January 31, 1909.....	242,773 33
	<b>\$739,081 49</b>

L. W. QUICK,  
Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

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### ADVERTISING.

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# DIVISION DIRECTORY.

GRAND DIVISION—Attached membership not confined to any particular railroad or territory. H. B. Perham, President, St. Louis, Mo.; L. W. Quick, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, St. Louis, Mo.

No. 1—Division covers the Grand Trunk Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Bell, Gen'l Chairman, Callander, Ontario; D. L. Shaw, Gen'l S. & T., 769 King st., London, Ont.

No. 2, ST. LOUIS, MO.—Meets first and third Mondays each month at 8 p. m., Small Hall, South Side, 3d floor Masonic Temple (Odeon Building), Grand and Finney aves., St. Louis, Mo. L. W. Quick, Chief Telegrapher, 7th floor, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.; J. W. La Fever, S. & T., 3940a St. Louis ave., St. Louis, Mo.

No. 3, HARRISBURG, PA.—Meets 1st Thursday each month in Mauk's Hall, corner 6th and Keller sts., Harrisburg, Pa., and at some point on Middle Division, P. R. R., 3d Thursday evening each month at 7 p. m. J. S. Leyder, Chief Tel., Thompsettown, Pa.; B. H. Saltsman, S. & T., 76 N. 18th st., Harrisburg, Pa.

No. 5—Division covers the Kansas City Southern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. Munea, Gen'l Chairman, Hume, Mo. W. W. Slaughter, Gen'l S. & T., Hume, Mo.

No. 6—Division covers the Union Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. L. Stump, Gen'l Chairman, Box 40, Denver, Colo.; John H. Hughey, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Box 294, Junction City, Kan.

No. 7—Division covers the Canadian Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. District No. 4, H. B. Spencer's section

meets fourth Friday of each month. G. D. Robertson, Gen'l Chairman, 141 Dunn ave., Toronto, Ont., Can.; G. S. Morris, Gen'l S. & T., 721 Eleventh st., Brandon, Man.

No. 8—Division covers New York Central Ry. M. G. Woolley, Gen'l Chairman, 155th st. and Eighth ave., New York; A. E. Blim, Gen'l S. & T., Chili Station, N. Y. Hudson Div.—Meets 3d Tuesday of each month at 8:30 p. m., in G. A. R. Hall, 27 Garden st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. J. B. West, Local Chairman, 11 Thompson st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Western Div.—Meets 3d Saturday evening in July, Oct., Jan. and April, at North Tonawanda, N. Y.; March, June, September and December, at Rochester, N. Y.; February, May, August and November, at Syracuse, N. Y. Mohawk Div.—Meets on 3d Wednesday each month, at 7:30 p. m., in the Fonda Court House, at Fonda, N. Y. C. F. Loring, Local Chairman, Nelliston, N. Y. Harlem Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Fall Brook Div.—Meets 3d Tuesday evening each month at 8 p. m., Odd Fellows' Hall, East Erie ave., Corning, N. Y. R. R. McInroy, Local Chairman, Middlebury Center, Pa. Electric Zone—Between tower 7, King's Bridge, and "VO" tower, Mt. Vernon to 56th st.—Meets 3d Wednesday of each month at 8:30 p. m., Colonial Building, Rooms 44, 67 and 69 West 125th st., New York City. Every third meeting a day meeting at 10 a. m. E. Neumuller, Local Chairman, 136 W. 167th st., New York City. H. R. Vernon, Assistant Local Chairman, representing G. C. Terminal. Chas. Armitage in charge of Station Agents, 125th st. Station, New York City. September meeting will be a day meeting at 10 a. m., and every third meeting thereafter will be a day meeting.

- No. 9, LANCASTER, PA.—Meets third Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Central Labor Union Hall, 2d floor, No. 22 South Queen st., Lancaster, Pa. W. W. Shope, Jr., Chief Telegrapher, 1429 Zarker st., Harrisburg, Pa.; A. B. Hambright, S. & T., Landisville, Pa.
- No. 12, SUNBURY, PA.—Meets third Monday in months of Jan., March, May, July, Sept. and Nov., at 8 p. m., and in months of Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. and Dec., at 10 a. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall, S. W. corner Market and 3d sts., Sunbury, Pa. Bruce McCracken, Chief Tel., Riverslide, Pa.; W. D. Grant, S. & T., 225 Fairmount ave., Sunbury, Pa.
- No. 14—Division covers the Norfolk & Western Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. E. Layman, Gen'l Chairman, Troutville, Va.; T. H. Lankford, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 11, Cloverdale, Va.
- No. 15, OTTAWA, ONT.—Meets subject to call of Chief Telegrapher at Ottawa, Ont. G. W. Shepherd, Chief Tel., Alexandria, Ont.; D. Robertson, S. & T., Glen Robertson, Ont.; D. Robertson and G. W. Shepherd, Legislative Representatives.
- No. 16—Division covers the Michigan Central Railroad. Meets 3d Monday each month at 7:30 p. m., Prismatic Hall, 140 First st., Detroit, Mich. J. C. Culkins, Gen'l Chairman, Albion, Mich.; J. H. Staley, Gen'l S. & T., Falls View, Ont.
- No. 17, BALTIMORE, MD.—Meets 1st and 3d Wednesday of each month at Old Town Bank Building, 3d floor, Baltimore, Md. Wm. M. Skinner, Chief Tel., 2224 E. Oliver st., Baltimore, Md.; Daniel L. Koller, S. & T., Hartford road and West Erdman ave., Baltimore, Md.
- No. 18—Division covers the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. M. Mulcahy, Gen'l Chairman, 33 Courtney st., Dunkirk, N. Y.; C. F. Mayer, Gen'l S. & T., 6816 Lawn ave., Cleveland, Ohio.
- No. 20—Division covers the New York, Ontario & Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Guy Cochran, Gen'l Chairman, Kingston, N. Y.; H. D. Pfoor, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 114, Jermy, Pa.; M. E. Eccleston, Local Chairman, Southern Division, Port Jervis, N. Y.; T. E. Nealon, Local Chairman, Scranton Division, Archbald, Pa.; C. F. Ingersoll, Local Chairman, Northern Division, Guilford, N. Y.; C. E. Downie, Asst. Local Chairman, Southern Division, Summitville, N. Y.; J. D. Foote, Assistant Local Chairman, Southern Division, Cooks Falls, N. Y.
- No. 21—Division covers the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. F. Stenger, Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D., No. 3, Miamisburg, Ohio; A. C. Bushaw, Gen'l S. & T., 55 Samuel st., Dayton, Ohio.
- No. 22—Division covers the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad System, R. J. Clark, Gen'l S. & T., Arbo, Miss.
- No. 23—Division covers the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Milwaukee Terminal meetings held subject to call of Local Chairman. O. W. Renshaw, Gen'l Chairman, 2 West 14th st., Minneapolis, Minn.; G. E. Soyster, Gen'l S. & T., 1554 Bever ave., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- No. 24, WILLIAMSPORT, PA.—Meets 2d Friday evening of each month in Red Men's Hall, 112 West Fourth st., Williamsport, Pa., and 4th Friday of each month in A. O. H. Hall, Lock Haven, Pa. Thos. R. Hepler, Chief Tel., 423 Park ave., Williamsport, Pa.; J. N. Sponsler, S. & T., 935 Erie ave., Williamsport, Pa.
- No. 25—Division covers the International & Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. H. Stanton, Gen'l Chairman, Rockdale, Tex.; R. B. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., Jewett, Tex. J. O. Edington, Local Chairman, Tyler, Tex. I. L. Wood, Local Chairman, Otto, Tex. L. H. Hungate, Local Chairman Marquez, Texas.
- No. 26, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Sunday each month at 3 p. m., 2744 8th ave., New York City. F. J. Ryan, Chief Tel., 228 W. 141st st., New York; A. L. MacBain, S. & T., 2744 Eighth ave., New York City.
- No. 27—Division covers the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad System. Meets on the 15th of each month in the Mayor's office, at Green Castle, Ind. C. H. Wilson, Gen'l Chairman, Smithsboro, Ill.; C. R. Shortridge, Gen'l S. & T., Coatesville, Ind.
- No. 29, NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Meets 1st Friday of each month at 8 p. m., in Red Men's Hall, 48 Church st., cor. Crown, New Haven, Conn. L. H. Dowd, Chief Tel., 47 Division st., Danbury, Conn.; G. F. McCormick, S. & T., 93 Main st., West Haven, Conn.
- No. 31—Division covers the Missouri Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. L. M. Nance, Gen'l Chairman, 3659 Russell ave., St. Louis, Mo.; W. M. Holman, Gen'l S. & T., 7210 Pennsylvania ave., St. Louis, Mo.
- No. 32—Division covers the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. C. G. Kelso, Gen'l Chairman, 1368 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.; J. E. McQuade, Gen'l S. & T., 1368 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.
- No. 33—Division covers the Baltimore & Ohio Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. E. N. Van Atta, Gen'l Chairman, Box 36, Newark, O.; W. Edgar Frasier, Gen'l

- S. & T., 814 W. 9th st., Wilmington, Del. Philadelphia Division meets in the hall at Cowenton, Md., 3d Wednesday evening of every other month, at 8 p. m., and meets in Landis Hall, 63d and Woodland ave., Philadelphia, Pa., 3d Saturday evening of every other month, commencing Saturday, September 19th, at 8 p. m. Thus alternating between Cowenton and Philadelphia, Pa., every other meeting. C. W. Hill, Folsom, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District of Baltimore Division meets on second Wednesday evening of each month, at 8 p. m., at 609 Fremont ave., near Franklin st., Baltimore, Md. C. B. Pierce, 2021 Eighth st., Walbrook, Baltimore, Md., Local Chairman. Western District of the Baltimore Division meets third Friday of January, April, July and October, at Woodstock, Md., at 8 p. m.; third Friday of February, August and November, at Washington Junction, Md., at 8 p. m., and third Friday of March, June, September and December, at Washington Junction, Md., at 11 a. m. D. M. Wright, Jr., Brunswick, Md., Local Chairman. Pittsburg Division, River, Pike and P. & W. District, meets every third Thursday night of each month at Hotel Wilson, No. 10 Smithfield st., Pittsburg, Pa.; W. C. Safford, 515 Washington st., McKeesport, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District, J. T. Williams, Mars, Pa.; Local Chairman. Western District, Cleveland Division, meets on third Monday of each month in Snyder's Hall, Exchange st., Massillon, Ohio. G. H. McCoy, 92 Wooster st., Massillon, Ohio, Local Chairman. Chicago Division meets on third Wednesday night of each month in Red Men's Hall, Defiance, Ohio. O. J. Prouse, 550 College ave., Fostoria, Ohio, Local Chairman Eastern District; A. P. Webster, Kimmell, Ind., Local Chairman, Western District. Newark Divisions, including all its subdivisions and branches, will hereafter meet in Newark on the third Monday of each month. The meetings will be held alternately in the afternoon and evening, beginning with an evening meeting on December 21st.
- No. 34—Division covers the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. V. Phillips, Gen'l Chairman, Wellington, Ill.; S. M. Rittenhouse, Gen'l S. & T., Sidell, Ill.
- No. 35, PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month in Swarts Lodge, Odd Fellow's Hall, 96 Westminster st., Providence, R. I. David M. Callis, Chief Tel., Touisset, Mass.; R. A. Brown, S. & T., 75 Cedar ave., Riverside, R. I.
- No. 36—Division covers the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburg. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. W. Burch, Gen'l S. & T., 319 Atlanta ave., Tuxedo Park, St. Louis, Mo.
- No. 37, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Meets 2d Friday evening each month, 8 p. m., Bank's Hall, over postoffice, New Rochelle, N. Y. F. J. Maher, Chief Tel., Harlem River station, New York, N. Y.; Jos. A. Hannan, S. & T., P. O. Box 140, Rye, N. Y.
- No. 38, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Meets 3d Saturday each month, 8 p. m., at 33 Lyman st., Springfield, Mass. Art. O. Betters, Chief Tel., 216 Summer st., Springfield, Mass.; John R. Cardinal, S. & T., Box 1417 Springfield, Mass.
- No. 39—Division covers the Pere Marquette Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Knister, Gen'l Chairman, Coatsworth, Ont.; Charles I. Mead, Gen'l S. & T., Smyrna, Mich.
- No. 40—Division covers Chesapeake & Ohio Railway System. A. W. Holmes, Gen'l Chairman, Lowell W. Va.; J. W. Kiser, Gen'l S. & T., Guyandotte, W. Va.; A. W. Holmes, chairman, Allegheny & Greenbrier Districts, Lowell, W. Va.; J. W. Kiser, chairman Huntingtoff Division, Guyandotte, W. Va.; C. D. McGehee, chairman Peninsula & Piedmont Districts, 2803 E. Clay st., Richmond, Va.; L. G. White, chairman Rivanna District, Warren, Va.; D. H. Scott, chairman James River District, Big Island, Va.; L. E. Hicks, chairman Mountain District, Craigsville, Va.; G. N. Hancock, chairman New River District, Montgomery, W. Va.; H. O. Irwin, chairman Lexington & Big Sandy Districts, Olympia, Ky.; J. W. Mathewson, chairman Cincinnati District, Vanceburg, Ky. Meets subject to call of chairman.
- No. 41, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 2d Saturday night each month, Engineers' Hall, 164 Canal st., Boston, Mass. T. J. Fogarty, Chief Tel., 71 Clarendon ave., West Somerville, Mass.; John A. Tuck, S. & T., upper station, Wakefield, Mass.
- No. 42—Division covers the Erie Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Joint meetings of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions will be held at Warren, Ohio, corner Park ave. and Market st., every third Saturday of each month. Frank N. Hall, Gen'l Chairman, 35 Clinton st., Salamanca, N. Y.; C. L. Bridge, Gen'l S. & T., Deposit, N. Y.
- No. 43—Division covers Canadian Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. E. J. Willis, Gen'l Chairman, Roland, Man.; E. G. Skelding, Gen'l S. & T., 531 Victor st., Winnipeg, Man.
- No. 44, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Fraternity Hall, 22-24 Harriman ave., Jamaica, N. Y.; C. B. Van Nostrand, Chief Tel., 31 Aberdeen st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. F. Heller, S. & T., 1441 Bushwick ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

- No. 45, WOODSVILLE, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., K of P. Hall, Woodsville, N. H. B. C. Berry, Chief Tel., South Barton, Vt.; F. P. Learned, S. & T., Box 553, Woodsville, N. H.
- No. 46—Division covers the Central of Georgia Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. H. Livsey, Gen'l Chairman, East Point, Ga. O. S. Travis, Gen'l S. & T., Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. System meetings held at O. R. C. Hall, Macon, Ga., subject to call of General Chairman. Macon Division meets with Dixie Club, Federation Hall, Atlanta, Ga., every second Saturday night; O. S. Travis, Local Chairman, Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. Savannah Division meets at Macon, Ga., subject to call of Local Chairman, J. E. Boyd, R. F. D., No. 4, Macon, Ga. Chattanooga Division meets at La Fayette, Ga., every second Sunday; Local Chairman, W. D. Stewart, La Fayette, Ga. Southwestern Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman T. J. Mills, Smithville, Ga. Columbus Division meets at Opelika, Ala., subject to call of Local Chairman A. H. Warlich, Opelika, Ala.
- No. 47, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., at B. I. S. Hall, Charlottetown, P. E. I. A. D. Lawson, Chief Tel., Hunters River, P. E. I.; J. J. Trainor, S. & T., Bedford Station, P. E. I.
- No. 48—Division covers the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton and Ann Arbor Railways. Meets subject to call of chairman. H. J. Tobin, Gen'l Chairman, 315 E. Exchange st., Owosso, Mich.; A. F. Weast, Gen'l S. & T., 930 Oak st., Springfield, Ohio.
- No. 49—Division covers the Denver & Rio Grande Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. H. Wasson, Gen'l Chairman, Amethyst, Colo.; F. W. Aiken, Gen'l S. & T., Cotopaxi, Colo.
- No. 50—Division covers the Georgia Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. W. Duffy, Gen'l Chairman, James, Ga.; W. P. Hubert, Gen'l S. & T., Crawfordsville, Ga.
- No. 51—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Erie Railway System. Meets fourth Thursday of each month, in Eagle's Hall, Greenville, Pa. C. V. Patton, General Chairman, Keister, Pa.; W. B. Risley, Gen'l S. & T., 96 Marshal st., Conneaut, Ohio.
- No. 52, PITTSBURG, PA.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturday evening each month at 8 p. m., at 204 Fifth ave., 3d floor, Pittsburg, Pa. J. J. Standley, Chief Tel., 3508 Mellwood ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; H. K. Klingensmith, Secretary, 243 Grandview ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; C. C. Campbell, Treasurer, 605 Arlington ave., Pittsburg, Pa.
- No. 53—Division covers the Southern Pacific Railway Lines. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. H. Lester, Gen'l Chairman, Weimar, Tex.; D. W. Koppikus, Gen'l S. & T., 1220 12th ave., East Oakland, Cal.
- No. 54—Division covers the Northern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Sam Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, North Branch, Minn.; I. N. Holmes, Gen'l S. & T., 1015 10th st., Olympia, Wash.
- No. 55—Division covers the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Wabash, Pittsburg Terminal and West Side Belt Railways. Meets third Saturday evening of each month at 8 p. m., in Trades and Labor Assembly Hall, Massillon, Ohio. J. O. Peoples, Gen'l Chairman, Boliver, Ohio; C. R. Guthrie, Gen'l S. & T., Box 71, Jewett, Ohio.
- No. 56—Division covers Georgia Southern & Florida Railway System. L. D. Hamilton, Gen'l Chairman, Tifton, Ga.; O. H. Watson, Gen'l S. & T., Tobesofkee, Ga.
- No. 57—Division covers the Houston & Texas Central Railway System. Meets every third Saturday at 8:30 p. m., in Labor Temple, over 401 Main st., Dallas, Tex. W. J. Burke, Gen'l Chairman, H. & T. C. yard office, Dallas, Tex.; J. A. McKey, Gen'l S. & T., 43 N. Benge st., McKinney, Tex.
- No. 58, WILMINGTON, DEL.—Meets third Wednesday evening, 8 o'clock, Red Men's Hall, 517 Shipley st., Wilmington, Del. H. W. Kennedy, Chief Telegrapher, 305 N. Van Buren st., Wilmington, Del.; F. C. Melvin, S. & T., Newport, Del.
- No. 59—Division covers Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. J. Gregory, Gen'l Chairman, Chase City, Va.; A. L. McDaniel, Gen'l S. & T., Forest City, N. C.
- No. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets third Friday of each month at 8 p. m., at Typographical Temple, 423 "G" st., N. W., Washington, D. C. J. E. Blades, Chief Tel., 1529 East Capitol st., Washington, D. C. J. E. Vandegrift, S. & T., 936 "B" st., S. W., Washington, D. C.
- No. 61, CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—Meets 4th Tuesday evening of each month in Engineers' Hall, Campbellton, N. B. J. W. Morton, Chief Tel., Campbellton, N. B.; R. A. McMillan, S. & T., Charlo Station, N. B.
- No. 62—Division covers the Queen & Crescent (North). A. B. Willison, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Science Hill, Ky. K. C. Gardner, Gen'l S. & T., Box 333 Williamstown, Ky. J. W. North, Local Chairman Cincinnati Div., High Bridge, Ky. W. E. Hines, Local Chairman Chattanooga Division, Somerset, Ky. Meets 4th Saturday night each month at Somerset, Ky. B. D. Stone, Local Chairman A. G. S. Division, care Central Depot, Chattanooga, Tenn. Meetings on Cincinnati and A. G. S. Division subject to call of the General or Local Chairman.



- No. 63, MONCTON, N. B.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month, alternately at Moncton, N. B., and St. John, N. B. H. W. Jones, Chief Tel., Moncton, N. B.; R. M. Gross, S. & T., Boundary Creek, N. B.
- No. 64, LEVIS, QUE.—Meets third Tuesday of each month. Place of each following meeting to be chosen by a majority vote of members present at each regular meeting. A. Dion, Chief Tel., 38 St. Louis st., Quebec, Que.; Wm. Parsons, Secretary, St. Pierre, Co. Montmagny, Que.; Ed Roy, Treasurer, Aston Junction, Que.
- No. 65, ROCHESTER, N. H.—Meets at 8 p. m., second Saturday each month in G. A. R. Hall, Rochester, N. H. E. J. Scott, Chief Tel., West Ossipee, N. H.; H. L. Jones, S. & T., Fremont, N. H.
- No. 66, TRURO, N. S.—Meets third Wednesday each month, McKay's Hall (B. R. T. room), Ingalls st., Truro, N. S. W. A. Harris, Chief Tel., Windsor Junction, N. S.; Geo. O. Forbes, S. & T., Spring Hill Junction, N. S.
- No. 67, WILKESBARRE, PA.—Meets on the third Friday each month at 8 p. m., at O. U. A. M. Hall, No. 31 W. Market st., Wilkesbarre, Pa. E. O. Sherman, Chief Tel., 331 S. River st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.; J. Nelligan, S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- No. 68—Division covers Washington County Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. James F. Desmond, Gen'l Chairman, Eastport, Me.; Wm. C. Myrick, Gen'l S. & T., East Machias, Me.
- No. 69—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (South). Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Shields, Gen'l Chairman, Morton, Miss.; J. C. Talley, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Poplarville, Miss.
- No. 70—Division covers the Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Post, Gen'l Chairman, Box 1,114, Minot, N. D.; P. M. Abbott, Gen'l S. & T., Logan, Mont.
- No. 71, OSKALOOSA, IOWA—Meets second Saturday in each month at 8:45 p. m., in Clingman Hall, over Pike's Drug Store, Oskaloosa, Iowa. H. W. Landfear, Chief Tel., Wright, Iowa; O. L. Davis, S. & T., Richland, Iowa.
- No. 72, ST. JOSEPH, MO.—Meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., 623 Mt. Mora Road, St. Joseph, Mo. F. E. Berry, Chief Tel., Box 432, South St. Joseph, Mo.; W. E. Reese, S. & T., Box 682, St. Joseph, Mo.
- No. 73, MAUCH CHUNK, PA.—Meets second Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., on the 4th floor, Odd Fellows' Hall, Broadway, Mauch Chunk, Pa. William M. Butler, S. & T., Room 11, Court House, Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- No. 74—Division covers B. & O. S-W. R. R. J. M. Peck, Gen'l Chairman, Farmingdale, Ill.; A. Fryburger, Gen'l S. & T., Athens, Ohio.
- No. 75—Division covers Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville Ry. System. G. W. Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, Losantville, Ind.; F. K. Harter, Gen'l S. & T., Sinton Bldg., 3 East Fourth st., Cincinnati, Ohio.
- No. 76—Division covers the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Jas. Troy, Gen'l Chairman, Jewell Junction, Iowa; W. J. Liddane, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, 227 W. Central ave., St. Paul, Minn.; Ira R. Kempkes, Gen'l S. & T., Nevada, Iowa.
- No. 77, DENVER, COLO.—Meets 1st Monday evening in each month at 6:20 14th st., Denver, Colo. C. M. Worth, Chief Tel., 620 14th st., Denver, Colo.; C. L. Cheney, S. & T., 935 17th st., Denver, Colo.
- No. 78, ALBANY, N. Y.—Meets 3d Saturday each month at 7:30 p. m., A. O. U. W. Hall, 82 S. Pearl st., Albany, N. Y.; B. M. Nichols, S. & T., Altamont, N. Y.
- No. 79—Covers G. & S. I. Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. J. O. Bolton, Gen'l Chairman, Mt. Olive, Miss.; W. L. Yeates, Gen'l Sec. & Treas., Box 69, Maxie, Miss.; E. W. Wooten, Ass't Gen'l S. & T., Maxie, Miss.
- No. 80—Division covers the M. J. & K. C. Ry. System. W. C. Longmire, Gen'l Chairman, Union, Miss.; J. W. Spivey, Gen'l S. & T., Merrill, Miss.
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- No. 82—Division covers Western Maryland Railway system. R. E. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Smithburg, Md.; C. E. Marker, Gen'l S. & T., Smithburg, Md. W. Va. Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Md. Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman.
- No. 83—Division covers the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. A. W. Sherburne, Gen'l Chairman, New Sweden Station, Me.; F. J. Crozier, Gen'l Sec. and Treas., Abbott, Me.
- No. 84, CAMDEN, N. J.—Meets 2d Friday at 8 p. m., at Morgan's Hall, Fourth and Market sts., Camden, N. J. J. W. Diffenderfer, Chief Tel., 610 Park ave., Collingswood, N. J.; I. W. Newkirk, Sec'y, Pitman Grove, N. J.; T. J. McCabe, Treas., 1014 Spruce st., Camden, N. J.
- No. 85, TRENTON, N. J.—Meets 3d Friday at 8 p. m., at Concordia Hall, 33 West State st., Trenton, N. J. Chas. R. Carty, Chief Tel., 308 Wood st., Bristol, Pa.; Chas. Parker, S. & T., 494 West Hanover st., Trenton, N. J.

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- No. 98—Division covers G. V. G. & N. Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. R. W. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Thatcher, Ariz.; J. W. Arnold, Gen'l S. & T., Solomonville, Ariz.
- No. 99, COBALT, ONT.—C. D. Chaterton, Chief el., North Bay, Ont.; L. C. McBride, S. & T., Temagami, Ont.
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- No. 101—Division covers the Northwestern Pacific Ry. John A. Bondeson, Gen'l Chairman, Port Reyes Sta., Cal.; W. E. Hicks, Gen'l S. & T., Geyserville, Cal.
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- No. 114—ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, N. S.—H. A. Jaques, Chief Tel., Middleton, N. S.; Stanley Tavenor, S. & T., Tupperville, N. S.
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- No. 116—Division covers the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway System. Meets second Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and December, in places designated by General Chairman. J. H. McLean, Gen'l Chairman, L'Anse, Mich.; C. Reif, Gen'l S. & T., Lake Linden, Mich.
- No. 117, SHAMOKIN, PA.—Meets third Saturday in months of January, March, May, July, September and November, at 7 p. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall, Mahoney City, Pa., and on third Saturday, at 8 p. m., months of February, April, June, August, October and December, in P. O. S. of A. Hall, Shamokin, Pa. A. F. Wallaner, Chief Tel., Quakake, Pa.; H. M. Michael, S. & T., Quakake, Pa.
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- No. 119—Division covers the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway System. G. W. Lewis, Gen'l Chairman, Orleans, Minn.; F. C. Paine, Gen'l S. & T., Erskine, Minn.
- No. 120—Division covers Lake Erie & Western Railway System. C. E. Estabrook, Gen'l S. & T., Springport, Ind.
- No. 121—Division covers Wisconsin Central Ry. System. G. A. Harsh, Gen'l Chairman, Dorchester, Wis. O. R. Barber, Gen'l S. & T., Allenton, Wis.
- No. 122, WHITEHALL, N. Y.—Meets subject to call and at place designated. F. H. Kelley, Chief Tel., Crown Point, N. Y.; H. G. Stevens, S. & T., 27 Center st., Fort Edward, N. Y.
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- No. 126—Division covers Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway System. Meets Maccabee Hall, Rock Island, Ill., 4th Saturday evening of each month at F. O. E. Hall, El Reno, Okla. Meets second Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., in room 638, McCoy's Hotel, Chicago, Ill. W. T. Brown, Gen'l Chairman, Writing, Kan.; M. E. Schooler, Gen'l S. & T., Box 176, Topeka, Kan.
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- No. 128—Division covers Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. System. L. A. Tanquary, Gen'l S. & T., Box 328, Pueblo, Colo.
- No. 129—Division covers Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway System. G. E. Kipp, Gen'l Chairman, Blasdel, N. Y.; C. D. Hull, G. S. & T., 1029 Central ave., Sandusky, Ohio.
- No. 130—Division covers Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. H. Rogers, Jr., Acting Gen'l Chairman, Victory, Wis.; W. A. Henry, Gen'l S. & T., Fairfield, Iowa.
- No. 131, TRING JUNCTION QUE.—C. A. Bildeau, Chief Tel., Beauce Jct., Que.; Patrick Doyle, S. & T., Tring Junction, Que.
- No. 132—Division covers the Atlantic Coast Line Railway System. Meetings, Florence, S. C., 4th Saturday night each month. Rocky Mount, N. C., bi-monthly, February, April, June, August, October and December, on 2d Saturday night. B. F. Wheeler, Gen'l Chairman, Oviedo, Fla.; J. H. Williams, Gen'l S. & T., Wilson, N. C.
- No. 133, SYDNEY, N. S.—M. A. J. McDonald, Chief Tel., Iona, C. B.; Archie B. McDougall, S. & T., Grand Narrows, Cape Breton, N. S.

No. 134, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Meets 3d Sunday each month, at 136 East Bay st., Herkimer Building, Jacksonville, Fla. L. R. Funderburk, Chief Tel., care Jacksonville Terminal Company, Jacksonville, Fla.; N. C. Hall, S. & T., New Smyrna, Fla.

No. 135, OLEAN, N. Y.—Meets third Tuesday evening each month at Rafferty's Hall, second floor, Tower Building, Olean, N. Y.; A. D. Matthewson, Chief Tel., Ischua, N. Y.; E. L. Bronold, S. & T., 112 N. 9th st., Olean, N. Y.

No. 136, READING, PA.—Meets third Friday of each month. Lloyd A. Miller, Chief Tel., Calcium, Pa.; C. F. Petree, S. & T., 932 Pear st., Reading, Pa.

No. 137—Division covers El Paso & Southwestern Railway System. J. C. McNairy, Acting Gen'l S. & T., 3942a St. Louis ave., St. Louis, Mo.

No. 138—Division covers C., C. & St. L. Railway System. Edw. Whalen, Gen'l Chairman, 1544 Fifth ave., Terre Haute, Ind.; C. A. Burton, Gen'l S. & T., Box 646, St. Louis, Mo. System meeting held at English Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., subject to call of General Chairman. Cleveland Division meets at Galion, Ohio, and Cleveland, Ohio, subject to call of Local Chairman. R. E. Rafferty, care Big Four, Galion, Ohio, Local Chairman. Cincinnati-Sandusky Division meets third Tuesday of each month in Johnson Building, Springfield, O. A. A. Bright, Local Chairman, 1098 High st., Springfield, Ohio. St. Louis Division—Meets at Terre Haute, Ind., subject to call of chairman, Edw. Whalen, Local Chairman, Indianapolis Division meets at Anderson, Muncie and Bellefontaine, subject to call of chairman; R. P. Cook, Local Chairman, De Graff, Ohio. Chicago Division meets at Greensburg monthly, subject to call of Local Chairman; W. O. Brinkman, Summan, Ind., Local Chairman Chicago and White Water Divisions. Michigan Division meets subject to call of chairman; Geo. Lavengood, Local Chairman, Alexandria, Ind. P. & E. Division meets subject to call of chairman; Edgar Scotten, Jamestown, Ind., Local Chairman. Cairo Division meets at Mt. Carmel, Ill., third Monday night of each month; H. L. Settlement, Local Chairman, Carriers Mills, Ill.

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No. 140—Division covers Maine Central Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. S. F. Gallagher, Gen'l Chairman, Fabyans House, N. H.; H. N. Bates, Gen'l S. & T., Gardiner, Maine.

No. 141—Division covers San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. M. F. Leeds, Gen'l Chairman, Alice, Texas; G. H. Roddy, Gen'l S. & T., Rockdale, Texas.

No. 142—Division covers the Green Bay and Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Geo. Reif, Gen'l Chairman, Hixton, Wis.; L. P. Curran, Gen'l S. & T., Stevens Point, Wis.

No. 143—Division covers the Grand Rapids and Indiana Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. A. Donart, Gen'l Chairman, 631 Stockbridge ave., Kalamazoo, Mich.; Geo. W. Cox, Gen'l S. & T., Pellston, Mich.

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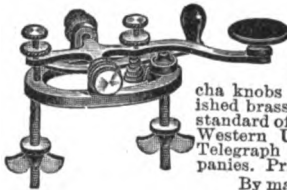
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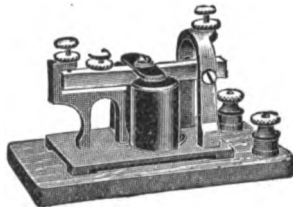
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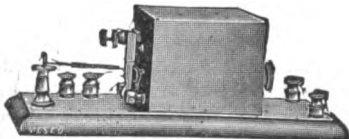
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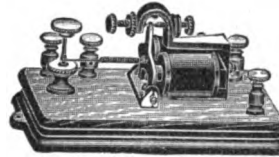


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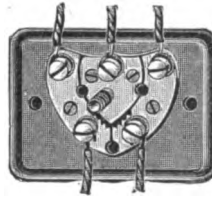
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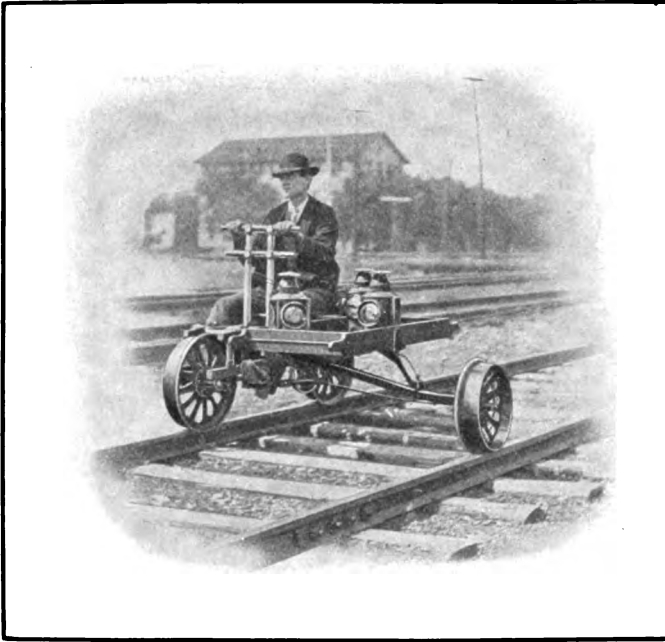
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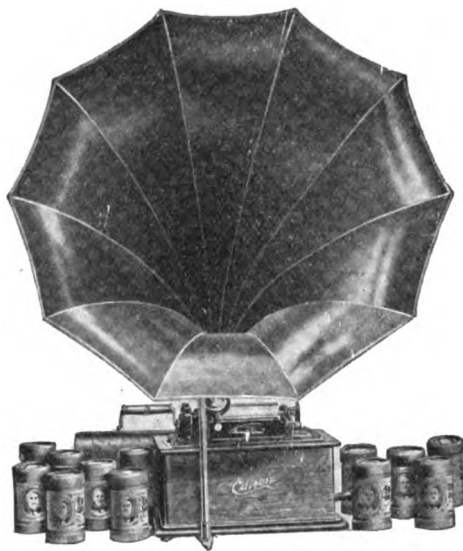


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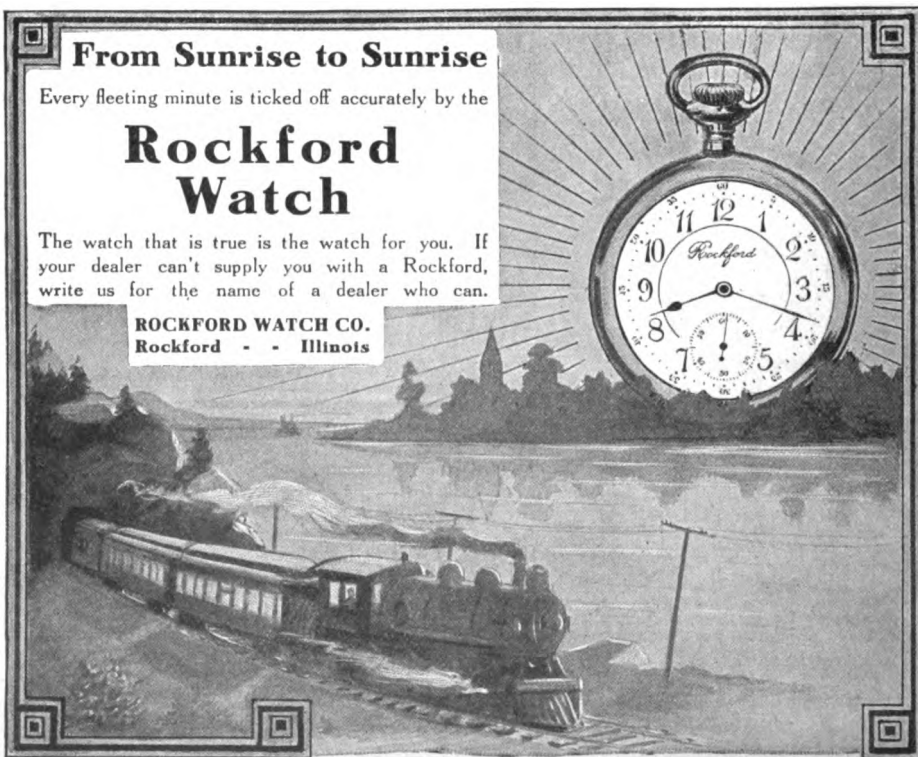
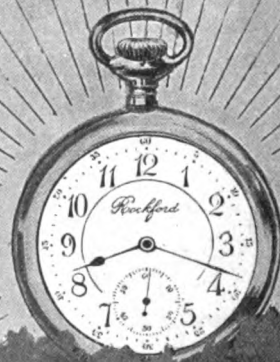
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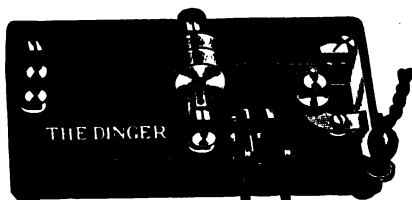
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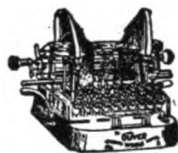
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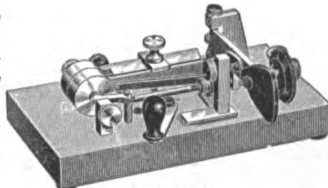
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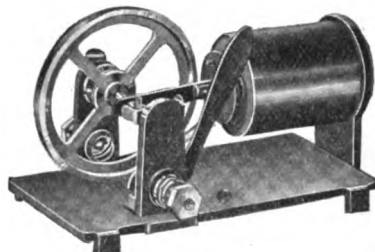
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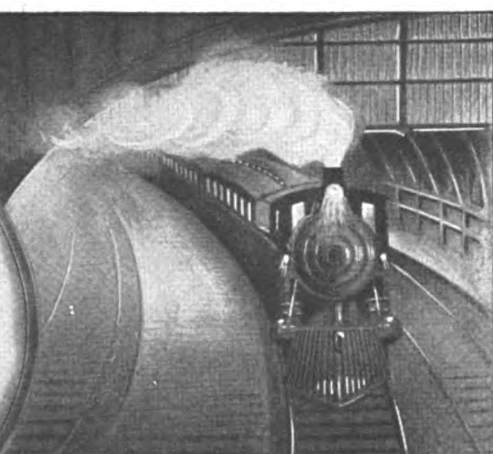
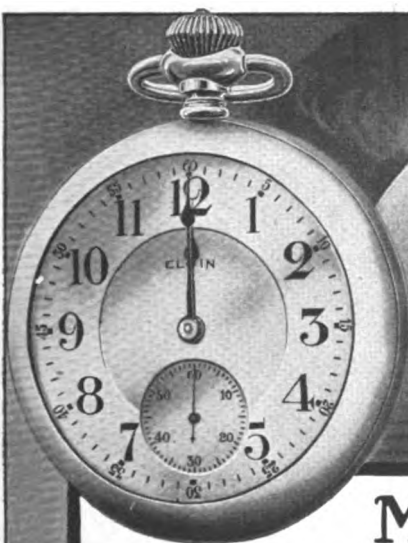
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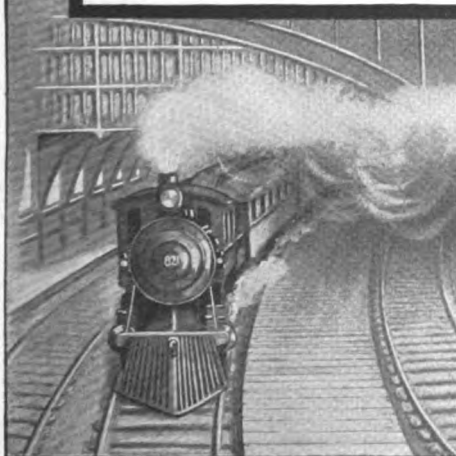
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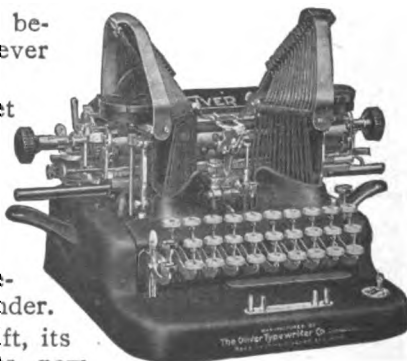
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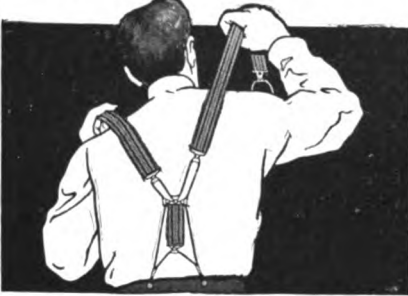
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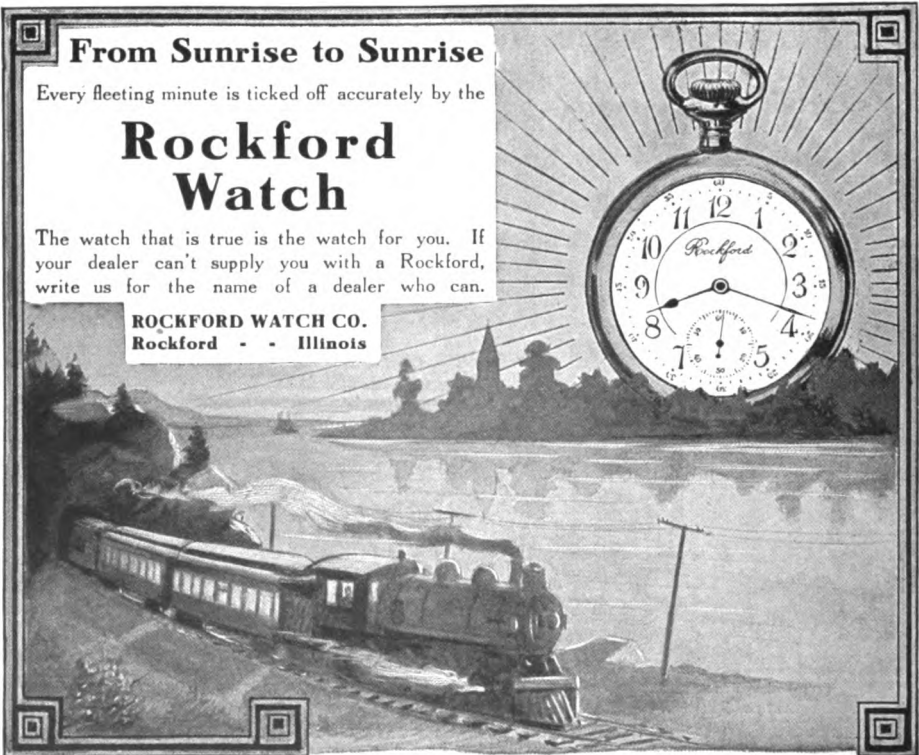
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## INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION'S REPORT.

**T**HE twenty-second annual report of the Interstate Commerce Commission to Congress contains much interesting information. The report first deals with the conditions existing upon railways as a whole during the late financial disturbances, and then with specific subjects with which the Commission has had to do during the last year.

Among other things the report shows that 5,194 complaints were filed with the Commission for consideration and action during the year, which number includes both formal and informal complaints, as well as proceedings and investigations instituted by the Commission upon its own motion. Five hundred and seventy-three hearings and investigations of alleged violation of the act to regulate commerce, including one investigation under joint resolution of the Congress, have been had at general sessions of the Commission at its office in Washington and at special sessions held at

various places throughout the country, at which more than 67,000 pages of testimony were taken, or something over 134,000 folios. Many of these complaints are important and alleged violations of every phase of the law, such as overcharges, excessive rates, discrimination, reconsignment rules, demurrage rules, validation of tickets, train service, car shortage, undercharge, Pullman rates, embargo, etc.

During the year ending November 30, 1907, informal reparation claims were authorized by the Commission in 561 cases, aggregating about \$104,700.00, while during the year ending November 30, 1908, claims were allowed in 1,012 cases, aggregating about \$154,703.00.

The following is taken from that report:

The temporary financial depression from which the country is now emerging resulted in the diminution of railway revenues considerably below the high point reached in 1907, the banner year in American railroad history in respect of gross and net earnings, as well as volume of traffic. It

can not be questioned that, in several instances, the necessity for placing railroad properties in the hands of receivers was wholly or partially due to the serious and unexpected decrease in earnings. The volume of railroad traffic quickly reflects the business condition of the country, and it is natural, therefore, that lines serving, for the most part, the great manufacturing regions should have suffered more severely than those serving agricultural communities. In view, however, of widely circulated reports that the loss inflicted upon the railroads was so severe as to warrant universal advances in rates or reduction in wages, or both, it is interesting to compare the revenues for the fiscal year ending June 1908, with those for several previous years, which, although below the level of 1907, were at the time considered highly satisfactory in respect of revenues and volume of traffic. The recent change in accounting methods may affect to some extent the accuracy of these comparisons; the expense account for 1908, having been kept in accordance with our rules, includes as a matter of accounting a charge for depreciation, although the amount so charged has not in all cases been actually expended, but it is believed that the variations due to that cause would not materially alter the general result. From a summary of the monthly reports to the Commission for 1908, it appears that the gross earnings of all railroads for that year (\$2,424,640,637) are \$164,464,941 less than the gross earnings for 1907, yet the 1908 earnings are \$98,875,470 in excess of the earnings for 1906, and \$342,158,231 in excess of those for 1905, while the gross earnings per mile for 1908, although \$734 less than for 1907, are \$189 and \$1,051 greater than the gross earnings for 1906 and 1905, respectively. By subtracting operating expenses from gross earnings, it appears that the net earnings for 1908 were \$111,051,006 less than for 1907, and \$59,349,138 less than for 1906, but were \$37,658,504 in excess of those for 1905, and that the net earnings per mile for 1908 were \$492 less than in 1907, \$344 less than in 1906, but \$15 more than in 1905. Taxes are not included in op-

erating expenses, and therefore, in each of the years named, the actual net revenue would be less than the figures given by the amount of taxes. These figures indicate that, whatever may have been the fact in individual cases, the railroads of the country as a whole did not suffer so severely, in comparison with years of normal traffic and business conditions, as may have generally been supposed.

In this connection it may be pertinent to observe that although continuing business depression, resulting in such decrease of net earnings as to eliminate a reasonable return upon the investment, might be a good defense to an action seeking a general reduction in rates, it could not be held to justify the maintenance of particular rates which are unreasonable in themselves or unduly discriminatory, since the right to equal treatment at reasonable rates does not depend upon the financial condition of the carrier. Railroad traffic appears now to be rapidly approaching the normal level of the past few years, and this should be peculiarly gratifying to the public as a reliable assurance of the general business prosperity of the country.

#### THE HOURS OF SERVICE LAW.

The federal hours of service act was approved March 4, 1907, to become effective one year from the date of its enactment.

The incidents immediately preceding the passage of the act and the circumstances connected with and surrounding its adoption leave little doubt as to the purpose of Congress to minimize the dangers incident to railroad travel, by preventing men from being overworked. Of course the period for which railroad employees may, without hardship, perform their duties varies with their physical condition, but the hours of service prescribed by the act are such as the legislature has, from experience and observation, learned that men of their calling and in the ordinary state of health may consistently observe.

The object of the act therefore is to limit the periods of time in which railroad employees may be required or permitted to remain on duty.

Just prior to March 4, 1908, there was a concerted effort on the part of certain railroads, some 56 of them filing formal petitions, to secure an extension of the time within which they should comply with the law. The provision of the statute pursuant to the terms of which these requests were filed is as follows:

*"Provided further, The Interstate Commerce Commission may, after a full hearing, in a particular case, and for good cause shown, extend the period within which a common carrier shall comply with the provisions of this proviso as to such case."*

The Commission, after full hearing as prescribed by the act, decided that the carriers had failed to establish the "good cause" prerequisite to the extensions desired, and their petitions were, therefore, on March 2, 1908, in all instances denied.

The law became effective on the 4th of March, 1908.

Questions immediately arose as to its proper interpretation. With a view to explaining, in so far as possible, those features of the act which might be claimed to be ambiguous, the Commission issued the following administrative rulings:

#### "SECTION 1.

"The law is applicable to every common carrier subject to the act to regulate commerce and to every employee concerned in the physical operation of such company's trains.

#### "SECTION 2.

"The requirements for ten consecutive hours off duty applies only to such employees as have been on duty for sixteen consecutive hours.

"The requirements for eight consecutive hours off duty applies only to employees who have not been on duty sixteen consecutive hours, but have been on duty sixteen hours in the aggregate out of a twenty-four-hour period.

"A telegraph or telephone operator who is employed in a night and day office may not be required to perform duty in any capacity or of any kind beyond nine hours

of total service in any twenty-four-hour period.

"A twenty-four-hour period begins when the employee goes on duty after an interim of not less than eight consecutive hours off duty.

"Time 'on duty' includes the entire period of service or responsibility therefor.

"A 'week' means a calendar week, beginning with Sunday.

#### "SECTION 3.

"The exemptions prescribed by this section contemplate only such accidents as could not be by the exercise of diligence on the part of the carriers, their agents, or officers, have been anticipated and prevented.

"Employees performing excess service are not liable to the penalties provided by the act.

"Employees unavoidably delayed by reason of causes that could not, at the commencement of a trip, have been foreseen, may lawfully continue on duty to the terminal or end of that run.

#### "SECTION 4.

"In the enforcement of this act the Commission has all the powers granted to it by the act to regulate commerce.

"Employees 'deadheading' on trains for the operation of which they are not responsible are not 'on duty' within the meaning of the law."

The duty next developed upon the Commission, to which was intrusted the execution of the law, to ascertain whether or not its provisions were being observed. Two means to this end were available: One through the secret investigations of government inspectors; the other through reports under oath, filed with the Commission by the carriers subject to the act, setting forth the reasons which the carriers claim, under the terms of the law, excused the requirement of service beyond the statutory period.

The latter method was adopted by the Commission as being more in consonance with American ideas and institutions.

Accordingly, on the 3d of March, 1908, the Commission issued an order requiring all



railroads subject to the act to report, under oath, within thirty days after the end of each month, beginning with the month of April, 1908, every instance in which their employees had been on duty for longer periods than those prescribed by the statute.

The railroads generally throughout the country have acquiesced in the ruling of the Commission, and are now fulfilling this requirement. Eleven of these carriers—the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company; the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company; the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; the New York, Ontario & Western Railway Company; the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company; the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company; the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company; the Huntingdon & Broad Top Mountain Railroad & Coal Company; the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company; the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey; and the Boston & Maine Railroad—have instituted injunction proceedings to restrain the efforts of the Commission to enforce the law. They claim that through “oversight, inadvertence or mistake” violations of the statute must necessarily occur, and contend that they can not be compelled to make the reports of such violations as demanded by the Commission.

To the present date argument has been heard in only one of the cases, that instituted by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, which was held at Richmond, Va., on the 17th of November, 1908. A decision in that proceeding has not yet been rendered.

The carriers which have declined to comply with the order of the Commission justify their action upon the alleged inadequacy of power vested in the Commission. Their sole contention is that the fourth section of the act, which provides that—

\* \* \* “All powers granted to the Interstate Commerce Commission are hereby extended to it in the execution of this act,” does not give to the Commission the power to require reports.

It is understood, and so maintained by the Commission, that Congress, in using this expression intended to confer for the enforcement of the hours-of-service law each and every power heretofore granted to the Commission; that inasmuch as the act to regulate commerce empowers the Commission, in the administration of that law, to require reports under oath, a similar authority may lawfully be exercised by the Commission in the execution of the hours-of-service law.

Another criticism in regard to the act under consideration has reference to section 3 thereof, that—

“The provisions of this act shall not apply in any case of casualty or unavoidable accident, or the act of God.”

Presuming upon these exceptions, carriers have endeavored to explain their failures to comply with the law by a variety of reasons which, in the opinion of the Commission, are not emergencies such as were contemplated by Congress in the drafting of the statute. Among these excuses may be mentioned “leaky valves,” “hot boxes,” “drawheads pulled out,” “engine failures” from various causes not explained, “broken air hose,” etc., some of which have resulted in detaining men on duty for continuous periods of more than forty-one hours.

It is respectfully suggested that the law in this particular should, so far as possible, be made specific, so as to restrict the exercise on the part of carriers of discretion in determining whether or not a given incident is a “casualty” or “unavoidable accident” within the meaning of the act; or that some one should be designated and empowered to decide all such questions.

While the Commission is practically convinced that the act in its present form confers upon it all the power necessary to effect the objects for which it was adopted, still its terms are susceptible of more than one interpretation. Hence controversies must necessarily arise and while such questions can, of course, after the usual period of litigation, be judicially determined, their settlement by such means will entail a large expense upon the Government, as well as

considerable delay in attaining the full measure of benefit which the law should reasonably afford. It is therefore desirable that Congress should, by a few lines of explanation, so clarify the situation as authoritatively to settle most of the questions that may arise.

Since the enactment of the hours-of-service law the validity of state legislation on the same subject, as affected by the federal law, has been considered by the highest courts of Missouri and Wisconsin, and also by a court of Arkansas, respectively, and the laws of those States governing the hours of railroad employees have been held to be unconstitutional.

It was also decided by the supreme court of Montana that upon the national law going into effect the state law became invalid. While other courts that have considered the subject have held that the passage of a state law, even prior to the date on which the federal statute became effective, was an unconstitutional invasion of federal supremacy.

These decisions are of marked significance as indicating the position of the courts of the several states upon this important subject and as tending to show that it is a question the effective solution of which devolves upon the National Government.

The hours-of-service law is of undoubted value, and it will in time conduce most strongly to the promotion of public safety. This splendid result, however, will be deferred until its terms have been made more certain and clear and the questions arising from its construction authoritatively settled, either by judicial interpretation or by the more expeditious method of supplemental legislation.

In conclusion it may be stated that satisfactory results have followed the efforts of the Commission to secure, by correspondence with the carriers, compliance with the spirit of the law. Almost without exception the carriers have adapted their practices to the interpretation of the law announced by the Commission.

## BLOCK SIGNAL AND TRAIN CONTROL BOARD.

This board, the appointment of which by the Commission was announced in our last annual report, consists of Messrs. M. E. Cooley, Azel Ames, F. G. Ewald, and B. B. Adams. Its function is to investigate and where desirable to test (1) block-signal systems, (2) devices for the automatic control of trains, and (3) any other device designed to promote the safety of railroad operation. This last feature of the work (3) has only just been begun, the authority for this branch of the investigation having been given by the sundry civil appropriation act approved May 27, 1908. The board has met each month in Washington, usually having a two days' session, at which times the reports on devices submitted for examination are finally considered and approved; and hearings are given to inventors and others desiring to appear before the board to explain their devices. In addition to the regular meetings in Washington, the members have made studies and investigations in various places. It has examined descriptions of 371 inventions and alleged inventions, and has completed its reports on about half of these. Very few of these proposed devices have been actually constructed, and only 12 plans, devices, or processes have been found by the board to be of sufficient merit to warrant it in giving them any encouragement. Of these, 4 have been installed, or soon will be installed, for test.

Rather slow progress has been made in the preparation of the test installations which have been begun, and no results are likely to be reported for several months. It may be said, however, that no satisfactory report could be made before April in any event, as the behavior of the apparatus under severe winter conditions is one of the main points on which information is desired.

## UNIFORM BILLS OF LADING.

During the current year the proceeding relating to uniform bills of lading has been concluded and the Commission has recommended a new form of bill of lading, which

substantially all of the leading carriers in the United States have agreed to adopt. As was stated in our last annual report, this proceeding was originally instituted in November, 1904, upon petitions of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association and other trade and commercial organizations in Official Classification territory, complaining of the proposed enforcement by the carriers in that territory of certain changes in the so-called uniform bill of lading then generally used. After hearing, the Commission suggested the appointment by carriers and shippers represented of a joint committee to devise a suitable form of bill of lading and report the same to the Commission. Such a joint committee was appointed and, after numerous conferences at which matters in question were given careful consideration, reported to the Commission on June 14, 1907, the proposed uniform bill of lading. The proceeding was then enlarged to bring in all carriers in the country and afford an opportunity for hearing to all interested shippers. At such hearing a number of comparatively unimportant provisions of the bill were the subject of controversy, but the differences upon such points were substantially eliminated by informal conferences and extensive correspondence, and accordingly, on June 27, 1908, the Commission issued a report recommending the adoption of the bill of lading which had been agreed to by the conflicting interests represented before the Commission.

This bill of lading has been submitted for adoption by the carriers and use by the shipping public with considerable confidence. It is not claimed to be perfect, and experience may develop the need of further modification, but it represents the most intelligent and exhaustive efforts of those who undertook its preparation to agree upon a bill of lading which would be reasonably satisfactory to the railroads and the public, and its terms are much more liberal to the shipper than those of the bill of lading heretofore in use. It is, of course, more or less a compromise between opposing interests, because on the one hand it imposes obligations of an important char-

acter which carriers have not heretofore assumed, and on the other retains exemption to which some shippers may object, and perhaps not without substantial reasons. As we are advised, it is in some respects less favorable to the shipper than the local laws or regulations of one or more States, but it is more favorable to the shipper than the local laws or regulations of most of the States.

Whatever criticisms or objections may be advanced, this bill of lading is concededly a great improvement upon the bills heretofore in general use. Its adoption, we are persuaded, will be a long step toward uniformity, simplicity, and certainty. It will likewise be a long step in the direction of fair dealing between shipper and carrier, and may be confidently expected to remove much of the confusion which has existed, and measurably to avoid in the future the irregularities and injustices which have heretofore occurred. The results of practical operation may disclose defects not at present perceived, and further adjudications by the courts may require a change in some of its provisions, but we believe that it should be given an honest trial, and are strongly of the opinion that it will be found fairly suited to the needs of the business community.

The Commission did not undertake to prescribe and order the adoption of the bill of lading recommended, because it was convinced that such an order would be beyond its authority. Moreover, such action seemed unnecessary in view of the apparent willingness of practically all railroads to adopt the bill so recommended. The bill was adopted by all lines in Official Classification territory on November 1, and leading lines in other parts of the country are putting the bill into use as speedily as the necessary changes can be accomplished.

#### VALUATION OF RAILROAD PROPERTY.

The Commission has, in previous reports, expressed the opinion that it would be wise for Congress to make provision for a physical valuation of railroad property, and desires to reaffirm in this report its confidence in the wisdom of such a meas-

ure. The change which has gradually taken place in the past few years, as well as the increased responsibilities imposed upon the Commission by the amended act to regulate commerce, makes continually clearer the importance of an authoritative valuation of railway property, made in a uniform manner for all carriers in all parts of the country.

In the first place, the Commission has been called upon to pass judgment upon certain rate cases, in which the reasonableness of a general level or schedule of rates was brought into question, and for such cases one of the most important considerations is the amount of profit secured to the investment. It is not essential to this line of thought to express full agreement with the extreme advocates of valuation whose arguments seem to imply that, if the value of the property is known, a reasonable rate can be determined by mathematical calculation. Many other considerations are involved in the problem, notably the manner in which the rate proposed will affect the industrial development of the country. When, however, all has been said along these lines that may properly be said, it nevertheless remains as a fundamental proposition that the actual investment in an enterprise needed for giving the public adequate transportation facilities is entitled to and should have a reasonable return, and no more than a reasonable return, in the form of a constant profit; and a reasonable schedule of rates is one that will produce such a result.

There is a growing tendency on the part of carriers to meet attacks upon their rates by making proof, through their own experts and officials, of the value of or the cost of reproducing their physical properties. In what is known as the "Spokane case," which is now under advisement by the Commission and which involves the reasonableness of the general schedules of Spokane rates on the Great Northern and Northern Pacific, the defendants, apparently at the expense of much time and labor, compiled elaborate and detailed valuations and offered them in evidence before the Commission in defense of the rates of

which complaint had been made. It is obviously impossible for shippers who are the complainants in such cases to meet and rebut such testimony, or even intelligently to cross-examine the railroad witnesses by whom such proof is made. In addition to the large expense of retaining experts competent to make such investigations, neither the shippers nor their experts and agents under existing statutes have any right of access to the property of carriers, or to their records showing the cost of construction and other necessary information. The carriers, on the other hand, being in possession of the information, or having access to the records and to the property from which the information may be compiled and gathered, can use it or not in any given case as their interests may require. These considerations suggest the need of an official valuation of interstate carriers by the Commission, or under other government authority, which may be available in rate contests not only to the shippers who make the complaints and to the carriers who must defend their rates, but also to the Commission by which such issues must be decided.

A second consideration which leads the Commission to urge upon Congress provision for an authoritative valuation of railway property is the importance which the question of capitalization has assumed in recent years. No one at the present time can say whether railways are undercapitalized or overcapitalized; or, should objection be made to that way of putting the question, no one can say, with the information in hand, which of the roads are undercapitalized and which are overcapitalized. A valuation adequate to the problem in hand should not stop with the simple statement of an amount; on the contrary, it should analyze the amount ascertained according to the sources from which the value accrues and show the economic character as well as the industrial significance of the several forms of value. In no other way is it possible to arrive at an intelligent understanding of that complex situation suggested by the phrase "railway capitalization."

A third argument in support of the plan of an authoritative valuation of railway property is found in the present unsatisfactory condition of railway balance sheets. The balance sheet is, perhaps, the most important of the statements that may be drawn from the accounts of corporations, for, if correctly drawn, it contains not only a classified statement of corporate assets and corporate liabilities, but it provides in the balance, that is to say, the "profit and loss," a quick and trustworthy measure of the success that has attended the operation and management of the property. Every balance sheet begins with "cost of property," against which is set a figure which purports to stand for the investment. This is no place to enter upon an extended criticism of the practice of American railways in the matter of their property accounts, nor is such a criticism necessary for the purpose in hand. It is sufficient to refer to the well-known fact that no court, or commission, or accountant, or financial writer would for a moment consider that the present balance-sheet statement purporting to give the "cost of property" suggests, even in a remote degree, a reliable measure either of money invested or of present value. Thus, at the first touch of critical analysis, the balance sheets published by American railways are found to be inadequate. They are incapable of rendering the service which may rightly be demanded of them. One cure seems possible for such a situation, and one only, and that is for the Government to make an authoritative valuation of railway property, and to provide that the amounts so determined should be entered upon the books of the carriers as the accepted measure of capital assets. Under no other condition can the Commission complete in a satisfactory manner the formulation of a standard system of accounts.

#### CONTROL OF CAPITALIZATION.

The problem of railway valuation touches the figure which should be allowed as a measure of the corporate investment placed at the service of the public; the problem of railway capitalization, on the other hand, as that word has come to be understood,

pertains to the amount of securities that should be issued by a corporation and distributed to investors as the evidence and measure of their respective interests. What interest, if any, has the public in the amount and kind of securities issued by public service corporations?

The reasonable limit of stock and bond issues from the point of view of sound corporation finance is plain. No conservative management will increase securities beyond the ability of assured earnings to support the increased interest charges or dividend payments. To go beyond this would be to enter the domain of speculation. There may be cases in which it is wise, even in the interest of investors, to draw securities against future expectations, but speaking generally, and from the public point of view, it is better that a corporation whose solvency depends upon the use of speculative securities should acknowledge at once the necessity of reorganization rather than that the fund of the country's assured credits should be diluted by injecting into it paper of a speculative character. This assumption must approve itself to every observer of business conditions who appreciates the importance of a stable fund of business credits, and if Congress believes it within the sphere of the Government to take official notice of the distress and suffering incidental to commercial crises and business depressions, it can not proceed far along such a line of thought without being forced to recognize that the amount and character of corporate securities is an important element in the situation.

The direct interest of the Commission in the matter, however, arises from the fact that Congress has made this body a tribunal, when complaint is made, for inquiring into the reasonableness of railway rates. It has frequently been urged that capitalization exercises no influence upon rates, but such an assertion is at best a partial truth. When one holds in mind how persistently the courts oppose the enforced approach of railway tariffs to the line of confiscation; when one comes to realize how eager the carriers are to re-

store to their property accounts the value of the improvements of past years paid for out of revenues; when one clearly understands that so long as railways which operate on different levels of cost continue to compete for the same traffic, there must result a permanent differential profit to the more fortunate road; and, finally, when one reflects upon the fact that securities once issued are ordinarily beyond recall and beyond control, it is difficult to see how one can assert that the kind and amount of securities issued by a public service industry have no bearing on the problem of railway tariffs as that problem must be regarded by the Commission and by the courts. It is in fact the setting in which the problem is most frequently submitted for judicial consideration.

The Commission desires to avail itself of this opportunity of expressing to Congress its judgment that some adequate method of federal control over railway capitalization is required by the interests involved.

#### FINAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1907.

The Twentieth Annual Report on the Statistics of Railways in the United States is published as a separate volume. An abstract of this report, covering the more important data, is here given.

#### MILEAGE.

The report shows that on June 30, 1907, the total single-track railway mileage in the United States was 229,951.19 miles, or 5,588.02 miles more than at the end of the previous year. An increase in mileage exceeding 100 miles appears for Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming and New Mexico.

Substantially complete returns were rendered to the Commission for 227,451.83 miles of line operated, including 8,325.97 miles used under trackage rights. The aggregate length of railway mileage including tracks of all kinds, was 327,975.26 miles. This mileage was thus classified:

Single track, 227,454.83 miles; second track, 19,420.82 miles; third track, 1,960.42 miles; fourth track, 1,389.73 miles, and yard track and sidings, 77,749.46 miles. These figures indicate that there was an increase of 10,892.07 miles in the aggregate length of all tracks, of which 3,988.55 miles, or 36.62 per cent, represented the extension of yard track and sidings.

The number of railways for which mileage is included in the report was 2,440. During the year railway companies owning 2,811.65 miles of line were reorganized, merged or consolidated. The corresponding figure for the year 1906 was 4,054.46 miles.

The report shows that for the year ending June 30, 1907, the mileage of roads operated by receivers was 3,926.31 miles, or a decrease of 45.12 miles as compared with 1906. The number of roads in the hands of receivers was twenty-nine.

#### EQUIPMENT.

On June 30, 1907, there were in the service of the carriers 55,388 locomotives, the increase being 3,716. These locomotives, excepting 1,237, were classified as—passenger, 12,814; freight, 32,079, and switching, 9,258.

The total number of cars of all classes was 2,126,594, or 167,682 more than for the year 1906. This rolling stock was thus assigned: Passenger service, 43,973 cars; freight service, 1,991,557 cars, and companies' service, 91,064 cars. These figures do not include private cars of commercial firms or corporations.

The average number of locomotives per 1,000 miles of line was 243, and the average number of cars per 1,000 miles of line was 9,350. The number of passenger-miles per passenger locomotives was 2,163,146, showing an increase of 108,510 passenger-miles as compared with the previous year. The number of ton-miles per freight locomotive was 7,375,585, showing an increase of 143,022 ton-miles.

The number of locomotives and cars in the service of the railways aggregated 2,181,082, of which 2,059,426 were fitted with train brakes, or an increase of 231,637 over the previous year, and 2,159,534 were fitted

with automatic couplers, or an increase of 169,738. Nearly all the locomotives and cars in the passenger service had train brakes, and all but fifty-eight locomotives in the same service were fitted with automatic couplers. Only 1.17 per cent of cars in passenger service were without automatic couplers. Substantially all the freight locomotives had train brakes and automatic couplers. Of 1,991,557 cars in the freight service on June 30, 1907, the number fitted with train brakes was 1,901,881, and with automatic couplers 1,972,804.

#### EMPLOYEES.

The number of persons reported as on the pay rolls of the railways in the United States, on June 30, 1907, was, 1,672,074, which is equivalent to an average of 735 employees per 100 miles of line. As compared with the year 1906, these figures show an increase of 150,719 in the number of employees, or 51 per 100 miles of line. Of the employees, 65,298 were enginemen, 69,384 firemen, 48,869 conductors, and 134,257 other trainmen. There were 53,414 switch tenders, crossing tenders, and watchmen. The total number of railway employees, disregarding a small number not assigned, were apportioned among the four general divisions of railway employment as follows: For general administration, 64,808; for maintenance of way and structures, 538,003; for maintenance of equipment, 352,181, and for conducting transportation, 713,465.

The report includes summaries showing the average daily compensation of 18 classes of employees for a series of years, and also the aggregate amount of compensation returned for the several classes. The total amount of wages and salaries reported as paid to employees during the year ending June 30, 1907, was \$1,072,386,427.

#### PUBLIC SERVICE OF RAILWAYS.

The report shows that the number of passengers carried by the railways during the year ending June 30, 1907, was 873,905,133, this item being 75,959,017 more than for the year ending June 30, 1906. The passenger-mileage, or the number of passengers car-

ried 1 mile, was 27,718,554,030, the increase being 2,551,313,199 passenger-miles.

The number of tons of freight shown as carried (including freight received from connections) was 1,796,336,659, which exceeds the tonnage of the year 1906 by 164,962,440 tons. The ton-mileage, or the number of tons carried 1 mile, was 236,601,390,103, the increase being 20,723,838,862 ton-miles. The number of tons carried 1 mile per mile of line was 1,052,119, indicating an increase of 69,718 ton-miles per mile of line in the density of freight traffic.

The average revenue per passenger per mile for the year ending June 30, 1907, was 2.014 cents. For the preceding year the average was 2.003 cents. The average revenue per ton per mile was 0.759 cent; the like average for the year 1906 was 0.748 cent. The earnings per train mile show an increase for both passenger and freight trains. The figures show an increase in the average cost of running a train 1 mile. The ratio of operating expenses to earnings for the year 1907 was 67.53 per cent. For 1906 this ratio was 66.08 per cent.

#### EARNINGS AND EXPENSES.

The gross earnings of the railways in the United States from the operation of 227,454.83 miles of line were for the year ending June 30, 1907, \$2,589,105,578, being \$263,340,411 greater than for the year 1906. Their operating expenses were \$1,748,515,814, or \$211,638,543 more than in 1906. The following figures present a statement of gross earnings in detail and show the increase of the several items over those of the previous year: Passenger revenue, \$564,606,343—increase, \$54,573,760; mail, \$50,378,964—increase, \$3,007,511; express, \$57,332,931—increase, \$6,322,001; other earnings from passenger service, \$12,674,899—increase, \$1,360,662; freight revenue, \$1,823,651,998—increase, \$183,265,343; other earnings from freight service \$6,113,648—increase, \$468,426; other earnings from operation, including unclassified items, \$74,346,795—increase, \$14,342,708. Gross earnings from operations per mile of line averaged \$11.383, the corresponding average for the year 1906 being \$923 less.

The operating expenses were assigned to the four general classes as follows: For maintenance of way and structures, \$343,544,907; maintenance of equipment, \$368,061,728; conducting transportation, \$970,952,924; general expenses, \$65,404,655; undistributed, \$551,600. Operating expenses averaged \$7,687 per mile of line, this average showing an increase of \$775 per mile in comparison with the year 1906.

The income from operation, or the net earnings of the railways, amounted to \$840,589,764. This amount exceeds the corresponding one for the previous year by \$51,701,868. The net earnings per mile of line for 1907 averaged \$3,696; for 1906, \$3,548; and for 1905, \$3,189. The amount of income attributed to sources other than operation was \$286,583,942. This amount includes the following items: Income from lease of road, \$124,705,781; dividends on stocks owned, \$88,523,952; interest on bonds owned, \$24,361,054; and miscellaneous income, \$48,993,155. The total income of the railways (\$1,127,173,706)—that is, the net earnings and income from lease, investments, and miscellaneous sources—is the amount from which fixed and other charges against income are taken to ascertain the sum available for dividends. Such deductions aggregated \$677,712,518, thus leaving \$449,461,188 as the net income for the year ending June 30, 1907, available for dividends or surplus.

The amount of dividends declared during the year under review (including \$49,297 representing other earnings to stockholders) was \$308,137,924, leaving as the surplus from the operations of the year ending June 30, 1907, \$141,323,264. The surplus from operations as shown for the preceding year was \$112,334,761. The amount of deduction from income as stated above, \$677,712,518, comprises these items: Salaries and maintenance of organization, \$648,835; interest accrued on funded debt, \$344,242,617; interest on current liabilities, \$16,671,532; rents paid for lease of road, \$128,766,452; taxes, \$80,312,375; permanent improvements charged to income account, \$38,552,890; other deductions, \$68,517,817.

The preceding figures for the income and expenditures of railway companies are compiled from the annual reports of leased roads as well as of operating roads, and include duplications in certain items of income, and also of expenditures on account of the fact that, in general, the income of a leased road is the rent which it receives from its lessee. The statistical report includes, however, a summary which presents an income account for all the railways considered as a single system, from which intercorporate payments are substantially eliminated.

The complete report includes a summary showing the total taxes and assessments of the railways by States and Territories, and also an analysis showing the basis of assessment.

#### RAILWAY ACCIDENTS.

In their annual reports to the Interstate Commerce Commission, carriers include returns for all casualties to passengers, employees, trespassers, and other persons. The following figures are therefore not comparable with details in the Commission's Accident Bulletin, based on monthly reports, since the latter relate chiefly to casualties to passengers and to employees while on duty on or about trains.

The total number of casualties to persons on the railways for the year ending June 30, 1907, was 122,855, of which 11,839 represented the number of persons killed and 111,016 the number injured. Casualties occurred among three general classes of railway employees, as follows: Trainmen, 2,537 killed, and 40,755 injured; switch tenders, crossing tenders and watchmen, 169 killed, 1,091 injured; other employees, 1,828 killed, 45,798 injured. The casualties to employees coupling and uncoupling cars were: Employees killed, 308; injured, 4,353; the casualties connected with coupling and uncoupling cars are assigned as follows: Trainmen killed, 272; injured, 4,062; switch tenders, crossing tenders, and watchmen killed, 19; injured, 149; other employees killed, 17; injured, 142.

The casualties due to falling from trains, locomotives, or cars in motion were: Trainmen killed, 497; injured, 5,898; switch



tenders, crossing tenders and watchmen killed, 19; injured, 160; other employees killed, 64; injured, 653. The casualties due to jumping on or off trains, locomotives, or cars in motion were: Trainmen killed, 147; injured, 5,496; switch tenders, crossing tenders and watchmen killed, 12; injured, 171; other employees killed, 66; injured, 720. The casualties to the same three classes of employees in consequence of collisions and derailments were: Trainmen killed, 776; injured, 6,273; switch tenders, crossing tenders and watchmen killed, 7; injured, 58; other employees killed, 111; injured, 1,019.

The number of passengers killed in the course of the year 1907 was 610, and the number injured 13,041. During the previous year 359 passengers were killed, and 10,764 injured. There were 376 passengers killed and 8,113 injured because of collisions and derailments. The total number of persons other than employees and passengers killed was 6,695; injured, 10,331. These figures include the casualties to persons trespassing, of whom 5,612 were killed and 5,512 were injured. The total number of casualties to persons other than employees from being struck by trains, locomotives, or cars, was 5,327 killed and 4,876 injured. The casualties of this class were: At highway crossings, passengers killed, 1, injured 20; other persons killed, 933, injured, 1,797; at stations, passengers killed, 34, injured, 102; other persons killed, 510, injured, 682; at other points along track, passengers killed, 4, injured, 12; other persons killed, 3,845, injured, 2,263. The ratios of casualties indicate that 1 employee in every 369 was killed, and 1 employee in every 19 was injured. With regard to trainmen—that is, enginemen, firemen, conductors and other trainmen—it appears that 1 trainman was killed for every 125 employed, and 1 was injured for every 8 employed.

In 1907, 1 passenger was killed for every 1,436,631 carried, and 1 injured for every 67,012 carried. For 1906 the figures show that 2,222,691 passengers were carried for 1 killed, and 74,187 passengers were carried for 1 injured. With respect to the number of miles traveled, the figures for 1907

show that 45,440,253 passenger-miles were accomplished for each passenger killed, and 2,125,493 passenger-miles for each passenger injured. For 1906 the figures were 70,103, 735 passenger-miles for each passenger killed, and 2,338,094 passenger-miles for each passenger injured.

#### THE SALARY SYSTEM.

THE Reverend F. E. Hopkins, of the Pilgrim Congregational Church, of Chicago, which is one of the richest and most influential churches of that city, treated his congregation to a surprise recently, by declaring that all employees are underpaid, and that workers were the victims of gross injustices.

The *Chicago Record-Herald* prints the following excerpts from his sermon:

"What 90 per cent of the people of Chicago need, is more money."

Every one in the Pilgrim Congregational Church assumed an attitude of alert attention, when Rev. Frederick E. Hopkins thus began his sermon.

His next statement was:

"Most of them are entitled to it, because they earn it."

Then Mr. Hopkins proceeded, with decorous manifestations of approval from his congregation, to argue that inadequate salaries constituted one of the greatest injustices of the time.

"Look at the luxuries enjoyed by the comparatively few," he exclaimed. "The biggest profit in this city is made on salaried people, and everybody knows it.

"It never cost a man as much for a house to live in, or to supply his table, or clothing for his family, as it costs today. In the last ten years the expenses of living have increased 30 per cent, and salaries about 15.

"This gap between expenses and income is the ditch on the field of Waterloo for many. It is not fair, nor just, nor right that it should exist. For this reason salary is no mere economic question. Some have been treating it as though it were, and they have made a fine mess of it.

### "WANT WHAT THEY EARN.

"Salaried people do not want help. They want what they really earn. Rich people ought not to be pounded and hounded. They want to be shown the right or righteous thing. And I say this question of salary is a righteous one. All the ministers and evangelists in the world can never fill our churches until the churches bring their tremendous influence to bear in breaking up a cruel and unjust state of affairs which is the result of indifference, ignorance or selfishness. I asked a gentleman connected with one of the largest concerns, 'What is the average salary in this house, of married men?' He replied, 'I am ashamed to tell you.'

"What do you think of that?

"Do not sing 'God will take care of you,' nor talk about the special providence of God, nor of 'angels ever bright and fair,' and 'What a friend we have in Jesus,' to parents whose children are compelled to work to make both ends meet, and then they don't; whose only luxury is a nice walk on Sunday; whose only chance to ride is in a stinking street car.

"Not a word of this is meant for the loafer, for the wheezy old bum who never did, nor could do a square day's work; but it is meant for tens of thousands of men and women of good habits, industry and brains, who steadily enrich their employers, but receive only a meager stipend for themselves.

"In behalf of these, let the church raise its voice steadily and mightily, and declare, 'Woe to him that useth his neighbors' service, without wages such as they ought to be.'"

### TRACKMEN UNITE.

**T**HE National Union of Railway Trackmen, whose headquarters have previously been at Fort Scott, Kan., has amalgamated with the International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes, whose international headquarters are located in St. Louis.

*The Trackman*, formerly the official organ of the National Union of Railway Track-

men, prints the following in regard to the amalgamation, in its last issue:

On Tuesday evening, February 23, 1909, after having received the ballots of a majority of our members, who are in good standing, we declared the polls closed, and canvassed the vote upon the proposition as to whether the National Union of Railway Trackmen should amalgamate with the International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes.

Five thousand, two hundred and eighty-three votes were cast, and of these votes, all but one was in favor of amalgamation.

We had sincerely hoped there would not be a single vote in opposition to forming the combination, but each man is entitled to have his vote recorded as he cast it.

We are extremely glad that so large a vote was cast, and in such a short time.

We have declared the proposition carried, and have so notified the officers of the International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes.

It is important that the two unions begin active co-operation at once. The spring work will soon be ready to open, and the trackmen can easily have contracts at the beginning of the season's activities on all the Mississippi Valley roads.

We hope there will be no lagging in the harness on the part of any of the old members of the N. U. of R. T. Give the Brotherhood the same earnest, honest, active support that you have given our union in the past.

Remember brothers, your opportunity to make a grand, strong and efficient union, is now within your grasp. Put the same faith and confidence in President Lowe, Secretary-Treasurer Pegg and the other officers of the Brotherhood that you have in us, and all will be well. Remember, also, that no matter how capable your officers may be, the strength and usefulness of your labor union will depend, in the main, upon your own efforts. The officers can only aid you by giving wise advice and counsel. They can direct and guide, but after all you must be the moving cause of all the benefits which you receive.

It has often been said in the past that the trackmen of the country could not be organized; that they did not have their own welfare enough at heart. We know this is untrue; that is a foul slander upon a body of as honest and conscientious laboring men as the world has ever seen. Brother trackmen, let us show to the world, now that we have such a splendid opportunity, that we can and will organize solidly on every railroad in America.

We, the members of your Executive Committee, are each to take the road, and gather together in a compact body, all the members of the N. U. of R. T., and such other trackmen as we meet, who are still

unorganized, and place them among the already organized forces of the I. B. M. W. E.

We want to show the officers of the Brotherhood how much we are in earnest in our new effort to aid the trackmen. We can only do this with your help.

Confidently believing that you will all do your part toward effecting a perfect and complete union of the railway track forces of the country, we are your brothers, and for the last time sign ourselves the Executive Committee of the National Union of Railway Trackmen.

EDWARD G. GASHEL,  
H. A. VURPIA,  
JOHN COTTER.

## EDITORIAL NOTES

Six hundred and eighteen new members were initiated into the Order during the month of February.

The mailing list has been revised and only members with dues paid to June 30, 1909, will receive this issue from the regular mailing list.

It is stated that J. H. Stauber, whose name appears on the Katy Scab List, is employed at Cameron Junction, Mo., on the C. R. I. & P. Railway.

Indexes for the 1908 volume of THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER can be had by members free of charge upon application to the Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

An active crusade towards complete and thorough organization has been inaugurated, and every member is requested to lend a helping hand in this direction.

A warning has been received from the far West that that section of the country is overrun with telegraphers seeking employment and that others should refrain from going in that direction.

In the Personal Mention in the January issue, the death of Bro. C. A. Ross, of Vaughans, Miss., was chronicled, which was an error. Mrs. Ross, mother of Bro. C. A. Ross, was the deceased.

The attention of certificate holders in the Mutual Benefit Department is called to the second paragraph of article 5 of the laws governing that department, which provides that certificate holders must pay their dues in the Order within sixty days from the beginning of a semi-annual dues period.

Complaint is made to the editor that former members of the Order continue to wear their emblem buttons after having forfeited membership, and seek fraternal courtesies from members on the strength of wearing the button. In all cases where a member is approached by another member, a stranger, a request should be made to see his up-to-date card and no excuse should be accepted for failure to be in possession of one. Imposters have a series of excuses which they offer for failure to be in possession of a card, such as they have "lost" it; that it is at some other place, "in their grip," etc. No card, no favors.

The attention of correspondents for THE TELEGRAPHER is again called to the fact that line-ups should not be sent in; it is proper to chronicle the various changes of members, but line-ups should not be given; also to the fact that the name of the station referred to should be given in every instance and not the office call.

Complaint is made to the general offices that W. J. Harrington, formerly Certificate 10694, who held card No. 10110 for the term ending June 30th, 1906, is still presenting that old card for fraternal courtesies and that the year of its expiration has been changed with a pen. Any member to whom it is presented should take it up, and return to the Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

Bro. S. J. Konenkamp, President of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, whose address is Monon Building, Chicago, Ill., requests the publication of the following announcement: "The progress of the C. T. U of A. has warranted the appointment of organizers, and we will be able to use a number of O. R. T. members for this purpose. We will pay liberal commission to the proper parties. In writing, give references and name territory you would prefer covering."

AS HAS BEEN CUSTOMARY FOR MANY YEARS PAST, THE MAY ISSUE OF THIS JOURNAL WILL BE GOTTEN OUT PRIOR TO THE CONVENING OF THE GRAND DIVISION, WHICH MEETS IN ATLANTA, GA., ON MAY TENTH. ALL MATTER INTENDED FOR THE MAY ISSUE SHOULD BE IN THE HANDS OF THE EDITOR NOT LATER THAN APRIL TWENTIETH.

The member securing the most new members before June 30th, will be given a diamond ring to cost \$150.00. The member securing the second largest number of new members, will be given a diamond ring to cost \$100.00. Third prize, choice between a diamond ring or a watch, to cost \$50.00. The member who secures five or more new members during that period, and who fails to obtain one of the prizes named above, will be given the choice between an O. R. T. emblem ring and an O. R. T. watch charm.

For further particulars in regard to this contest, reference should be had to the article appearing on page 17, of the January TELEGRAPHER.





E. E. Pickard.      N. E. See.      C. S. Whitford.      O. E. See.  
 O. R. T. GROUP—C. & E. I. RY., CAYUGA, IND.

# PERSONAL MENTION

The following births have been recorded since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. B. M. Murchison, of Rock Hill, S. C., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Edward Garrett, of Donie, Tex., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. W. Beckon, of Portland, Ore., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. C. Donlevy of Carstairs, Alta., Can., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. M. Conklin, of Marine Mills, Minn., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Clarence Larimore, of La Plata, Mo., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. O. Johnson, of Du Quoin, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Ernest G. Andrews, of Monaca, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. M. Skinner, Jr., of Malvern, Iowa, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. H. Keyes, of Roy, Wash., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. T. E. Mattox, of Salisaw, Okla., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. John M. Phelan, of Baltimore, Md., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. N. Thornton, of Courtland, Va., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. O. J. English, of Albany, Ga., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. H. Harris, of Danbury, Neb., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. D. H. Nelms, of Adona, Ark., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. Z. Swett, of Gloucester, Ohio, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. E. Lowe, of Byron, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. E. O'Leary, of Emporium, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. D. Jeffry, of Portage, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. H. Hysong, of Huff, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. H. Pickett, of Lucerne, Minn., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. D. C. Babcock, of Kendalla, Wis., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. G. Thomas, of Caldonia, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. V. Luther, of De Pere, Wis., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. F. Jaehnke, of Ft. Atkinson, Wis., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Ellis Stroud, of East Durham, N. C., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Pat Heaney, of San Francisco, Calif., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. C. Starkey, of Roseville, Calif., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. H. Needs, of Latrobe, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. H. Boulais, of Oakdale, Mass., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Harrison Hopper, of Pittsburg, Kan., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. L. Murray, of Chittenango Sta., N. Y., twin girls.

To Bro. and Mrs. Edward Wilkins, of Camillus, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. J. Long, of Lock Haven, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Wm. Hetherington, of Green Bay, Wis., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Percy D. Booth, of Wellsboro, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. S. Evans, of Canon City, Colo., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. I. Rawlings, of Latata, S. C., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Sam Slack, of Martin, Fla., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Chas. S. Davis, of Pasco, Wash., a girl.

The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Bro. C. E. Nelson, of Div. 79, to Miss Mathye Belle Mikell.

At Dallas, Tex., Bro. F. B. Bridges, of Div. 126, to Miss Mayme Jefferson.

At Denver, Colo., Bro. Earl M. Clodfelter, of Div. 49, to Miss Maud A. Calkins.

At Vandalia, Ill., Bro. Sam'l Kelley, of Div. 130, to Miss Della Break.

At Rochester, N. Y., Bro. H. W. Perry, of Div. 8, to Miss Frances Brockelower.

At Greeley, Colo., Bro. Robt. J. Collins, of Div. 7, to Miss Anna C. Kervin.

At Eola, La., Bro. E. M. Baldrige, of Div. 88, to Miss Camillia M. Tiffreau.

At New Iberia, La., Bro. James A. Wherland, of Div. 88, to Miss Carrye Rougeot.

At Saginaw, Mich., Bro. G. H. Diamon, of Div. 1, to Miss Iris McRae.

At Colorado Springs, Colo., Bro. E. C. Hock, of Div. 77, to Miss Orphia Davison.

At Anselmo, Neb., Bro. Frank Doolittle, of Div. 130, to Miss Anna Bowman.

Bro. C. H. Meador, of Div. 126, to Miss Lou Ryan.

At Washington, D. C., Bro. W. L. Dodson, of Div. 125, to Miss Violet Maddox.

At Canandaigua, N. Y., Bro. G. H. Fake, of Div. 100, to Miss Florence DuBois.

At Pocahontas, Miss., Bro. W. B. Sanders, of Div. 93, to Miss Eleanor Baker.

Bro. A. H. Brodeaur, of Div. 93, to Miss Mary Marshall.

Bro. S. A. Cathey, of Div. 59, to Miss Matie Barrenger.

At Mannington, W. Va., Bro. B. F. Wilson, of Div. 33, to Miss Ella Hall.

At Sallisaw, Okla., Bro. W. W. Neel, of Div. 31, to Miss Clevlie Leathers.

At Leoti, Kans., Bro. F. A. Thompson, of Div. 31, to Miss Rose Smith.

Bro. F. G. Rohde, of Div. 23, to Miss Ethel Nelson.

Bro. A. W. Steinback, of Div. 23, to Miss Pearl A. Eggleston.

Bro. S. A. Laas, of Div. 23, to Miss Clara Nehf.

Bro. Harry W. Perry, of Div. 8, to Miss Frances L. Dotzauer.

At Pittsfield, Ill., Bro. Horace Arnold, of Div. 59, to Miss Tipton.

At Maumee, Ohio, Bro. Raymond Hoover, of Div. 2, to Miss Marrie Zellar.

At Jacksonville, Ill., Bro. J. T. Quigley, of Div. 2, to Miss Anna Adams.

At Nottaway, Va., Bro. J. H. Fitzgerald to Sister Minnie Davis, both of Div. 14.

At Center Point, Ark., Bro. Chas. H. Womack, of Div. 5, to Miss Robbie F. Duncan.

At North Crandon, Wis., Bro. Geo. W. Brown, of Div. 117, to Miss Anna Marie Gerold.

THE TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations to the happy couples.

The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Bro. G. D. Johnson, of Div. 8.

At Moreland, Ky., Bro. Geo. W. Gooch, of Div. 62.

At Corning, Calif., Bro. A. E. Daswell, of Div. 53.

At Healy, Kan., Bro. C. C. Denney, of Div. 31.

At Cheyenne, Wyo., wife of Bro. J. P. Leahy, of Div. 6.

At Donie, Tex., Robt. Edward, infant son of Bro. Edward Garrett, of Div. 144.

At Bunker Hill, Ind., W. W. Smith, father of Bro. J. B. Smith, of Div. 126.

At Battleboro, N. C., Mary Allen Hobgood, wife of Bro. A. J. Hobgood, of Div. 58.

At Machias Junction, N. Y., Jeremiah D. Cashman, father of Bro. D. F. Cashman, of Div. 135.

At Purdy, Mo., Bro. J. C. Buchanan, father of Bro. L. A. Buchanan, of the Grand Division.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all.

## WANTED.

Present address of Sam Z. Kern. "Sam," if you see this write. C. M. EVANS, Clifford, Mich.

Present address of D. C. Wells. Last heard of 1906, Sumner, Miss.

I. H. HURT, Sumner, Miss.

Present address of T. A. Chatterton, last heard of at Zanesville, Ohio, in 1904. Important. MONT FULTON, Postmaster, Folks, Ohio.

Present address of Czarnie Geyer, last heard of at Kansas City.

MRS. R. H. MARTIN, Keene, Calif.

Present address of Theodore Lasater. Last heard of in Chicago.

F. D. HEARLE, R. F. D. No. 8, Pittsburg, Kan.

Present address of T. J. O'Donnell. Last heard of at Herrington, Kan. "Tom," if you see this write. A. J. FEUSTEL, Wapello, Ia.

Present address of Ed Sands, last heard of working for C. G. W Ry., Wilkinson, Ill. "Ed," if you see this write your old pal. R. E. LAMB, Elmhurst, Ill.

Present address of George Stretch, last heard of in New Orleans. "George," if you see this, write me.

MATTHEW MEEHAN, Silver Creek, Ohio.

Present address of Oscar, last seen in Savannah, Ga. "Oscar," if you see this, write me at once. I have news for you.

MAUD BROSCOE, General Delivery, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Present address of Jack Finn. Was at Spokane, Missoula, or Helena on N. P. about October 15, 1908. "Jack," if you see this please write me at Avon. Your letter came a week too late. Unable to locate you since. C. M. LEILICH.

Present address of Frank E. Holmes and David C. Smarl, formerly of U. S. Signal Corps. Anyone knowing their whereabouts please write. L. A. ANSTETH, Alpha, Ill.

Present address of Bro. A. J. Lussier. Last heard of at Verd, Nev., in 1907.

H. L. MANN, Merritt, Wash., G. N. Ry.

Present address of John and Clarence Connors, last heard of at Bay Mills, Mich. "John," if you see this, write me at Gold Creek, Montana, care N. P. Ry.

W. W. QUINN.

Present address of Norman Wellien, last heard of working for Northern Pacific Relay office, Portland, Oregon. "Norman," if you see this drop me a line, Dody.

A. H. SHERMAN, 1402 Willow St., Coffeyville, Kan.

Present address of David H. Essley, last heard of on Southern Pacific or Santa Fe in Southwest. "David," if you see this please write me here in the Chicago office and Ann Seber, 751 E. 9th St., South Salt Lake City, Utah. LIZZIE.

Present address of Pat Corbett; worked for N. P. Ry. at South Superior, Wis., August, 1905; last heard of working at Hammond, Ind. Important information for you; write me. L. CORMACK,

1710 Winter St., Superior, Wis.

Present addresses of James Stelle, James Spaulding, Harry McDonald and Opr. Brooks, all formerly members of 3rd Co. U. S. Vol. Signal Corps.

ARTHUR T WIPPLE, 90 Salem St., Woburn, Mass.

Present address of J. H. Carr, last heard of in Birmingham, Ala., in January. Formerly worked for Southern Ry. at Huntsville, Ala., and C. N. O. & T. P. Ry., Dayton, Tenn. Any information as to his whereabouts will be greatly appreciated.

O. A. HARPER, Central Station, Chattanooga, Tenn.

The following members desire to exchange souvenir postal cards with other members:

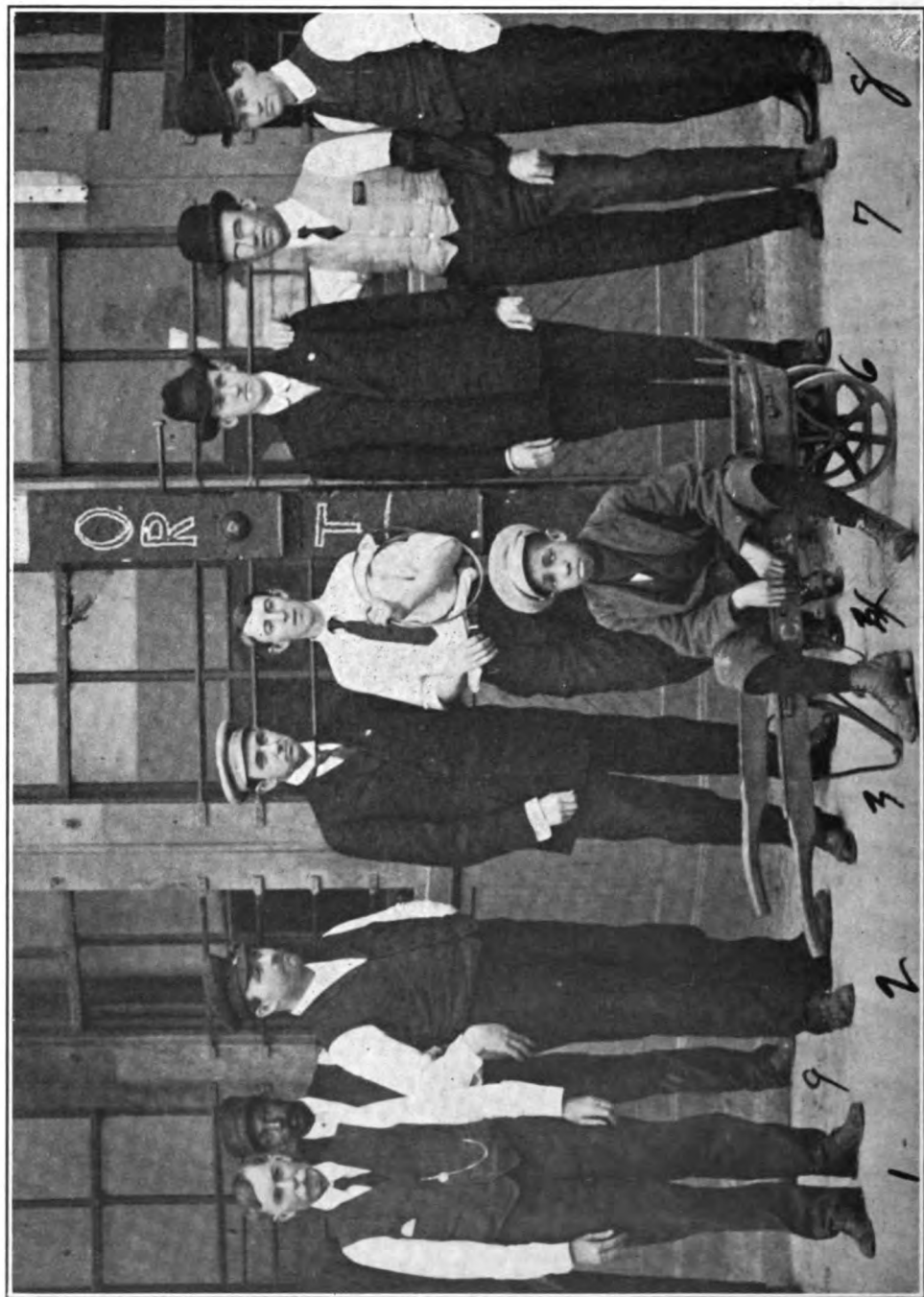
G. K. Seibert, Martinsburg, W. Va.

P. C. Darrow, Central Village, Conn.

Arthur C. Malstrom, Central Village, Conn.

S. E. Schroder, 329 N. Hight St., Martinsburg, W. Va.





P. W. Maloney.

L. S. Hazelgrove.

C. B. Simonton.

J. A. Haight.

P. J. Weiner, Jr.

C. Jackson.

Jno. Baird.

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## LOST OR STOLEN.

Card 2276, Cert. 5499, Grand Div., for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 13460, Cert. 267, Div. 34, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 11323, Cert. 334, Div. 39, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 17658, Cert. 1468, Div. 93, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 19727, Cert. 723, Grand Div., for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 733, Cert. 2078, Div. 23, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 2541, Cert. 1949, Div. 23, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 5307, Cert. 6375, Grand Div., for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 8085, Cert. 6393, Grand Div., for term ending June 30, 1909.

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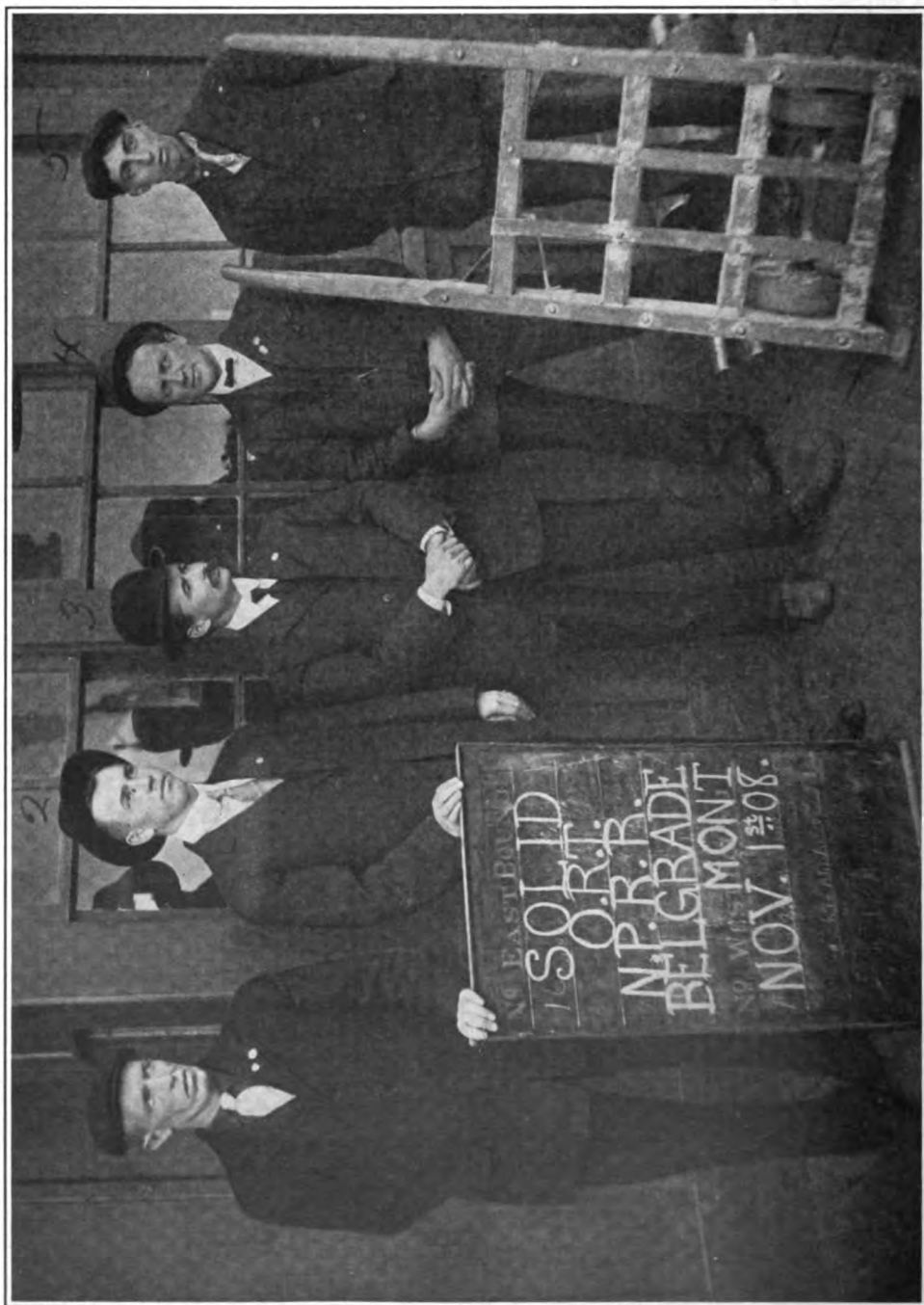
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William E. Gladstone said that "trade unions are the bulwark of democracies," and the late Cardinal Manning urged the workers to protect themselves by joining trade unions.

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Denver, Colo., with eighty-nine local unions, nine central bodies, six state organizations and seven international headquarters, can justly claim to be the best organized city in the United States.

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The strength of a labor union is measured by the loyalty and courage of the average member. Look into your own heart, comrade; if you are all right you need not doubt your brothers.

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President Gompers is a cigar-maker, holding a card in New York union; John Mitchell is a coal miner, affiliated with the Spring Valley, Ill., local union; Frank Morrison is a printer, with membership in Chicago Typographical union.

A word to the non-members: Are you interested in the size of your pay check? Well, then, just donate the amount of the initiation fee to the Order. Just everybody do this and see the result.

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Rockefeller breaks the law and is fined \$29,000,000—which he never pays, and Gompers, et al., break no laws and go to the pen. Consistency, thou art a jewel.

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The community which does not protect its humblest and most hated members in the free utterance of his opinions, no matter how false or hateful, is only a gang of slaves.—*Wendell Phillips*.

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Organize the yet unorganized telegraphers. Bring them to a consciousness of their duty to themselves, their wives and children, as well as to their fellows now and those who are yet to come.

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A union card is the best recommendation any honest workingman can carry in his pocket, and employers are recognizing the fact to a greater extent each succeeding year, month, week and day.

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Labor organizations in one form or another have been in existence for more than five centuries, and it is not reasonable to suppose that a human institution could survive that long unless it did some good in the world.

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Today every student of economics, every philosopher, every honest statesman and many employers admit the necessity of labor organization, and they frankly declare if they were in the working class ranks they would join trade unions.

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A wise student of human nature gave expression to the following rather pertinent conclusion: "A man who refuses to pay his debts when he can is a thief at heart." Wonder if that is applicable to the man who can afford to pay his dues to his union and doesn't.

We have seen no statement from Van Cleave that the sale of Buck's stoves and ranges has increased to any alarming extent since the federation officials were sentenced to jail. This is a case where advertising does not pay.

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The labor movement was born of hunger—hunger for bread in the beginning. It is still a hunger, but now it is for the better things of life—better education, better ideals, higher possibilities and a higher place in the scale of civilization.

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In the juvenile court at Washington, D. C., Judge De Lacy rendered a decision concerning the act to regulate child labor in the District of Columbia, and decided that newspapers or journals, in the sense in which they are named in the act, are not merchandise.

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People who purchase the product of labor have a right to know under what condition the goods are manufactured. That is why they insist on the union label. It stands for a fair wage, reasonable hours, sanitary workshops, honest citizenship and competent workmanship.

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Every man, union or non-union, who is now at work is knowingly or unknowingly benefited by the union movement past and present, for there is not a single industry in civilized existence where wages and conditions are not better because organized labor has existed and fought than they would have been if unions had not existed.

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If it is unlawful for organized labor to systematically fight its enemies, it is certainly unlawful for the manufacturers' organization to exercise the blacklist. Yet see what success labor will have in exercising its supposed right. There are cases pending in the courts of the country—one of them in this city—and we venture to say that no such punishment will be meted out to any of the offenders that has been imposed in the case of the Federation officials.—*Baltimore Daily Leader*.

Mayor Whitlock, of Toledo, recently made the opening address before the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks' convention in Toledo. "Give up nothing," declared his Honor. "Workers should hang to every luxury. If you let go, your standard of wages is reduced because your standard of living is lower. Concede nothing, and always demand more."

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A central labor union has been formed at Battle Creek, Mich., hitherto known as a non-union center. The central body is composed of 14 subordinate unions, with a combined membership of 1200. And this right under the nose of C. W. Post, after everybody was led to believe that he had wiped every vestige of organized labor off the Battle Creek map.

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Workingmen form organizations for the purpose of enabling them to retain a larger share of what they produce. In the sight of the capitalist, such combinations are illegal and a menace to society.

Capitalists form organizations for the purpose of enabling them to secure a larger share of what—not they themselves produce—but of what the workingman produces; and such combinations are considered perfectly legal and a good thing for the people. Pray, where is the difference? They are both legal, or illegal.

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An example of what labor unions may expect when rendered helpless by the courts, may be seen in the case of the Hatters' Union. The funds of its members, including the homes of those so unfortunate as to own homes, were attached by the courts to satisfy the three-fold damage suit of the Lowe Hat Co. The other hat manufacturers, seeing the condition of the union, thought the time opportune to put the finishing touches to the Hatters' Union. Therefore the National Association of Fur and Felt Hat Manufacturers threw out the union label and forced the hatters on a strike. Let no one buy a hat until this trouble is settled unless it bears the Hatters' Union label.

The poor, deluded souls of "independent" (non-union) persuasion who have organized themselves into so-called unions are to be pitied rather than scorned, for they "know not what they do"—in other words, they seem utterly oblivious to the fact that their "unions" are based upon rules and regulations dictated by their employers for the purpose of obtaining a more secure and lasting "cinch" on their "independent" slaves through the plan of organization.

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The labor movement today, by reason of experience, bought in many instances by costly sacrifices, is far stronger and far nearer its final triumph than ever before. Let every person who works at our trade bear this in mind; let those of us who belong to the union get all of the others in for the next great effort, and the improvements which must of necessity follow the struggle will repay us for the effort. This is true trade unionism.

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The Blackhill's Daily Register, commenting on the decision of Judge Wright, stated that it is reported on excellent authority that the Buck's stoves and ranges have not increased in sales in that territory since the general publicity given that concern through the daily papers throughout the United States, showing their attitude toward union labor. The Register further says that it is an exceptional case, and the only case on record where advertising does not pay.

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The decision of Judge Wright, of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, in the Gompers contempt case, is the most far-reaching step yet taken to undermine and destroy the freedom of speech and of the press, guaranteed by the federal constitution.

Primarily it is intended to curb the growing power of organized labor, if not to destroy the labor movement; but it can not be limited to that purpose. If finally upheld, it must ultimately lead to the general censorship of speech and of the press.

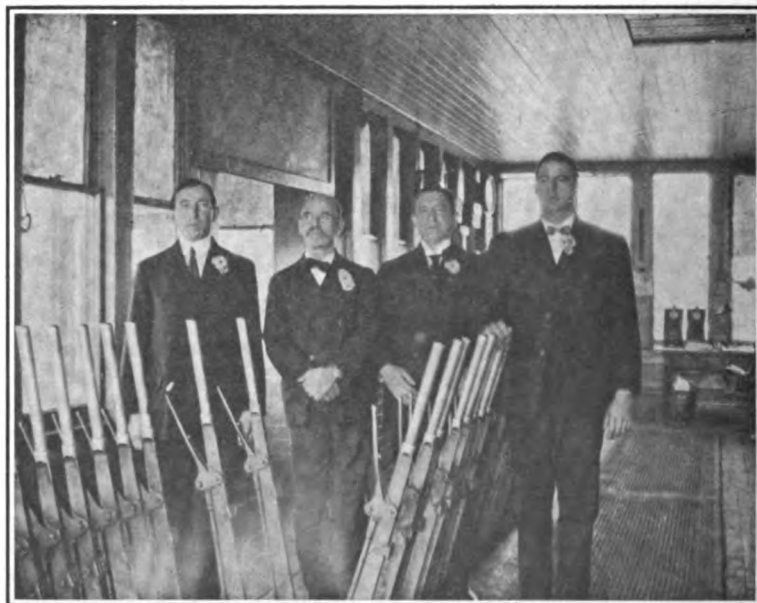


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# MISCELLANY

## SHIFTY SHIFT.

**I**T was New Year's Eve. Helmstaedter, the baker man, stepped out toward the curb, and turned and gazed with undisguised satisfaction at the sign which graced his window. It was modest in its way, done in an artistic, irregular, uphill fashion, and bordered with a neat edge of canton flannel, red as flame, stitched on. This is what it said:

### PRIZE FOR NEW YEAR.

In all of these beautiful loaves of bread, caraway seeds. In one of them, a silver dollar.

Helmstaedter nodded with approval. "Every year for fifteen years," he said to a customer who had just moved into the neighborhood, "every year for fifteen years have I done it. Every year somebody gets the silver dollar. And such a dollar, fresh from the Subtreasury, and just as good as any dollar on the market. Better, maybe. Yes, sir; fifteen years and fifteen dollars."

The customer handed out a nickel. "Gimme a loaf," he remarked, "and if you don't mind, I'd just as soon have the one with the dollar in her. I ain't particular; anything is good enough for me." He snickered at this sally, and poked the baker in the ribs. The smiling baker wrapped up a loaf and shook his head. "Ah," he said, "you make fun. You don't get no dollar. I bet you don't." The buyer did not. He took home the loaf and commanded his family to eat it up at once, in order to bring forth to light that dollar if perchance it might be inside. But the dollar was not there.

Now Helmstaedter, the baker man, from the standpoint of his neighbors, was extremely generous. He was a popular man, was Helmstaedter. Much more popular, for

instance, than Tortoni, the banker, the usurer, the vulture, whose dingy little counting house was just around the corner, and who held chattel mortgages on half the neighborhood. Helmstaedter, he put bread into your mouth; Tortoni, he took bread out of your mouth—that was the way. Even on this day he had told pretty Mollie Middleditch that he must have \$2.95 she owed him, or out her things must go tomorrow. And tomorrow was New Year's Day. Molly was the pride of the neighborhood, a pretty girl, who lived all alone, and she worked hard all day. She had buried her father with Tortoni's money, and her payments came too slow for Tortoni, the banker. But then Tortoni was pushing everybody at the end of the year; he wanted to count his cash after the first, and pat himself on his back for having made so much.

And when Tortoni locked up his safe at 6 o'clock and went home on the last day of the year he felt at peace with all the world, for of all the days in the year this day had been the biggest.

"Good year, John," said Tortoni to himself, after the manner of his countrymen. But Tortoni was not the only man who was well aware of his immediate prosperity. The heart of at least one other man was gladdened. This man was a young gentleman of the name of Shifty Shift. That was his real name—he had others.

Shifty Shift's hours began when Tortoni's hours were over; when Tortoni locked up, Shifty Shift opened up. And he did it in a very simple manner. For he had a key to the boarding house of John Tortoni; a key which had been made for Shifty Shift and for no one else. And after Tortoni had gone, Shifty, while the crowd passed and repassed in the early evening,



inserted his key in the lock of the outer door, and entered. It is simple enough when you know how. Once inside he knew well what to do and how to do it.

Half an hour later he was through, with the exception of stepping outside. Now this was a more ticklish proceeding than stepping in. For when he stepped in he could see who was outside; but when he was about to step out he was at a disadvantage. For all he knew a cordon of police might be at the next corner. However, he pulled himself together and took a deep breath. As he closed the door behind him he heard a shout.

"Hi, there!" exclaimed a stentorian voice. Shifty Shift took one look, and then ran. So did the owner of the voice.

It was a famous race. Shifty held the lead. But he and his pursuer had to contend with the crowded streets. And Shifty had to contend with the possibility of being cut off in front, as well as being overtaken in the rear. At last he found himself confronted by two coppers on ahead, while three assailed his rear; and then he did what only Shifty Shift could do—he disappeared completely, mysteriously, unpromisingly. They looked high and low for him, but he could not be found.

Helmstaedter, the baker man, had not yet put up his sign when all this occurred. Helmstaedter's dollar sale did not begin until 6 o'clock on New Year's Eve. Down below the bread was waiting for the psychological moment to arrive when it was ready for the oven. In the meantime the bakery force had adjourned next door to the saloon to wet its whistle against the hot and heavy baking which was imminent. Helmstaedter was puttering over his beautiful sign, when suddenly a man dashed up to his shop and almost threw himself down the basement stairs. This man had been telling himself that he was a goner; that it wouldn't do to be caught with the goods on, and had been making divers other remarks to himself which indicated that he was hard pressed. He dashed precipitately down Helmstaedter's steps. He saw instantly that he had made a mistake. There was no way out, apparently.

He heard the sound of footsteps descending to the room in which he stood. He looked about. There was no hiding place. He was surrounded on all sides by huge pans of bread. He thrust his hand into a pocket and pulled it out.

He dashed the contents of his hand across the room, and dived for another handful. Then he paused, for the man upon the steps was not a policeman. He was Helmstaedter, the baker man.

"What you doing here?" exclaimed Helmstaedter, suspiciously.

Shifty Shift, for it was he, was relieved. "I was lookin'," he explained confidently to the baker, "for a man of the name of Mickey Sullivan—blind in one eye. He used to work down this cellar."

"You got in the wrong place," said Helmstaedter, "there ain't no Mickey Sullivan—not here—never was."

"Gee," said Shifty, "I got on the wrong street. Mickey works right back of here. I'm a guy f'r fair."

Casting a remorseful glance over to one side, he slowly and with becoming humility ascended the stone steps to the street. He looked up and down for a policeman. He saw none.

"Much obliged to you," he said to the baker man, as he trotted around the corner to find the imaginary Mickey Sullivan.

Molly Middleditch was sitting in her room, making over, for the fifth time, a dress which had worn out months ago, when she heard a knock on the door. She leaped to her feet, ran and opened it.

"Jimmy," she exclaimed, "Jimmy Burke." Then she stepped back a foot or two. "Jimmy," she exclaimed. "How tired you look. And how cold." Jimmy slid over to the sofa and half reclined upon it.

"Tired," he answered. "Cold! Well I guess yes. What do you t'nk? I walked fourteen miles this day if I walked a step, and not a job; not a job anywhere. There ain't no more jobs; that's what. And, by George, Molly, I'm up against it and no mistake. Any news?"

Molly Middleditch nodded her pretty head. "What do you think, Jimmy," she said, "Tortoni wants his \$2.95, and says he'll take every stick I've got tomorrow."

Jimmy Burke gave vent to a long, low, discouraged whistle. "Gee," he exclaimed, "here is you and me, encaithed now, goin' on four year, and you with your old father knocked clean off his pins, and me without a cent and without a job, and no chance to get one. Well, what d'ye think of it, Molly girl?"

Molly, smiled. "It might be worse Jimmy," she said. "What if you didn't have me and I didn't have you?"

Jimmy Burke brightened up. "I 'spose it'll all come right some day. I wonder now if it'll ever be that you and me can get together enough of the stuff so that we can walk down to th' Alderman's and get gived away in marriage, an' set up housekeepin' and have enough to eat. Gee," said Jimmy Burke, "but that reminds me. If I ain't hungry. Fourteen miles on an empty stummick ain't much in my line."

"Oh, Jimmy, Jimmy," wailed the girl, "didn't you get nothin' to eat." She fumbled about in a small purse.

"Come on out, Jimmy," she said, "and I'll blow you." Jimmy when he was sufficiently warm and sufficiently rested, accompanied her. She led him to the establishment of Helmstaedter, the baker man.

"Could you eat a loaf of bread, Jimmy?" asked the girl.

"I could eat two of 'em," said Jimmy, voraciously. The girl smiled.

"I'll lend you a nickel," she said, "and I'll buy a loaf and you buy a loaf, and we'll see who gets the dollar; and you can eat the bread."

Jimmy felt better. He took the proffered nickel. "Now no humbug. Helmstaedter," he remarked, "here's Miss Middleditch, my lady friend, and me, and we're after that dollar loaf. We're goin' to buy two loaves, and you'd better give me the dollar one, for I owe her a nickel, and then I can pay it back. Say, sport, can we pick out our own loaves?"

"If you have clean hands," said Helmstaedter, "you can pick out any one you please. If you have the other kind, you can pick out only one, and that one must be yours."

"Gee," said Jimmy Burke, looking reproachfully at his hands, "it's up to you,

Molly. Here's wishin' that we get the dollar."

Molly picked out one. "Here's mine," she said. Then she picked out another. "And here's yours, Jimmy," she added. Jimmy's mouth watered, for he knew, even though the dollar was absent, he would have bread and caraway seeds. And the baker made good bread.

"If we get that there dollar now," said Jimmy, "we'll go to the show to-morrow night. That is, if I get it. I'll stay around all day and I'll show Tortoni and his men out if they turn up. And in the evening we'll have some fun. Might just as well. It's New Year's."

They reached the girl's room once more. Jimmy surreptitiously took a large bite out of his loaf. He could not wait. It tasted good.

"Go on," he said to the girl, pausing in his meal, "tear up your loaf first and see what luck you've got."

The girl obeyed. Piece after piece she tore from the fresh aromatic loaf. But no dollar made its appearance.

"Well," said Jimmy, "if you ain't got no luck, I ain't. But here goes."

With a sudden dig he tore the entire inside from his loaf of bread. Then he shouted aloud with glee.

"Gee," he yelled, "I got it! I got it, Molly!"

"Jimmy," cried the girl, "that isn't a silver dollar. It's gold—gold, Jimmy!"

With frantic haste Jimmy crumbled the bread in his hand. And then with sudden ecstasy he caught the girl by the wrist and waltzed with her around the room.

In place of the silver dollar that he thought was there, there was something else. And that something else was not a silver dollar; it was not a gold dollar; it was not a five-dollar gold piece—that is, not one five-dollar gold piece, but six of them, a round half dozen, nothing more and nothing less.

"Thirty dollars!" exclaimed Jimmy, "thirty dollars, and it's mine. Gee, but old Helmstaedter blew himself for fair. Won't we have a time tomorrow? Say, we'll—"

He stopped. His face paled. He trembled, for he had suddenly thought of some-

thing. He stepped to the side of Molly Middleditch and put his hand upon her shoulder and looked down upon the ground.

"Mollie, girl," he said, huskily, "this must mean somethin' to us. I was thinkin' that we'd blow this in tomorrow. But I've thought o' somethin' else, little girl. It's what we've been lookin' for, Molly. We've been encaitched f'r now goin' on four years." He stopped. "Molly, girl," he went on, drawing her toward him, "will you come with me down to th' Alderman's—down to Mulligan's—and get hitched up, f'r better, f'r worse, f'r rich er f'r poorer. We'll be so happy. And I'll get a job somehow. I know I will. Will you come with me, Molly, girl?"

Pretty Molly Middleditch hid her face on Jimmy's shoulder. "I'll go with you, Jimmy Burke," she said.

They went. And from that time on pretty Molly Middleditch was Mrs. Jimmy Burke. And it was even so as Jimmy Burke had said. He did get a job, and a good one, and he kept it. For Jimmy Burke is a mighty good man whether he's a husband in the home, or a hustler in the shop. He's all right all the time.

That same night a man sat in an obscure part of town with a gleam of satisfaction on his face. The man was Shifty Shift, and he was counting over a roll of bills and a few glittering coins.

"Gee," said Shifty Shift, "I got away with old Tortoni, all right, I'm thinking. But, say, wasn't I scared when I run down them steps thinkin' that the cops was on my coat-tails. If it had been them instead of the Dutchman, say, I wouldn't have had time to unload. I'm only sorry, now it's all over, that I slung them shiners away as I did. Well, what of it. I got enough, and the half dozen or dozen yellows that I fired across Dutchy's room won't make much difference. Besides, Dutchy or his men will pick 'em up, and they'll make good New Year's presents for 'em. It's all right, Shifty Shift, my boy, all right."

The next day Tortoni did not disturb Mrs. Jimmy Burke. He was very much employed in bemoaning his substantial loss. His misfortune gradually became known in

the neighborhood, and there was considerable enjoyment over his discomfiture.

One night Jimmy Burke came home to find Mrs. Jimmy Burke with a perplexed countenance.

"Jimmy," said Mrs. Burke, "what do you think? I asked old Helmstaedter if he put those gold pieces in the bread that night. He said he didn't."

"What!" said Jimmy. "What's that?"

"And what's more," said Mrs. Jimmy, "from what he said I do believe that those gold pieces used to belong in the safe of John Tortoni. What will we do about it?"

Jimmy was a moral young man. But he also was a philosopher. "Molly," he said, "is any of that money left?" Molly shook her head. "All right," said Jimmy, "I'm earning good wages now and we don't need it. But, as for me, I'm willing to let bygones be bygones with John Tortoni. And I want to tell you that John Tortoni's pile never did the good in the world that those gold pieces did to you and me, and I'm goin' to let 'em rest in peace. I'm honest enough at that, but I ain't got no kick coming. And you ain't either, little girl."

The next year, however, Jimmy, who had made a little strike, took six five-dollar pieces to Helmstaedter and handed them over. "Dutchy," he said, "I want you to put these in your bread tonight, one in a loaf. Just like as not some poor chap'll get one of 'em at the time when he's sufferin' for it."

Thus did Jimmy Burke even things up with his conscience; for Jimmy's conscience was in the right place. As for Shifty Shift, he was a man who had no use for consciences; not much.—By WILLIAM HAMILTON OSBORN, in *The Philadelphia Inquirer*.

#### THE FLOOD AT PEQUOT GULCH.

**C**HRISTMAS Day of 1905 is always sure to occupy a prominent place in the history of Red Horse Flat, that bustling little stretch of clearing at the junction of the Reno Short Line with the Tonopah and Goldfields Railway, because on that day the town as it then existed was as completely rubbed off the visual map by the breaking of the dam at Pequot Gulch, in

the Nevada Mountains, as if it had never been a settlement. While it was effectually snuffed out on that day it can actually claim to have been started on its real, substantial existence, for the prudent foresight that has since directed Red Horse's rehabilitation will, in the judgment of those best qualified to give an opinion, never allow it to be the victim of another flood such as came out of the Pequot hills, those jagged outcroppings that, tier on tier, go to make up the Sierra Nevada range of mountains, as it surely was on that occasion.

Red Horse rested in fancied security at the foot of the gulch and, if it had not been for the building of the two great dams, one at Pequot Gulch and the other at Wagon Gap which created two immense lakes, miles in breadth, with water in their banks sufficient to float big battleships, without taking into consideration the possibilities of an occasional Chinook rainfall that might last from one day to three weeks, the facts for this narrative might never have been supplied and the incidents herein recorded might never have been chronicled.

The dictum of the government surveyors located these barriers in the gulch, about four miles separating the two dams, and as far back as a study of the weather chronology indicated, there need never be any anxiety felt that these obstructions would have to be strengthened or that they could not care for even a greater volume of water should it be necessary. But it is the unexpected that always happens and Red Horse got what it does not want any more of on that Christmas day without much time to get ready for its visitor at that.

Ranchmen and miners who had lived for years among the stunted pines and fertile mesas that surround Red Horse for a considerable time had compared notes about the unusual fall of snow that had marked the winter and speculated about its effect if the balmy Chinook would blow up a rain instead of the customary thaw. Here is where Red Horse's oracle, old Major Divilbiss, came into the discussion, and he quickly assured the residents that there was no earthly chance of a rain coming to melt the snow, "as for nigh almost onto forty

years' observation had showed that a big snowfall meant no rain of consequence."

Lulled into seeming security by one to whose superior judgment all of Red Horse's people paid the fullest respect, its citizens went along with more than ordinary energy to celebrate the approaching Christmas festival. The year had been one of great activity, the mines been more generous in their yield of wealth than ever before, the ranches reported the biggest round-up of cattle since the State was named, and the government had come at an opportune time to locate its two big plants right at their door that would redeem tens of thousands of acres of soil heretofore given over to the coyote, jack rabbit and sagebrush.

While it is easy to move onward with the flow of the current we sometimes find in many communities one who does not rest in slumberous security because all are attuned to the same pitch, and happily for the easy-going denizens of Red Horse there was at least one man who did not interpret the signs of the future as by any means calculated to assure. This was Tim Mulvaney, the engineer of the steam shovel at the lower dam, who had watched the work proceed from its inception until the finishing touches were being put on the spillways and laterals. Big Tim, as he was called by his fellows on the work, was not satisfied with either the resistance power of the two dams to hold such a volume of water nor did he encourage the idea of security if rain should come and melt the snows that filled the draws, gorges and canyons for miles around Red Horse, pouring their flood waters right through the cut-outs into the great reservoirs below.

Mulvaney was an individual that when he reached a conclusion it was after a deliberative process of reasoning had taken place, and then he was as fixed and firm in his opinions as adamant. He made many tests of both dams, that at Wagon Gap and the one at Pequot Gulch, and he promptly warned the residents of Red Horse when the rain began that if it continued they were assuming great risk in occupying their homes in the valley below, and that they had better cut out for high ground.

This led to a heated controversy with Major Divilbiss, the weather factotum, and Big Tim was howled down for the time being. Christmas preparation continued and the rain scarcely ceased day or night.

The morning of the 25th broke soft and muggy, with occasional showers appearing through the sun's attempt to shine. Mulvaney had ordered a sharp lookout kept on the work at Wagon Gap and directed that the spillways be opened to their limit in order that the discharge might possibly equal the inflow, hastily posting a messenger to the Gap who was to signal him the moment the water reached the 55-foot gauge in the dam. He did not have long to wait, as a call on the wire told the story of the threatening situation, and advising him to look out for his own safety as well as the safety of the crew, for surely their doom was at hand.

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It is one thing to be fully aware of danger and to possess the faculty of calmness that can make others also appreciate the situation. This Big Tim Mulvaney had in a remarkable degree. What he had been figuring on for more than a week as a certainty was now at hand. The dam at Wagon Gap when it did fall would carry with its flood the one at Pequot Gulch, and this in a twinkling would clean up every home in Red Horse, with perhaps a sad toll of human life as the penalty of indifference to timely warnings.

Mounting a spirited cayuse, that little broncho which he could almost carry in his own big and powerful arms, he made the shortest cut possible for Red Horse, and on the way to the settlement he stopped at the school house where some fifty pupils were going through their last rehearsal for the afternoon's Christmas anthems. Hastily conveying his warning message to the teacher, Daisy La Verne, whose father owned the Pioche Three Star Ranch, Mulvaney insisted that the gleeful pupils at once be placed in the vehicles that were hitched outside and without delay be driven to the highest mesas for safety. The lives of every one were involved, he declared, and there was no time to be lost. The

teacher quietly communicated her feelings to the pupils and Mulvaney continued on his journey to Red Horse. At once advising the authorities of the imminent dangers that confronted them, they in turn spread the alarm. Thus all were aroused to their peril and if they took the risk of encountering the onrushing flood it was not because they had not been duly advised of the dangers they would face.

Hastily retracing his steps Mulvaney had reached the long draw that led up the canyon to the school house, intending to make a last appeal to any one who might loiter in the belief that no danger was near, when he heard a roar of distant thunder and looking up he beheld the toppled school house in a raging sea of swirling, angry waters, tossed hither and yon, until it was shivered and splintered on the point of rock that jutted out of the table land above the narrow flats that formed the base of Red Horse, with the little teacher in the flood waters being carried along. \* \* \* Yes, the dams had gone out, and if any one had hesitated to act on the warning, only a miracle could save those living near the defile between the hills that made the gorge!

Stunned by the awful sight Mulvaney was riveted to the spot, as gazing into the whirlpool of the rushing stream, he beheld a woman's form in the angry cataract. Quickly to the rescue he leaped into the zone of peril and seized the girl, now unconscious, and allowed the force of the current to carry him and his burden to the edge of a projecting bowlder, from which he leaped to temporary safety. With his limp companion he struggled up the canyon's side, determined to leave every chance behind that would enable the waters, which in volume appeared hundreds of feet high, to overtake them. A high knoll, far above the neighboring juttings on which a deserted rancher's shack stood was finally reached and his inanimate burden quickly placed therein. Looking back he saw the flood was not gaining on his position, and he concluded that immediate danger had now passed. Observing signs of returning consciousness on the part of his charge, Mulvaney endeavored to stimulate the same in order that he might obtain for the girl's

'needs a supply of dry clothing as well as warmth and nourishment. To do this he would have to leave her where she was until he found a place outside the track of the flood where those things could be had. Dazed from fright and chilled from waters fed by the mountain snows the plight of Big Tim's charge was anything but inviting, yet things might be so much worse than they were that even an air of cheerfulness was bound to break through the uninviting situation of the moment as it was presented to them.

"If you will remain here for a short spell I will make that ranch up the mesa and return with such things as you need to make you comfortable and then you can go there yourself," said the stalwart fellow that braved the flood to save her life.

"You have already done so much for me and my scholars, as well as the people down at Red Horse, in notifying them of their danger," the girl said, "that I do not know how we will be ever able to pay you for your kindness," added the now slowly-reviving girl. "And I will promise you that I will not violate your instruction again as I did this morning when I went back to the school house for some trifle instead of hastening to a place of safety with the scholars, as I should have done. I got back just in time to be trapped before the building was struck by the flood, and the rest is known to you."

"I will be gone only a short time and you must make the best of the delay possible until my return," said Mulvaney, as he started across the valley for the ranch.

In less than an hour Mulvaney again made his appearance with a rescuing party supplied with dry clothing, blankets and stimulants, of which the teacher partook, and gradually she became herself again and was soon ready to quit the place for the settlement, which was reached with little effort.

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It is indeed an unusual experience to be almost unknown one day and the next to be hailed as a 70-ton hero without a flaw by not only the entire community but by the public and press and those who voice the general sentiment of the State as well. But

that is what occurred to "Big Tim" Mulvaney, engineer of the steam shovel that dug the earth for the dam at Pequot Gulch. The flood which he predicted and which he kept such a close line on ripped up every house in Red Horse and frayed them into splinters against the walls of the frowning canyons miles below. Happily no lives were lost owing to the timely warning given by our hero, but everything within reach that could be struck by the battling waters was laid for all time on the scrap heap of destruction and marked the power of the flood when in angry mood and action.

Of course Big Tim Mulvaney had now become a welcome guest at every home for miles around Red Horse, and it must be said that he wore his honors modestly and becomingly; if anything, he was getting more popular day by day. The stricken town soon began the work of reconstruction on a better and more substantial scale than it was in the first instance, and he was consulted at every turn.

Mulvaney—he now has to stand for being addressed as "Mr. Mulvaney"—was unanimously chosen as a delegate of Red Horse citizens to superintend the work of rebuilding the two dams that were carried away by the flood, the only interruption to the task being a two months' vacation which was devoted to a honeymoon trip to his old home in New England, the scene of his joyous boyhood days.

Of course we need scarcely to mention that the beautiful bride who accompanied him was none other than the belle of Pioche Ranch, Miss Daisy La Verne, who declared she just couldn't say "No" to one to whom she owed her life with all the love that the recollection of that adventurous Christmas day recalls.—By COL. BILL HOLLOWAY, in *Steam Shovel Magazine*.

Beggs, Okla., is said to be the place where a minister, marrying a negro couple, asked the woman: "Do you take this man for better or for worse?" She interrupted by explaining: "No, judge, I want him jest as he is. If he gits any better he'll die, and if he gets any wuss I'll kill him myself."—*Kansas City Times*.

## THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGALS.

**“W**ILLIE! Will-yum!”  
Aunt Emma’s voice rang out on the crisp November air.

Willie crouched lower behind the wood pile, but made no answer. Through the chinks he saw his aunt standing in the kitchen door her sharp features outlined against the light from within. He saw grandma knitting by the stove, noted how the needles shone and how silvery grandma’s hair looked in the lamplight.

Aunt Emma stepped out on the porch and called again.

“William Webster, Junior! I ain’t goin’ to stand here all night tellin’ you supper’s ready. If you don’t know enough to come in and get it, you c’n go without.”

The kitchen door slammed shut with a vehemence which Willie had learned to recognize and respect.

He shook a small, very dirty fist in the direction of the kitchen door. “Hateful old thing! You’ll wait a long while ’fore I eat enny more supper in your house.”

William Webster, “Junior” (this last had been so frequently appended to his name he considered it part of his heritage) crept from behind the woodpile, made a circuitous detour of the barn, cut across fields until he gained the main road, then somewhat out of breath and just a little bit frightened, he sat down to rest and formulate his plans, for be it known William Webster, Junior, had resolved to run away.

He was uncertain about the route to take, but of two things he was positive—further existence under Aunt Emma’s supervision could not be tolerated, and he must go to the “city” and find his father.

As Willie regained breath and composure he looked back towards the old farm house, its outlines barely discernible through the November dusk.

He felt just like crying, but he remembered Aunt Emma’s Spartan counsel, “only babies cry, and only cowards are afraid of the dark.” Willie was neither a coward nor a baby—he was ‘seven, going on eight’—so he puckered up his lips to whistle (but the whistle wouldn’t come), hugged a small bundle close to his heart, and started resolutely towards the village. The warmth

of the bundle was grateful, but a distinct thorn in his conscience. It contained a whole mince pie, fresh from the oven, and obtained without his aunt’s knowledge or consent.

Willie had never before deliberately taken that which did not belong to him. The commandment “Thou shalt not steal” had been duly impressed upon his youthful mind. It might be added that aside from grandma’s gentle teaching, his training had been confined to the “thou shalt not” order almost exclusively.

However, when a small boy started out on a long journey the purloining of a pie might be overlooked. “Enny way, I shan’t be there to get a scolding when Aunt Emma finds it gone.”

With this comforting conclusion, Willie trudged along.

The instances and circumstances which had led him to take this decisive step passed again in mental review, and as on previous occasions resulted in but one solution—he must find his father. He had no memory of a mother, but there were vague recollections of a big man who had once come to the farm house, who played with him, bought wonderful toys—and he remembered distinctly how grandma cried when the big man went away.

After Willie became old enough to realize that all little boys had fathers and mothers, he wondered at this omission in his own family. Aunt Emma’s replies to questioning were not only discouraging, but promptly dismissed.

Grandma, too, avoided direct inquiry, but she always held out this promise: “When you’re a bit older, dearie, I’ll tell you all I know.”

This very morning Willie had openly rebelled against family reticence. Across the breakfast table he hurled the bomb he had been preparing for a long while. “Aunt Emma, will you please tell me where my father and mother live? I want to see them.”

Aunt Emma regarded him blandly for a moment, then, disregarding grandma’s warning look, opened fire on the defenseless tormentor. “I’d tell you where your father lived,” she mimicked, “if I knew

myself. I presume your mother is in heaven—leastways, she's dead, an' she never left any address behind her. Maybe your father's dead, too, for all I know."

"Emma!" grandma's voice trembled as she interrupted, "don't you remember what day this is?"

"Yes, mother, I remember the day—and lots of other things I'd like to forget. I remember," she continued stubbornly, "that twenty years ago today, your only son, my brother, ran away from home. I remember," pointing to Willie, "that this burden is the only legacy he left us. I remember he has never darkened our door but once since he brought the burden here for us to carry."

"But, Emma, you know William sent us money regularly for—for some time after he brought the baby to us," grandma faltered bravely.

"For just one year. An' you know, mother, just as well's I do that money never's paid for seven years' clothes an' food, or the worry it's cost me," was the bitter reply. "I've given up my youth, slaved from morning till night to lift the mortgage off this place, an' keep the roof over our heads. Folks say I'm sour, cross old maid—maybe they're right, but the Lord knows I've had enough to make me so. I've tried to do my duty by you an' William's child, an' if I've failed"—Aunt Emma rose abruptly and clattered the breakfast dishes together. Willie left the table with his mind made up.

His father had run away from home, and surely what his father had done must be right.

Grandma had told him once that so far as she knew, her son was in New York, at least his last letter had come from there.

Willie would go to New York this very night. He would find his father and ask him many things—why some little boys had fathers and mothers, while others only had grandmas and Aunt Emmas. He wanted to know what a mortgage was and why it was so hard to "lift." Most particularly, he wanted to know why he had been called a "burden"—perhaps that was part of his name, only he'd never heard it before. It was a good four miles to the village.

Willie had covered half the distance when he began to feel dreadfully hungry.

The odor of the purloined pie was more than he could stand, so he sat down, drew the bundle from inside his jacket and broke off a large triangle. His stomach soothed and his courage sustained, he was proceeding to return the dissected pastry to its newspaper wrappings when he was startled by the patter of scurrying feet. The roads were frozen, sounds traveled fast in the clear November stillness. Before Willie could scramble to his feet he was overwhelmed with moist kisses and tangled in a length of rope which dangled behind a big, shaggy yellow dog.

"O, Ginger," he cried in distress, "how did you ever get away? I tied you up so hard, an' now you'll spoil everything. I can't take you with me. Home!"

A small finger pointed in the direction the dog had come. Ginger wagged his tail furiously, but refused to stir.

Persuasion, commands, and even a small wedge of pie failed to alter Ginger's determination to follow his youthful master, so, somewhat disheartened but with firm determination uppermost, Willie climbed the long hill which led to the village.

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"What's this for?" the station master demanded as a small boy shoved a silver dollar and seven pennies across the ticket counter.

"To pay my fare to New York," Willie responded, standing on tiptoes to better regard his questioner.

"Going to the city to spend Thanksgiving?" inquired that official, with an amused glance into the serious upturned face.

"No, sir; I was goin' to find my father."

The station master's look of amusement changed.

He had little boys of his own, besides he knew as did every one else in the secluded township that William Webster's whereabouts were uncertain.

"I guess, Willie," he began kindly, "you'd better not start for New York tonight. This isn't enough money for your fare and the railroad wouldn't carry your dog, anyway," pointing to Ginger, who's eyes were fixed on his master.



"You just run along home 'fore it gets any darker—and it's going to snow, 'less I'm no weather prophet—there's a train due here from the East in 'bout half an hour, perhaps," with good-hearted intention of cheering the disappointed traveler, "your father might come on it and you don't want to miss him."

With a heart beating painfully against the mince pie, Willie started on the return journey. His pride and dignity were hurt. Running away was beset with difficulties beyond his reckoning. Ginger kept close to heel, occasionally thrusting a cold nose into Willie's hand. The night grew very dark and true to the station master's prediction, snow began to fall.

It was growing colder, too; after a mile was passed, chilled, tired, and much depressed in spirit, Willie sat down to rest.

Again the pie was withdrawn from its wrappings and divided into two equal parts.

Ginger consumed his share with one gulp.

After the third mouthful Willie decided he wasn't hungry, but he was dreadfully sleepy.

Despite heroic efforts to keep awake his eyes closed tight—grandma, the scolding he knew he would get, his disappointment about going to New York were forgotten, for Willie was sound asleep.

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A big man swung briskly down the road.

It was snowing hard, now, and impossible to see the road distinctly, but the man walked with the confidence of familiarity with his surroundings. Somewhere ahead of him he heard a dog barking frantically, the barks interrupted by a mournful howl. "Some poor chap got caught in a rabbit trap," the man thought, and quickened his pace.

Guided by the sounds of distress he nearly stumbled over a big, shaggy, yellow dog who was standing guard over what appeared to be a small snow-covered heap. Brushing the snow aside, he assisted a very sleepy little boy onto a pair of wobbly legs.

"What you doing here?" the big man demanded, giving Willie a vigorous shake.

Digging a cold fist into his eyes, the boy stared vacantly at his questioner. Then he

remembered, and in one confused sentence, told the man his troubles. He had stolen a mince pie—Aunt Emma would be awful cross—he had started for New York to find his father, but the station master said he hadn't enough money—Ginger had tagged along—he was cold and sleepy and—"further explanations were cut short by a sob which Willie had manfully tried to suppress.

"Where do you live?" inquired the big man.

"With grandma."

The man laughed good naturedly and began chafing two small hands which were blue with cold.

"What's your name?"

"William Webster, Junior."

The man looked keenly into the little lad's face.

After a moment's silence during which Willie's hands were warmed with a force that hurt, the stranger spoke.

"You were going to New York to find your father? Well, laddie, you won't have to take the journey. My name's William Webster, and I wouldn't be a bit surprised if I was the father you're looking for. Come along, now, for the folks will be worried. I've a long account of myself to give grandma, and you," with another jolly laugh, "must square the damage done to Aunt Emma's pie." Tired, but supremely happy at having a real father of his very own at last, his hand held tight in the big man's, Willie trudged along.

"You won't leave me again, will you, father?" hesitating over the unfamiliar word.

"No, lad; you and I are pals, hereafter."

"And will you help Aunt Emma lift the mortgage?"

"Aunt Emma won't do any more lifting, now that I've come home. There's strength enough here," patting his breast pocket, "to lift two mortgages if necessary."

As they neared home Ginger ran ahead, barking his delight to get back.

As if in expectancy of guests the kitchen door swung open. Aunt Emma ran bare-headed to the gate, grandma stood on the porch holding a lamp high above her head.

"Willie, my boy?" she called tremulously.

"Yes, mother," came the cheery answer, "here's both your boys. We're cold and hungry as bears—I hope you have saved some supper for us?"—By GERTRUDE MARYLAND MOORHOUSE, in *Painter and Decorator*.

#### AN INCIDENT OF THE LAST CHANCE.

IT has become a generally accepted belief that the operation of air brakes has established all the security possible in holding and stopping trains and that unlimited possibilities lie within the mechanism of the triple valve, brake cylinder and auxiliary reservoir. It may be true that the inventions now in use afford the greatest resistance known in overcoming the speed of trains, but the "unlimited possibilities" sometimes leave a lasting impression on the mind of him who has not a capable understanding of the limitations of this new braking power, and upon this subject my story hinges.

The topography of the country traversed by the N. E. & L. G. is not of that diversified sort which at once delights and interests the traveler with its green fields on one hand and its lakes and rivulets on the other, but is characteristic for the boldness of its scenery, hedged on either hand by hills or rocky walls that tower up to great heights, the varied, monotonous scene being broken only by deep ravines spanned by bridges, which bear up trains of human freight and impress one with a flying sensation as they suddenly emerge from the reverberating hillsides and feel themselves wafted, as it were, through space.

The big Atlantic type engines with their trains of seven cars frequently "found" some of the hills. Laboriously they worked their way to the summit while, frequently, some passenger whose heart was set upon arriving at his destination would ask impatiently, "Conductor, why are we moving so slowly?" Yet these same persons a few moments later would gasp, "What a terrific rate of speed!" To the man who has faced the sleet of the icy deck these movements of a train convey a picture to the mind that does not need words to explain. It may be suggested that conditions did not improve

when winter came with its gusts of wind that hurled eddies of snow against the rocky faces of the cuts and piled it in mounds and pyramids upon the track.

It was a bad, wild night in the middle of January—the 13th to be exact, when No. 9 pulled under the sheds into the depot at L—, her front end piled high with snow and the cab windows of the engine completely blockaded. She reminded one of a spectre train in her immaculate robe, but soon porters were busy at the opened vestibules sweeping and cleaning, then came the flow of passengers bound in either direction. But all this is incident to the travel of any day. Up in the office above the waiting room sit four men listening to the ticks of the instruments that give them the situations at every point along the lines. They are grave, silent, yet keenly alert. Their eyes are fastened upon their train sheets while their hands rest upon the key, ready to respond in an instant to their call. The door to the office opened and a man in conductor's uniform appeared at the window.

"Any more orders for No. 9? They've put on an extra sleeper, so you know there'll be something doing on Iron Hill tonight."

"Nothing more for you, Kentwood—that's all."

Just as he was turning to go the dispatcher said:

"Oh, I say, Hal, would you mind handing Jess this little package—ought to send it by express I suppose—a little present to the girl. Couldn't get away Christmas—she couldn't either—be a thousand times obliged."

"Sure, old man. Do anything for that little sister down there at Owl Tank nights. So long."

When Hal Kentwood reached the platform engine 909 was just coupling on the train. The bustle of the attendants was in evidence everywhere.

"How are you fixed there, boys?" Hal sang out as he passed the baggage car.

"Three more pieces—let 'em go!"

Then in answer to the air signal came the whistling sound of the brakes as they released, while up along the line of the

train was passed from one inspector to another the words:

"Right here!"

"Here you are, Joe," he said, handing old grizzled Joe Walker copies of the manifold orders. "Looks as if we were up against it tonight with eight cars."

"Does look that way. She will take 'em over all the hills unless it may be Iron Hill. She's a peach all right, but they will all fall down sometimes. Guess I ain't forgot how to double, still I never was stuck much on it." Following came the reading of orders, then Hal's "board!" and the vanishing of stools and a hustle of the negro porters to get into the warm cars.

Once outside the city limits old Joe Walker glanced at the gauge and then at his watch.

"I'm going after 'em some, Charlie," he called across the big boiler head. Charlie seemed to know what was required, for he nodded and laughed as he pounded his gloved fist upon the boiler and got down to put in another fire.

Then came such a race against time that has, perhaps, never been equaled under as unfavorable circumstances. To have a good engine was one great pride of old Joe Walker, but to excel his fellows in making up time—well, it was delight, and as the miles stretched away behind they were forgotten; only those in front seemed in mind as his heart and mind centered in the efforts of the go, and he underwent as if in sympathy every labored effort as she climbed each hill with slow, measured stroke.

Within the coaches nearly all had settled down to sleep after one fashion or another, except a few who kept awake to pass the vigil of the night with those who had their safety in their keeping. These were, of course, Hal and his two brakemen, Ed Collins and Tom Brown. Ed was known as rear brakeman, whose duties were chiefly to protect his train, and his station was in the rear coach with his lamps, flags and torpedoes, ready to go back at once should occasion require. Tom's duties, as he rehearsed them, was to assist the ladies, lift off the babies and make goo-goo eyes at the girls.

Hal, however, was of a more practical turn of mind. His constant admonitions to Tom to be vigilant and thorough in his duties at all times and his unceasing, watchful care, were characteristic of him, but all thought to be "borrowed trouble" by Tom, who sometimes criticised his captain before his bunkroom companions.

"This everlastin' watchin' for something that never will happen is wot makes me tired. Hal's a good feller, all right, but what's the use o' talkin'. He's sot as an old hen in his notions and he wants a feller to be Johnnie on the spot every minit, 'specially when I've got a little chinnin' on hand. Then, there's the air brake. I've got that little black book pat—just a-hearin' him tell what ought to be done. I'll tell him some day I'm a past master."

That some day came sooner than he had hoped, for as the door in the forward coach opened he saw Hal enter and approach him.

"Do you know where you are, Tom?"

"Pretty near to Owl Tank, I guess," Tom said, trying to peer through the frosted window.

"Pretty 'close guess—only about ten miles off. Now, see here, boy. I see that old Joe is falling down for some reason—snow, I guess—for it is coming down some, I thank you. If it's this way up on Iron Hill it means double, sure. Now, in case we double, I want to know if you know your business. You see, this train won't stand a week on that hillside with only the air set on the rear end to hold it. You want to get that jimmy of yours ready and release the air on the rear car, then lam up your hand brake with your stick—"

"Say, Mr. Kentwood, I'm a past master of this business. I broke on freight two years and I broke on passenger a year; now, if I ain't competent why don't you fire me?" he said boldly, feeling an inward pride that he had vindicated his word in telling Hal "where to back in."

The flush that came to Hal's face told that he resented the remark, but an instant later he said:

"When you prove to me that you are competent, I will quit coaching you, but so long as I handle human freight and divide my responsibility with you, and at the same

time have any doubts about your understanding what you should do in an emergency, I am going to tell you. But, since you claim you are a past master, I shall give you a fair trial if we stick on the hill, and I shall let you anchor the rear end while I uncouple and double. This will save time and time is money; so be on your taps when old Joe calls for brakes and whistles out a flag."

The grinding of the shoes against the wheels followed the station whistle for Owl Tank, and soon the train was brought standing with the tank directly under the water spout. Hal hurried to the little night office with the package in his charge and entered. A petite, dark-haired, blue-eyed girl arose from the table.

"My signal is not out, Mr. Kentwood, is it? Oh, dear, what has happened? I sat up all day with a sick friend—I fell asleep—I had a dreadful dream—your train broke in two—you were on the engine—the local had passed my station and I saw them flying around the curves while far up the hillside I saw your train coming, closer, faster—then I opened my eyes and saw your train at the tank."

"Just a dream, little girl. Night work and charitable duties are too much for you."

There was an unusual sympathy in Hal's tone and the eyes spoke words that brought a flush of pleasure to her face.

"Here is a package that George sent by me—said he couldn't get here for Christmas—by the way, Jessie—haven't got but a minute to stay—I would like to make you a Christmas present, too—had it in mind now more than a year—don't want to wait till next Christmas, either, so I'll be like George, only different in a way if you will let me—this is it—just a little ring with a stone like that tear drop I saw in your eye when they sent you to Owl Tank nights."

He did not wait for aye or nay, but slipped the circle on her finger and dashed out to catch the open vestibule as it passed. He turned to look back, but the frosted window screened her from view. As she turned to O. S. the train her hand trembled and her eyes filled with tears of happiness.

"He didn't even give me time to say it was acceptable," she said aloud. "I wonder if he thinks I am so easily won? He does not know that I love him; I am sure I never showed it and he—well, his eyes often talked, and I am sure he is the biggest-hearted man in the world; but I'll just tell him I can't accept it—so there!" With a sobbing heart she finished her duties and then relapsed to—think.

Her mind reverted to her dream. Each detail seemed so vivid. What, she thought, would be her feelings now if that dream should be realized. Hal, her Hal, to be rushing down to death. She was startled by the shriek of a whistle calling for the signal permitting them to pass. She glanced at the clock, then at the sheet before her. Twelve minutes had intervened since No. 9 had departed. She had no right according to the rules to hold them, yet a nameless desire prompted her to hold the signal. What should she say when the impatient, blustering freight conductor demanded to know why she was holding his train beyond the time required by the rules that one train should follow another. Again that shriek split the air, which seemed to speak the very words, "Give us that board!"

"Shall I give them a white signal—Oh, Hal!"

While lingering between doubt and despair the door opened and Tim Kersteen entered.

"Aha, then, Miss Jess; it's not shleepin' ye are. It's not the likes of ye that ever shlapesh phinn ye are on juty at Owl Tank, I'd have ye know. Noomber 9 had an extray cooach, I observed, and they're ont makin' up a divil a bit of the toime they be a givin'. I do be a lookin' for them to be a-hangin' oop on the hill."

"Oh, Mr. Kersteen, if No. 9 should stall and double would there be any chance for the rear part of the train to run back down the hill—could it get away from their control? I had an awful, awful dream. That was what I dreamed—that your train and Hal's—I mean Mr. Kentwood's—train met on the Black Creek trestle."

"Aha, then ye be not a holdin' tin minutes, but a-holdin' for yer drream. Ye be

a violatin' the rooles av th' toim card—is that yer rayson?"

Then seeing her eyes fill with tears and a pallor spread itself over her face, he said laughing:

"Did ye belave me a dirthy skunk. Would ye think old Tim Kersteen would censure ye for protectin' yer lover? Don't ye shake yer purty head, now—it's all off wid ye. But see here, now, since ye tould me yer dream a divil a bit will I move till ye tell me yerself that No. 9 is clear at Clyde. Do ye hear that, now? Yes, there be a lot of chance that the train could lake off its air and coom down the hill a tousand miles an hour; but that's not like Hal to let it do so—see? He's a careful fellow av his thrane—he'd be more careful av a heart, I've an ijee," Tim said, turning with a knowing smile.

Away up on the hill came the slow exhaust of the 909, until a final effort like some great monster yielding up the ghost it died with a "k-sh-." Ed had not waited for his signal to go back to protect his train, but knowing what would be the final outcome, had dropped off and was hurrying back. Tom, too, had taken his place at the rear part of the train and was apparently carrying out instructions.

"I've got 'em!" he called to Hal, who quickly unfastened the stay-chains, steam and air hose between the smoker and mail car. Then a jerk on the lever and he signalled Joe ahead. There came the sound of released air on the forward part and again the 909 began her ascent, but with lightened tonnage. Hal gathered his coat closely about him and stood on the rear end looking back until the first curve hid from view the rear portion of his train.

"I hope they will not be cold till we get back," he murmured, thinking of the passengers left behind without steam to warm the coaches. "I also hope that Tom—but what's the use worrying about him. He's all right. No wonder he cut me short; I guess I am a little crabby in some of my ideas. It will not take longer than ten minutes to go to Clyde, five minutes to cut off and start back, and ten minutes to get back and couple up."

Tom's ideas on air were not a little hazy. He had learned some things in the bunk-room not laid down in the Book of Rules, and one of these was that the brake cylinders on passenger equipment were absolutely perfect and reliable and would hold air indefinitely without leaking off. "What, then, could be gained by setting hand brakes?" he argued. Only one of Hal's notions, and he would show him when he came back that a train would stand perfectly safe without any of the precaution he preached.

He therefore waited until he could hear the approach of the returning engine, when he sauntered up the track in the direction of the returning engine to pilot it to the train, as had been Hal's instructions. He made an attempt to adjust the knuckle, but that attempt only caused a failure of the mechanism to operate as it should and the train received a shock which started it, first slowly, then before old Joe could be made to understand that he was not coupled on it had gained in speed and every turn of the wheels added to its velocity.

Hal saw the danger that impended and succeeded in catching the hand hold of the first car, but uneven ground, together with his hard race for the train, had quite taken all his strength. He dragged at some length, receiving severe bruises, but still tenaciously holding fast until at last he drew himself up on the platform. Without thought of pain or suffering, he grasped the brake wheel and found to his astonishment that it had not been set. He threw all his strength into the work of applying it. He followed rapidly without care for the danger which he knew threatened every minute in a collision between the freight he had seen as he passed six miles beyond Owl Tank and which was then standing at Owl Tank held by the signal board of her whom he would make his wife.

Curve after curve was passed without any apparent decrease in speed. Only those who have felt the thrill that goes with the feeling that they are being whirled along by a relentless force, momentarily expecting death, can appreciate the thoughts that crowd into the mind at such a moment. With every brake set he stood on the plat-

form with the keen sleet cutting his face like needles. Occasionally he looked behind as if to see if his engine were following, hoping against hope, as it were, that Joe might overtake and safely couple on. Then he realized the folly of such an attempt when Joe, too, must know that a terrible catastrophe must soon occur unless Providence interposed.

Then flashed across his mind Jessie's dream. "Poor little girl—will she think of me?" Then, as if angry at himself, said:

"What of me—nothing—nothing as compared to these poor women and little children. If I could but save them, I would willingly be the sacrifice—but how? Seventy miles an hour is not safe to drop off. I shall trust in God." Setting his jaws firmly, he gave the brake wheel another twist, but he had reached the last notch.

Six miles were traversed in five minutes, but the terrific speed could not continue long. The grade beyond would check much of speed and perhaps hold the train near its summit, if not then it must wind its way down another grade which would only end near Owl Tank, where, if he did not meet before, he would certainly find the freight at the tank. As the train rolled upon the summit of the hill, where he had hoped to hold it, his heart sank, for he realized that his brakes were inadequate. Down again on the other side it rolled, increasing its velocity as the telegraph poles were passed one by one, but not with that frightful speed that had characterized its flight down Iron Hill. It seemed to be inspired with a persistent effort to keep moving until it should have attained a level.

Within the little office at Owl Tank another mind was busy.

"Mr. Kersteen, you know what a train would do running away, don't you—I mean how far they might run—would it be possible to run back to Owl Tank—" Tim did not wait for her to finish, but leaped from his chair, shouting:

"Begob I do thot—it would be aisy to coom clean down beyant the tank—" he was out the next instant shouting:

"Back oop there—dom ye, back oop. Why be ye a sthandin' there whin I say

back oop—back oop, bad cess to yez, back oop!"

The ponderous machine began to move its load back in answer to Tim's repeated signals, but not one word had been understood because of the escaping steam which drowned all other sounds. Tim quickly opened the switch leading to the long passing track when his train cleared, and then walked down where his engineer stood, with torch in hand.

"Meet somebody here, Tim?" he asked, naturally.

Before he could answer the red lights marking the rear of No. 9 came rounding the last curve and into view of the crew on the freight train.

"They be a-runnin' away, John. I'll cut yez off when they clear and then take aafter thim like the very ould divil. They'll run true de east switch—but git 'em—"

Tim's precaution was unnecessary. The speed was spent, for as they passed into the siding Tim saw that they were safe. Tim met Hal hobbling toward him, and saw his apparent distress.

"Phat do this mane—ye are hurted, mon! Q worra, worra, sure the shoes av yer feet are torn off ye and yer pants legs as well, ye are kivered wid blood—let me carry ye, Hal, me bye."

"Never mind me, Tim; has that engine of yours got steam heat hose connection?"

"She's a 900—yis sur."

"Get her around and keep those people warm 'till the 909 gets here."

As they put Hal in a chair in the office, Jess stood for a moment as if paralyzed. Then, noting the look of suffering on his face, and seeing the torn shoes and bleeding feet and limbs covered with blood and snow, she put her arms around his neck and sobbed:

"Poor, dear Hal. Please, Mr. Kersteen, it is my duty to attend him," she said, gently placing herself between. "Let them call," she said, as the little sounder rolled off her office call faster and more furious every minute. "I can't stop to tell you what has happened now," while her deft hands were making bandages from her own garments.

Tears of appreciation were in Hal's eyes when she had finished.

"I intended to say more before I left you tonight—I did not mean that my Christmas gift should speak for me—merely a pledge of my sincerity, but I believe you know what is in my heart, still right here in the presence of Tim and John I am going to ask you to be my wife—"

"Hould on—hould on! Let me out av this. What be ye sthandin' there fer, John—now come out av that. Don't yez see ye are a entrusion."

"Don't mind about going unless you wish, boys. I am proud to ask this girl to be my wife, and proud that she consented."

"Oh, but I haven't consented—there's my call."

A long wire conversation was carried on at some length. At last she said:

"I have given a full report of the accident to the dispatcher, and have asked his opinion about your proposition."

"What has the dispatcher to do with your consent to marry me?"

"He is my brother," she said, smiling, and as I have neither father or mother I have asked him about it."

"What did he say?"

"I might do lots worse, but I think I could not do any better. An operator will relieve me in the morning and this office will be abolished, he says, so you see I have lost my job."

"And found another," said Hal, drawing her to him, "to take effect as soon as I get my train in."

Tom did not wait to explain what he had learned about air, but walked to the first station and took the train of a connecting line that took him out of the country.

Old Joe Walker finally arrived at Owl Tank, with the 909, but so completely unnerved that he could hardly proceed. Visions of a terrible wreck had so wrought his nerves that it was only when he had heard the story how Jess had held the freight that he regained his usual nerve.

Jess did not take up her new position as soon as Hal said, but it is rumored that she will be ready some time in the month of October.—By W. DEKEITH, in *The Railway Conductor*.

## BOY AND LIMBURGER.

M A sent me to pay a bill at the grocer's last Saturday. The boss behind the counter made me a present of something wrapped in a piece of silver paper which he told me was a piece of limburger cheese. When I got outside the shop I opened the paper, and when I smelt what was inside I felt tired. I took it home and put it in the coal shed. In the morning I went to it again. It was still there. Nobody had taken it. I wondered what I could do with it. Father and mother were getting ready to go to church. I put a piece in the back pocket of father's pants, and another piece in the lining of ma's muff. I walked behind when we started for church. It was beginning to get warm. When we got in church father looked anxious and mother looked as if something had happened. After the first hymn mother told father not to sing again, but to keep his mouth shut and breathe through his nose. After the prayer perspiration stood on father's face and the people in the next pew to ours got up and went out. After the next hymn father whispered to mother that he thought she had better go out and air herself. After the second lesson some of the church wardens came round to see if there were any stray rats in the church. Some more people near our pew got up and went out, putting their handkerchiefs to their noses as they went. The parson said they had better close the service and hold a meeting outside to discuss the sanitary condition of the church. Father told mother they had better go home one at a time. Mother told father to go the nearest way home and disinfect himself before she came. When they got home they both went into the front room but did not speak for some time. Mother spoke first, and told father to put the cat out of the room as she thought it was going to be sick. It was sick before father could get it out. Mother then turned round and noticed that the canary was dead. Mother told father not to sit so near to the fire as it made matters worse. Father told mother to go and smother herself. Mother said she thought she was smothered already. Just then the

servant came in and asked if she should open the windows, as the room felt very close. Father went up stairs and changed his clothes and had a hot bath. Mother took father's clothes and offered them to a tramp, who said: "Thanks, kind lady, they are a bit too high for me." Mother threw them over the back fence into the canal. Father was summoned afterwards for poisoning the fish. Mother went to bed. Father asked her if she had been fumigated. Just then father had a note sent him. Father came to wish me "good-night" at ten o'clock in the evening with a note in one hand and a razor strop in the other. I got under the bed. The people next door thought we were beating carpets in the house. I can not sit down comfortably yet. I have given my little sister what I had left of that limburger cheese. I thought it a pity to waste it.—*Trestle Board.*

#### THE SPECTER OF THE TRESTLE.

**A**N incident of thrilling and almost terrible interest, combining in itself all the palpitating chances of hair-breadth escapes and the strange, romantic ventures of that weird semblance of life, somnambulism, occurred not long ago on the A., T. & S. F. R. R. About 2:30 a. m., James, an express messenger, had his attention diverted from his duties as messenger by the train coming to a sudden halt. He threw down his pencil and tally book, and concluded that train robbers had held up the train and he was about to be checked up by road agents. Grabbing his pistol, he cautiously opened the car door and peered out. He could see nothing to excite his alarm, and so he threw open the car door. At this juncture one of the train men passed by and informed him that the engine had become disabled.

Well, that means a delay of some time, thought James, so I'll just step out and view my surroundings without losing sight of my safe. So he jumped to the ground and looked around him. The train had halted in a very peculiar position. The entire train, except the engine and express car, had halted on a trestle, which spanned

a chasm of great depth. As he glanced along the cars his eyes caught a moving figure on the top of a coach just in the center of a trestle. Either a ghost or a human being was walking along the edge of the roof. An indefinable chill crept over the messenger. The shadow stole across the car top to the opposite side, made a circumference of the entire roof, and paused again on the same dizzy edge where it first stood when it was discovered. James got a good view of the figure, and saw that it was shrouded from head to foot in a long white night dress, about which a mass of long hair fell in wild confusion.

The spectral form walked to and fro on the apex of the roof, approaching in frightful proximity to the abrupt termination of the sides, and calmly turning to retrace the distance. The abyss over which the car stood was of terrible depth. One misstep would hurl the walker into eternity. The figure occasionally raised her hand to her head as though racked with pain. The head always maintained the same position. A low chimney stood near one end of the car roof, around which the figure passed with ease, although on the outer edge there was scarcely room for a cat. Again she would stand at tiptoe on the extreme edge. A waving, quivering motion of both hands accompanied this act. Then she would extend both arms, and with outspread fingers clutch at something that did not exist; and then her body would bend forward in such a way that the upper portion hung over the abyss, while the fingers reached out until there was no further reaching, and then clutched again with a quick, convulsive snatch and were withdrawn. James stood looking at the performance with eyes protruding, and a cold, clammy dew on his forehead.

"My God, she's lost! There she goes! Don't jump, woman, don't jump!" and his voice rang out hoarsely on the night air. His cry acted like magic. The woman started back, sought the center of the car roof, ran to the end and let herself down on the platform. James crawled back in the express car, sank down on his P. P. chest, and spent about fifteen minutes removing the moisture from his brow. Half an hour



after the train started again, and the conductor came into his car and told him that he had found a handsome young lady sitting on the platform of the center coach. She had no knowledge of the occurrence or how she came there. All the information she could give was that she was at a little country hotel very sick, suffering from brain fever.

James and the conductor tried to give each other theories that would explain how the young lady got on the car roof, but gave it up.

When the next station was reached a telegram from friends of the lady explained it. In her delirium she had stepped from the hotel window to the car roof. She was held at the station for arrival of her friends.—*Express Gazette*.

#### ALL FOR THEMSELVES.

**T**HE other day in public meeting three trade unionists bitterly denounced trade unions.

One of the speakers was a preacher, another a lawyer, and the third a physician.

They said trade unions were trusts which violated the precious liberty of a man to do what work he pleased.

It was rather astonishing to hear such sentiments expressed by men who have won for themselves the closed shop.

The clergyman wears the uniform of his union. A small executive board passes upon candidates for his trade, and one is not allowed to preach until he has received a certain education, undergone a long apprenticeship and acquired a series of certificates and diplomas.

The lawyer belongs to a union which is so strong that it has forced the legislatures to pass laws prescribing its rules and regulations. It has the power to expel members, and from among its own number it chooses even the judges that try its cases.

The physician also has a closed shop, rigidly restricted and legalized. The powers of the physicians' union is well illustrated by the following:

A short time ago in Denver an eminent professor of medicine, Dr. Cecare Chillini, was visiting an old friend. He had per-

formed such miracles in surgery that his name is known throughout Europe, and crowned heads had sought his services.

One day in the Western city he saw a crippled child. Touched with pity, he straightened out the crooked limbs and sent it back to its mother strong and beautiful again. Other little crippled children were then sent to him and he performed other surgical miracles.

This was carrying the matter too far, and the Medical Union of Denver met and decided that this renowned physician would have to take out a card in the local union if he continued to practice.

He sighed when he heard the news, bowed to the inevitable and left other little crippled children to their sad fate.

Now, the clergyman combats the heretic; the lawyer, the shyster; the physician, the quack as fiercely as union men combat the scab.

It is rather amusing, therefore, to hear these well-fed professionals in their bottle-closed shops hypocritically protesting against the millions of wage earners who try to win the closed shop for themselves. For the wage worker the closed shop is often a matter of life or death. Most of the accidents in mines result from the carelessness and inefficiency of non-unionists.

It would not have endangered the life of a single physician in Denver to have had crippled children made well again, but a scab running an engine, working at a switch or taking his lamp and pick into a mine might cost the lives of thousands.

But despite this indisputable fact, these professionals denounce trade unions and demand the closed shop for themselves.

The trade union dignifies labor. While struggling for a decent existence, for proper food, clothing and shelter, for leisure, peace of mind, and security in life, the trade unionists do not seek to injure the scab. They desire only that the scab shall not come in and reduce them to starvation.

No one doubts that on the whole unions of professional men have been of value to the world. No one seriously objects to their unionism. But one does object when they demand rights for themselves which they wish to deny to others.

Trade unions are the greatest force in the modern world for uplifting the mass of mankind, for making factories and homes sanitary, for making possible stronger and healthier children, and for assuring in the future nobler generations of intelligent and capable workers.

But like a few highly skilled trade unionists, these professional closed-shoppers draw themselves away from their fellows, and claim for themselves rights and privileges which they would like to see denied to millions of other human beings.—

ROBERT HUNTER, in *Railway Carmen's Journal*.

#### A CLERGYMAN PAYS NOBLE TRIBUTE TO THE UNION LABEL.

IT is a pleasure to reproduce the following noble tribute to the union label by a Baltimore clergyman. Here is what he said:

"What can be more sacred, more holy or more deserving of the reverence of men or of the angels than the union label, which signifies that human life has been more highly valued in the production of human commodities than the mere profits sought for by greed?

"The label is an emblem of justice, of fraternity, of humanity. When you find a label on a garment, or box of cigars, or loaf of bread, or a piece of printing you can be sure that neither was made in a sweatshop, that no little children's fingers were compelled to sew or sort the tobacco in the

hours of night intended for childish sleep. When you see this label on any commodity you can buy it with a clear conscience, knowing that in doing so you are not becoming a partner in an institution that degrades humanity to private profit. You can sleep soundly and not be worried with thoughts of typhus fever or small-pox or leprosy, which are so often scattered broadcast from Chinese opium joints, penitentiary convicts' cells and tenement sweatshops, where the most degraded specimens of humanity put their life's blood into marketable goods, from which the poor unsuspecting public suffers all manner of foul and loathsome diseases.

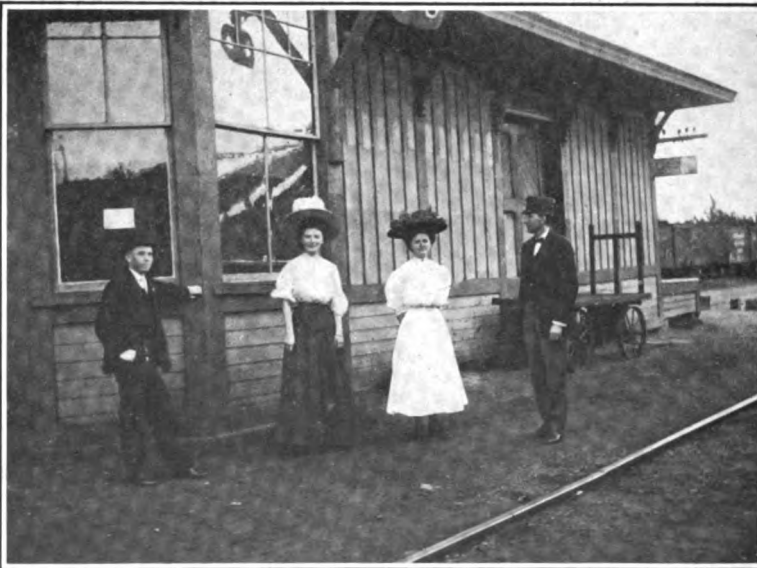
"The union label is a religious emblem. It is a religious act to buy the goods to which this label is attached—an act blessed on earth and honored in heaven; while it is a sin to buy a cigar, a piece of clothing, a pair of shoes or a loaf of bread without this label, for then you do not know but you are building up the business of some heartless tyrant, who is extracting a fortune from the drudgery and degradation of his fellows at the risk of public health.

"God bless the label! And I hope that all of you as you leave this house tonight will carry away indelibly impressed upon your minds the picture of the union label surrounded by angels and that you will always know that the favorite banner in heaven represents justice to labor, fresh air and sunshine and healthful conditions to those who toil and the truth that human life is of gold."





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### Star of Hope.

The saddest words of tongue or pen,  
"Potatoes are a dollar-ten."  
We have to drill a good long hour  
To buy a quart of pancake flour.

We hardly ever have a roast  
And dare not dream of quail on toast;  
In fact, our wages are so small,  
We're glad to live on codfish balls.

And oft for "grub" our coin is spent,  
Before we've even paid our rent.  
And yet to add unto our woes,  
We have to wear "instalment" clothes.

But yet from out the clouds we see,  
That "Star of Hope," the O. R. T.  
Good living wages is the prize  
For us, if we will organize.

Our Order, then, will see us through,  
If to her teachings we are true.  
Our destinies she'll safely guide,  
Whatever troubles may betide.

### The Hymn of the Republic.

I have listened to the sighing of the burdened  
and the bound,  
I have heard it change to crying, with a menace  
in the sound;  
I have seen the money getters pass unheeding  
on the way,  
As they went to forge new fetters for the people  
day by day.

Then the voice of Labor thundered forth its  
purpose and its need,  
And I marveled and I wondered, at the cold, dull  
ear of greed;  
For as chimes, in some great steeple, tell the  
passing of the hour,  
So the voices of the people tell the death of  
purchased power.

All the gathered dust of ages God is brushing  
from His book;  
He is opening up its pages, and He bids His  
children look;  
And in shock and conflagration, and in pestilence  
and strife,  
He is speaking to the nations of the brevity of  
life.

Mother Earth herself is shaken by our sorrows  
and our crimes;  
And she bids her sons awaken to the portent of  
the times;  
With her travail pains upon her, she is hurling  
from their place  
All the minions of dishonor, to admit the Com-  
ing Race.

By the voice of Justice bidden, she has torn the  
mask from might.  
All the shameful secrets hidden she is dragging  
into light;  
And whoever wrongs his neighbor must be brought  
to judgment now,  
Though he wear the badge of Labor or a crown  
upon his brow.

There is growth in Revolution, if the word is  
understood;  
It is one with Evolution, up from self to brother-  
hood;  
He who utters it unheeding, bent on self or selfish  
gain,  
His own day of doom is speeding, though he toil  
or though he reign.

God is calling to the masses, to the peasant and  
the peer;  
He is calling to all classes, that the crucial hour  
is near;  
For each rotting throne must tremble and fall  
broken in the dust,  
With the leaders who dissemble and betray the  
people's trust.

Still the voice of God is calling; and above the  
wreck I see,  
And beyond the gloom appalling, the great Govern-  
ment-to-Be.  
From the ruins it has risen, and my soul is  
overjoyed,  
For the school supplants the prison, and there  
are no unemployed.

And there are no children's faces at the spindle  
or the loom;  
They are out in sunny places, where the other  
sweet things bloom;  
God has purified the alleys, He has set the white  
slaves free,  
And they own the hills and valleys in this  
Government-to-Be.

—ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

**A Silver Lining.**

The day was so dark and dreary,  
That the simplest task seemed long,  
And life such an endless puzzle,  
That everything seemed to go wrong.

Outside the drear wind whistled,  
And heavy the falling rain,  
And I looked for a silver lining,  
With a longing akin to pain.

For I thought of the weary strivings  
For heights we long to attain;  
How oft our efforts are useless,  
And end in longing pain.

And we feel almost forgotten  
By those we hold most dear,  
And long for a tender greeting,  
Our aching hearts to cheer.

So I gaze with weary longing,  
And eyes that are dim with tears,  
And wonder if all this heartache  
Will end with the coming year.

Just then a ray of sunlight  
Broke through the gathering gloom,  
And like a benediction,  
Brightened the dreary room.

Then slowly the rain clouds parted,  
And shone with a rosy glow,  
And life seemed more worth living  
Than it did an hour ago.

So I take up my daily burden  
With a heart more free from care,  
No matter how black the cloud is,  
The silver lining is there.

—E. C. MACCORMACK.

**Kin You.**

Say! Kin you remember when you wandered,  
just a boy,  
Down th' appled ways of glory through th' fields  
of no alloy?

Kin you?

Kin you wrinkle up your forehead an' gist sorter  
wander back

To th' Valley of Contentment where you hipered  
quite a stack?

Kin you?

Kin you conjure up th' river and th' fish you  
used to catch,  
An' th' places in th' orchard where th' jaybirds  
used to hatch?

Where th' squirrels used to chatter an' th' swim-  
min' hole was cool,

An' th' waters swashed and laved you as you  
snorted in th' pool?

Kin you?

Say, kin you remember where th' whoppers used  
to grow,

An' th' pathway through th' woodland where us  
fellers used to go?

Kin you?

Gosh, it's like a breath of nectar from a honey-  
suckle vine!

Kin you git that whiff of suthin' that is tangler  
than wine?

Kin you?

It's the fragrance of th' meadow an' th' odor  
of th' wood!

I kin smell it gist as easy as I ever—um, whew!  
—could!

An' besides I feel th' pathway oozing muddy  
through my toes,

An' th' zephyrs sort o' blowin' through th' peek  
holes in my clothes—

Kin you?

Gee, th' same dog-fetched hornet is a daubin'  
up his hole

Where th' river sort of wrangles, singin' onward  
to its goal—

Kin you?

An' th' fisherhawk is yellin' like a grater on a  
string!

Hark! I hear a pheasant drummin' an' a whackin'  
of her wing!

Kin you?

Now I'm trapsin' through th' clover to the bread  
that mother made,

By the babble of th' river and th' maple's balmy  
shade.

An' by all th' rules o' boyhood I should have  
an appetite—

But, by cracky this part fails me! I can not  
seem to git it right!

Kin YOU?



# FACETIOUS

## Domestic Politics.

"Whom did you support during the last campaign?"

"A wife, two children and a mother-in-law, and kept up my life insurance at the same time."—*Puck*.

## Providing for Mourners.

A lawyer drawing up Enpeck's will.

"I hereby bequeath all my property to my wife," dictated Enpeck. "Got that down?"

"Yes," answered the attorney.

"On condition," continued Enpeck, "that she marries within a year."

"But why that condition?" asked the man of law.

"Because," answered the meek and lowly testator, "I want somebody to be sorry that I died."

Tommy had been asked to the minister's for dinner; and the reverend doctor noticed with pain that he showed no signs of waiting for grace to be said: "Tommy," he remarked, in a tone of reproof, "we say something before we eat in this house." "Go ahead and say what you like," answered the imperturbable Tommy; "you can't turn my stummick."

## Willie Has Such an Active Brain.

"Was Daniel such a wise man, mamma?" asked Willie thoughtfully.

"Yes, dear, as wise almost as Solomon, Willie."

"Well, mother, I bet Solomon would have done better than Daniel did, anyway," continued Willie.

"Why, what do you mean, my son?"

"I'll betcher Solomon would have had sense enough to charge admission when he went into the lions' den!"—*Ladies' Home Journal*.

## There Are Others.

Something more than quiet humor is in this paragraph, printed at the end of Edmonton Opera House regulations by Manager Brandon:

"Any old ladies afraid of taking cold may keep on their hats or bonnets."—*Argonaut*.

## Man's Work.

"Pop!"

"Yes, my son."

"When a person saws wood it means they say nothing, don't it?"

"Yes, my boy."

"And do women ever saw wood?"

"No, women believe that sawing wood is a man's work."—*Yonkers Statesman*.

## All There But the Tail.

Dressed in the latest and most improved motor-cycling costume, with goggles all complete, the motor cyclist gaily toot-tooted his way by Regent Park toward the Zoo. Suddenly he slackened, dismounted and said to a small grubby urchin.

"I say, my boy, am I right for the Zoo?"

The boy gasped at so strange a sight and thought it must be some new animal for the gardens.

"You may be all right if they have a spare cage," he said, when he could find his tongue, "but you'd stood a far better chance of you'd 'ad a tail!"—*Answers*.

## As the Twig Is Bent.

"I hope you were a good little boy while at your aunt's and didn't tell any stories," said his mother.

"Only the one you put me up to, ma," replied her young hopeful.

"Why, what do you mean, child?"

"When she asked me if I'd have a second piece of cake, I said: 'No, thank you; I've had enough.'"—*Harper's Weekly*.

**To the Rescue.**

A certain minister was deeply impressed by an address on the evils of smoking given at a recent synod. He rose from his seat, went over to a fellow minister, and said:

"Brother, this morning I received a present of one hundred good cigars. I have smoked one of them, but now I am going home and burn the remainder in the fire."

The other minister arose and said it was his intention to accompany his reverend brother.

"I mean to rescue the ninety and nine," he added.—*Philadelphia Ledger*.

**"The Official Minimum."**

A somewhat doubtful story concerning the Bank of England has lately been going the rounds of the city. According to the rules of the bank members of the staff are required to sign the time book on arrival each morning, and those putting in an appearance after the ten minutes' grace limit have to state the reason for their lateness. On foggy mornings, of course, it is no uncommon thing for the bulk of the staff to arrive late. As a rule, the first man signing will state as the reason "fog," to which every one signing afterward will put "ditto" like the man who tried to save time in marking his shirts. On one occasion, so the story goes, the first late comer to arrive on a very foggy morning wrote in the time book, "Wife had twins." This the next man to sign failed to observe, and accordingly, there followed a whole string of ditto, ditto, ditto, ditto.—*Dundee Advertiser*.

**The Modern Way.**

"Will you have this here woman to be your lawful wedded wife?"

"That's what I 'lowed I would."

"Will you love, honor and obey her?"

"Ain't you got that switchd around, parson?" said the bridegroom.

"John," said the bride-elect, "don't you reckon the parson knows his business? Answer the question!"

"Yes, sir," said the bridegroom, meekly. "I reckon I'll have to."—*Atlanta Constitution*.

**At Last!**

"If you'll wait a moment," panted the druggist, "I'll attend to your order. I've had a shock. You see the woman going out? Well, she's been living in this neighborhood for about two years. She's been in here nearly every day, and every time she came in she bought stamps—one stamp sometimes, sometimes two, and now and then three or four."

"Then what?" asked the waiting customer.

"Why just now," faltered the druggist, "she bought a cake of soap."

Willie was being enlightened by his older sister, who was telling him that God planted the trees. He very knowingly answered. "You can believe that, if you want to, but I saw Mr. Emerson plant ours."—*The Delineator*.

**A Terrible Mistake.**

"I once dreamed," said Pat, "I was with the Pope, and he ax'd me wad I drink? Thinks I, wad a duck swim? An' seein' the bottle and the lemons and the sugar on the sideboard, I tould him I didn't care if I tuk a drap of punch. 'Cowld or hot?' axed the Pope. 'Hot, yer Holiness,' an' be that he stepped down into the kitchen for the bilin' water, but before he got back, I woke strate up, an' now it distresses me that I didn't take it cowld."—*L. S. K.*

**Dodging a Question.**

It was during the dessert course. He had been sitting next to her for the last hour and a half and was deeply conscious of the beautiful contour of her arms and shoulders.

"Do you know," she said suddenly, "I've been in misery for a week. Sometimes I could almost scream with pain."

"Why, what's the matter?" he exclaimed sympathetically.

"I was vaccinated last week and it has taken dreadfully."

His eyes fell and his gaze was curious. But he saw no scar. "Why, where were you vaccinated?" he asked impetuously.

She raised her eyebrows and smiled sweetly. "In New York," she replied.

# Our Correspondents



## THE SCIENCE OF HONEST DEVELOPMENT.

THE New York *Globe* for February 12th, gives us the recent public views of one of our magnates at the head of our most powerful monopolistic concern, the United States Steel Corporation. That gentleman says that capitalism and vested rights are compatible with popular rights, that the two can march together for public good, as long as vested rights and capitalism do their best to be the servants of the people for the good of all.

Can we prove that there is any sense in that kind of talk, forever used by all the shrewd despots humanity has had? Vested rights and capitalism mean—monopoly truly with a vengeance. That is just the worst social iniquity the earth has ever seen. Servitude, chattel slavery, wage slavery or any other conceivable one, can only exist through vested rights and capitalism. Both mean—human enactments giving to a small or large oligarchy the direct or indirect control of the natural resources of each social group. That places the working multitudes at the mercy of the relatively few, who fix the kind of existence the multitudes in question shall have to live. With mere variations in details, that has always been the condition of humanity on earth. And so it shall go on as long as the plain people remain passive against the fundamental wrongs of monopoly rule. No amount of foolish talk as that of our masters who pretend to be the servants of the people while taking the wealth produced by the people, no talk of that kind can ever be anything but froth and foam, cheap, idiotic chatter.

We can not afford to study human life through any mere keyhole views, when we shall only see detached fragments of that life. It is our imperative duty to take in

the grand totality of important results in the combined life of groups of men, in civil and religious life, and thus properly connect them with general, fundamental causes and duties to all men and to God. Consciously or not we all still stand by conditions which force each one of us to work against the real happiness of all of us. While we perform some of the duties we owe to other men as private individuals, we refuse to perform the duties we owe to all men as individual members of God's nation. No individuality in the vegetable or animal kingdom can evolve a healthy life but through a healthy media. Yet, the wisest men, so-called, have always insisted upon placing themselves and all other men under civilizations repudiating all God's simple laws of manhood and joy universal. We thus abandon the only civil, political, social, industrial and religious healthy environment by which to evolve healthy bodies, minds and souls.

We still refuse to study the science of human life, the science of Economics. We don't even wish to know the meaning of that dreadful word Economics, or Economic Science. The meaning is approximately as follows: "To teach men how to apply to wealth production, transportation and exchange, the simple, moral, honest, Christian principles which alone can place humanity, nations and churches in peace with the simple altruism of all natural and divine commands. We keep yet, consciously or not, fighting against the plain wisdom of God and the order of creation. All wealth production, distribution and exchange rests yet on banditti-hood principles, on predatory methods, on industrial processes at war with all divine morality."

The only governmental function that gives to human government the right to exist, that is just the function that we, the



best fellows on top of each generation, have always refused to give to government.

Yes, the only supreme, sound, righteous function due to government is that of preventing any man or group from interfering with the natural, equal, inalienable rights by God and nature granted to all men for their full life on earth.

Yes, we, fine ladies and gentlemen, have invariably given to government the right to grant privileges to groups of men for them to deprive all men of all opportunity to live a decent, honest life. We still prefer to live a miserable existence through laws giving us the opportunity of getting on top of each other.

In order to make sure that we shall not learn anything about the science of human life, of sound economics, we have, in the last twenty years, devised a science of Sociology. By Sociology we mean: "Any petty organized method, on the part of some of us, to diminish some of the bad results of some of our subsidiary social evils; so that to quiet our conscience while letting the kingdom of human abominations advance, thrive and prosper, for wealth accumulations where wealth has no natural, no moral right to go."

What we all need, as children of a righteous God, is the power to fix and retain our own real, honest, natural annual earnings, in the industrial activities of each social combination, without the existence of any gang of criminal meddlers or bunglers, as the words capitalism and corporations mean. There can be no peace for the human family as long as we insist upon trifling with all natural and divine truth. And that is what we do as long as we lean on any supposed beneficent system of legalized industrial robbery. By divine commands we all have the power to live the full life. We all are forced to live the mean life by order of human laws.

Every industrial corporation rests on a law of privilege, a law of industrial despotism. As such it tramples upon the rights by God granted to all men. As such it gives to human government rights which divine government has never given to any human government. Human government becomes then—godless government. The social or-

ganization repudiates then the whole divine plan of human development. We all then become godless citizens, a gang of rebels against divine law.

Whatsoever industrial function men can not perform for each other but through godless laws of favoritism, any such function belongs to government, local or national, to be organized in such a way as not to need the atrocity of any so-called securities, representing a perpetual mortgage, a burden on the earnings of the multitudes who produce all wealth, all capital, all needs, comforts, luxuries.

But oh—all that would represent the science of honest human development. And who has any longings for that glorious God-like development? Yes, who?

JOSE GROS.

#### SABBATH LEGISLATION.

In the December TELEGRAPHER a brother signing Cert. 169, Div. 51, makes a plea for Sabbath legislation on the ground that we are breaking God's commandment by working on the Sabbath day.

Now we are willing to admit that it is wrong to violate God's commandment to keep holy the Sabbath day, and we also say that it is wrong for Congress to make a law compelling us to keep any day holy. This is purely a religious matter and must be settled individually between man and God. "The duty that we owe to our Creator, and the manner of discharging it, can be directed only by reason and conviction, and is nowhere cognizable but at the tribunal of the universal Judge."

Sabbath legislation means the utter subversion of one of the great principles upon which this nation is founded—religious freedom—the Constitution itself declaring that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

While we assert for ourselves a freedom to embrace, to profess, and to observe, the religion which we believe to be of divine origin, we can not deny an equal freedom to those whose religious convictions are not the same as ours. If this freedom is abused, it is an offense against God, not against

man. And an account rendered, therefore, to God, and not to man.

If an act of legislation shall define the law of God in one point, or point out one religious duty, it may, with equal propriety, define every part of God's revelation and enforce every obligation it adjudges to be a religious duty.

We presume our brother has reference to Sunday as being the Sabbath day he wishes protected by law. Now regarding this, there are differences of belief. Some of us believe the seventh day, Saturday, to be the Sabbath. Others believe Sunday, the first day of the week, to be the Sabbath; also the Mohammedans believe Friday to be the Sabbath. In view of this fact, can we refuse them the right to "worship God according to the dictates of their consciences?" It may be said that provisions could be made for those who observe other than Sunday as the Sabbath. But what about those who do not care to keep any day? We can not force men to be Christians. No man has authority from God to delegate religious duty to another. Neither has any man authority from God to require another to obey God in the manner he thinks that others ought to obey, or to worship God in a manner he believes that others should worship.

When the civil ruler obtrudes himself into the realms of the spiritual, and assumes to dictate the religious faith and practice of men, he has taken over a portion of the divine government, put himself in the place of the divine Judge, and has set himself against God and trampled upon his rights.

My brother, do we want to return to the Dark Ages, to the stocks, the pillory, and to the Sunday Blue Laws which has made millions of martyrs during that awful and iniquitous tribunal of the Inquisition? No, but let us say with U. S. Grant, "Keep the church and state forever separate." Christ needs no help from Cæsar. Let true religion triumph by the power of God in men's hearts, and not by the power of fines and imprisonments.

In the interest of pure religion, peace, prosperity, and good government, therefore, we appeal to every lover of liberty to oppose any movement that will tend to force

the conscience or deprive us of our religious liberty, in which the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States is supposed to protect us.

CERT. 61, DIV. 111.

### MAKING LAWS.

In the December issue an article entitled "Labor Must Make the Laws," by Cert. 3134, Div. 2, causes us to drift off into a vein of thought from which we have not as yet recovered and which has caused us to create this article and write it down on paper.

Verily, Brother Cert. 3134 is right, labor must make the laws, but the problem confronting us at the present date is how to hammer it into the heads of labor that they can make the laws, if they will only realize that they are a class, a class of workingmen, and nominate and elect to power their own men. Do not let the capitalist class delude you any longer into believing that they are lords of the universe by right divine, and that you are not competent to manage the affairs of this grand country of ours, therefore you must vote their candidate (Liberal or Conservative, Democrat or Republican, it matters not) into power to say what you shall and shall not do. Along about election time, or rather about one six months in four years they come before us and tell us all about the grand and prosperous country of ours, under the starry flag (or the Union Jack) that extends from where the turbulent Atlantic washes our rock-bound eastern shores, to where the limpid waters of the balmy Pacific taps with fairy fingers our California shores, from where the perfume-laden zephyrs of spring amble across our sun-kissed summery plains to where the eternal solitudes of perpetual snow mantle the summits of our ice-bound north. Never will its silken folds float over aught but a free people and our children's children will chant pæans of praise to this immortal "land of the free and home of the brave." By this time we are all wrought up to fever heat and cheering our fool heads off, and are ready to swear by that man that can think such high and mighty thoughts and better still, coin them into words—and dollars.

Then they begin to tell us all about the marvels that our splendid protective tariffs have accomplished for us, of how we should bow our heads in reverence to the wisdom of our fathers that enacted these wise laws years ago, not mentioning the fact that these same protectors of infant industries continue till the infant grows to such a giant that he controls the law.

Witness, the Standard Oil Company; for some years the government has thrown sand in the eyes of the people by their prosecution of the octopus, and when Judge Landis soaked John D. with that \$29,000,000 fine we vowed that at last the monster was vanquished, and law and order, and the majesty of the government had triumphed, but there is that superb tribunal of "Five to Four"—I beg pardon, I mean the Supreme Court—yet to be heard from. Did John D. pay the fine, were our pockets and the treasury of our country enriched by this fabulous sum? Well, not so as you would notice it; and in passing it might be well to note that that same prosecution cost the people of this country a trifle of \$10,000,000, a mere bagatelle that, so we don't mind paying it. Oh, yes, this is a fine free country where they put a man in the penitentiary for stealing a loaf of bread and in Congress if he can steal a railroad, where we put a man in jail for being idle, and on the rockpile for asking for a job, where bawdy houses are licensed and men fined for preaching Christ on the street corners. Yes, we could go indefinitely with such beautiful comparisons. The mansions, palaces, libraries, hospitals, millionaires—and hovels, slums, sweatshops, brothels, penitentiaries, hobos and so *ad infinitum*.

Brethren, did you ever pause for one single moment and wonder just what has become of all this prosperity that our politician friend has told us we have? Pause, and while we throw up our hat with our right hand take a reef in our belt with our left, and wonder whether the old woman will have liver and spuds for dinner, or merely spuds without the liver. Personally speaking I've been watching with both eyes, and kept my arms ready for that dream-wraith of prosperity that has been sweeping this world for the past ten years, but am

still pounding a mill and pecking at the insulated tip of the telegraph key. Somehow I don't go to Florida for the winter, nor to the Alps for the summer; I wonder what's the reason. God knows it is not lack of prosperity; hasn't Senator Sorghum just finished telling us of the extensions Harri-man has made in his roads, of the warships that we have built to defend our rights, and the millions that have been spent doing both these things—but on second thought how many of us have a space of property six feet by two that we want defended? Do you ever realize that fifteen per cent of the people of this country own or control all the industrial enterprises in it, barring the few independent men that still struggle against the trusts and at best make a small wage out of their business, and over ninety per cent of them go to the wall every year. The land of the country is getting into fewer and fewer hands every year, the mills of the god of capital is grinding finer with every passing day and what will the outcome be?

I am satisfied that we have got to get into the political field where we can have a say by right of numbers. Perhaps my views are anarchistic; however, I am a thorn in the side of industry, not being satisfied, therefore society must pacify my discontent or do away with me, or else help me to solve the problem. What are you going to do?

"Z," CERT. 677, DIV. 54.

#### GET WISE.

Recently, while relieving the agent at a small way station, the name of which it is unnecessary to mention, had occasion to repair a relay that had a broken wire in the coil.

The regular man came to work before I had time to set it up again, and, seeing the instrument "knocked down," proceeded to give me a very severe lecture on the subject, winding up with the words: "We have no business to take apart or try to repair the telegraph instruments, as we know nothing about what is inside of them." This operator claims to have had eighteen or twenty years' experience in the business, and yet does not know what causes the instruments to work.

Boys, if there happens to be any of you who do not know what the "inside workings" of a simple relay or sounder are like, for goodness sake get some old ones and investigate.

Even baby brother tears up his rattle to see where the "moosic" originates. Why should a telegrapher not know all about the instruments he handles every day?

There is nothing more interesting, let me assure you. CASEY, CERT. 512.

### TELEGRAPHERS' HOME.

I have read with interest for some months past discussions of plans looking to the establishing of a home for old and dependent members of our Order, who have passed the age and condition where they are no longer able to support themselves. This is the true fraternity, and it is a duty to protect the old of our craft who reach that station in life without means of support and without the ability to earn it themselves.

In this connection there is another feature affecting these same brothers, and one to which I have given considerable thought during the past year or two.

We have many members who reach an age or condition without having accumulated any property that will support them in their old age. They suddenly become aware that they are without the means of making a living, except perhaps a very meagre one as a roustabout, flagman or something equally inadequate for his decent support, yet they manage to pull along and eke out an existence for the remainder of their lives. They have been members of the Order for many years, perhaps, but when these reverses come they are compelled to drop both their membership and insurance because they are unable to meet the payments.

The idea, as it occurs to me, is one which will not cost the Order anything, and will be a great assistance to the worthy brother who is forced to accept its conditions, and will probably enable him to provide, at least, for his final resting place and save him from a grave in the potter's field.

It would appear that it would work no hardship to the Order, and might be of great assistance to the brother, who is totally disabled from working at the trade, to give him a card for life showing the number of years he has been a member, and permitting him to retain his membership in the M. B. D. on payment of the assessments. In other words, allow him to keep his policy in force without being forced to pay the regular semi-annual dues.

The conditions need not be complex, nor many. Simply make it necessary that a committee of, say, three members be appointed by the chairman or chief telegrapher of the division of which he is a member, to investigate his case and report. He should be a member in good standing at time application is made for this benefit, and to have been a member for, say, five years previous. Conditions which would entitle him to this benefit should be disability to perform the duties of a telegrapher, or superannuated to such a degree that he can not secure employment from railroads, that he has no property that yields him support and that he is unable to earn at other vocations to exceed \$50.00 per month.

Naturally, restrictions would have to be thrown around them to prevent some who have entered other lines of business from taking advantage of our cheap insurance without paying dues. Almost every case would have peculiarities of its own which would have to be considered by the committee in making its report, but the risk of the Order being defrauded is small.

This plan would cost our M. B. D. a few death claims and would to some extent reduce its surplus, but when we think of the men who have been good, consistent, and hard-working members for so many years, whose time, thoughts and efforts have been given to the general uplift of the Order and whose funds heretofore have gone to help create this balance, it seems hard that they should be deprived of that protection they have helped to make a success, just because they have outlived their usefulness as a railroad telegrapher, and can no longer comply with the rules of the Order that a member of the M. B. D. shall be in good

standing in the Order, and it seems it is the least we can do to make him in perpetual good standing in the Order and allow him to continue to participate in the M. B. D. as long as he can pay its assessments, and they are so small that it would work no serious hardships on him to meet them.

I hope the brothers will consider this question and give us their views on it, either for or against. The time will soon be here when action can be taken and it should be done now. Two years more will possibly deprive some brother or his dependent family of the insurance he may be forced to drop before that time, because he can no longer pay for a card.

W. J. BURKE.

#### THE TELEGRAPHERS' HOME.

With regard to Bro. Nelms' proposition for a "Home" and the amendment offered by Bro. F. J. A., Cert. 752:

It is a good plan and hope it will be carried out, but I believe it could be improved upon to some extent. For instance, it might be suggested that in lieu of time membership, that certain duties in and around the home could be given as work for those that are short in years of membership; also that those members out of work, unable to readily find a place, or those on strike, could temporarily go to the home and work out their expenses while waiting for business to open up.

Four hours a day in work would readily suffice to pay expenses, but I think that additional work might be given to those who desired it, up to eight hours a day, the last four hours to be paid for at say 25 cents per hour.

This would probably necessitate the branching out into various fields of employment, as well as providing a home.

For instance, a mail order house might be started, goods to be sold to members at actual cost of delivery. By this is not meant cost of production at factory, nor even wholesale prices; but it would be the wholesale price with cost of freight, cartage, storage, postage, bookkeeping and labor added.

At actual cost of delivery a great line of goods could be handled in which a great

saving could be made to members, especially in the west and in country towns. Goods that no saving could be made on need not be handled. The house to advise the members, through its catalogue, bulletin or the journal where many other kinds of goods not handled could be procured at lowest prices.

This idea might be branched out to provide for other railway organizations, or even any and all members of labor unions everywhere to receive the benefit of the mail order house by paying an assessment of one per cent of wages, not to exceed ten per cent of purchase.

This in time might require that the home would also include a large tract of land to be cultivated in gardening, and fruit and poultry raising, and in connection therewith quite a little village might be built up of various kinds of business, all run on the co-operative plan by the home, such as a tailor shop, a hat factory, a shoe factory, and perhaps widen out to many other kinds of manufacturing to supply the mail order house with goods better and cheaper than could be procured from factories and wholesale houses run by the capitalists.

And in connection it might be well for the home to also act as a general labor agency, finding out where operators are needed, and also laborers in other trades, and advising and placing those who desired such positions.

Possibly the home could employ a great many members of the mail order house who were not operators.

In fact, it is a field of progress that might be expanded almost without bounds.

Labor produces all wealth.

The capitalists are themselves products of labor.

If they do anything useful they are to that extent laborers.

All that they have and may have comes from labor.

Labor should wake up and begin to utilize its energies and resources for its own benefit.

Let us figure it out to a good practical plan.

CERT. 226, DIV. 57.

### PREJUDICE, CONCEIT AND PERSONAL GAIN.

There are none so blind as those who do not want to see.

There are none so deaf as those who do not want to hear.

There are none so often fooled as those who insist upon being know-it-alls when only passing resolutions upon mere imaginative and hearsay evidences.

And there's none so entirely void of reason as those unswayingly, insistently remaining steadfast behind such botchery.

Those two old twin serpents, Prejudice and Conceit, are possibly the largest to blame for the attitude of those who are living along the above lines, and when coupled with the selfish desire for personal gain at any price within the allowance of the law, the aspect becomes grave indeed.

It would be absurd for a person to even dream of compelling all others to understand everything in its every particular in exact accordance with your own views.

But there is every reason why that everyone in the labor field should fully comprehend our conditions, as they are the immediate needs for betterment, and the ways and means of reaching those necessities.

While on the other hand there is no reason for your swearing by your faults. Prejudice, conceit, selfishness and longing for personal gain in the above described manner will bring you no returns, nothing but unfavorable relations from your fellow workmen.

Just how exasperating it is to try to fully accomplish that which is so necessary and so everlasting right (namely, organization), out of such material as it is frequently our lot to deal with, is and can only be realized in its fullness of discouragement by those who persistently endeavor to do all within their power to strengthen the rank and file.

In these attempts it is disheartening to a marked degree in our contentions with the stupid, the insistent (self styled) wise, and the selfish.

Being brought in contact with those whose every attitude is directly opposite to the welfare of their and theirs and of our and ours, fully realizing the needs of the fra-

ternity, and the only means of obtaining them as we do, it becomes serious, for we must combat with arguments (there is actually none), excuses, heart-learned sayings, and the mute characters, every one of which are without sense, reason or foundation, and frequently combined, from as unthinking, unthankful and in some cases as undesirable citizens, from the wage earners' standpoint as the world has thus far produced.

In my article under "An Enigma," in January, I stated I would make replies to the attitude and excuses so frequently offered up in self-defense by our opponents. There are, of course, so many minor ones that should they be published here it would require the space of the whole magazine, therefore the most general and a word to the wise is sufficient.

Non—Well, the Order is a good thing, all right, but it isn't strong here. You couldn't get this bunch along here to brace up and do business; they simply don't amount to much, somehow.

Answer—If the Order is a good thing as you say (and which it is), it is worthy of our full protection; it is folly to pass up a good thing. You can never expect to see it here as you express a desire if you do as the others you blame so much are doing. Do you want to be the article yourself that you consider the others as being, and because they are such? You will always be where you are as long as the others do just what you are doing. It should not be necessary to beg you to do something for yourself; you can gain nothing without taking a chance, and you seem to understand that chance would be safe.

Non—I tell you, old man, the intentions are all right, but I fail to see anything that has been done, and as to myself I have yet to receive any benefits from it. Whenever the men here line up solid and do something I'll be Johnny on the spot and come in, but they never will, and you can put this down that they have got to show me.

Answer—The fact that you have to be shown at this stage of the game speaks very poor for you. Anything with intentions directed towards the welfare of you and of all others should be sought, and it is your

duty to associate yourself with such a movement.

The Order is not only composed of good intentions, but it is invaluable to everyone in the station and telegraph business, not only for the new and better things promised in the future, but as a retainer of that which it has already secured through its efforts, which you are enjoying every day and without effort or cost to yourself, namely, three and four hours off your day's work now against a year and two months ago, and an increase in your monthly salary from time to time, with overtime, etc., and a very few dollars on a miniature salary figures largely and should be appreciated enough to do the honorable act of lending your aid.

You used to work twelve to eighteen hours per day and no consideration for the overtime; now your employer is compelled to work you no longer than the hours set down by law. Is it a benefit to you? You want the others to do the work while you do the laying around. By your statements you acknowledge you are void of the get up and get to make the start yourself; either knowingly or unknowingly you are disregarding your obligations to the fraternity, and it is a disgrace.

Backslider—Yes, I used to belong; I was a member for about sixteen years. I have been through the mill and seen it all. I don't consider the Order amounts to much; it's all rot, they have never won a strike yet and so what's the use of paying into a thing the likes of that.

Where I am I am getting \$65.00 (or certain amount) per month and for the amount of work I do I consider I am getting a king's salary. I could do all there is here in my nine hours in one hour.

As to the nine-hour law that I heard you say the Order got, you are off on that; it is due to those big wrecks at Swallows, Colo., Washington, D. C., and others, which caused public sentiment to be aroused.

And anyway, I now have a family to support, and (chuckling) guess you notice that you ain't so very strong around here.

Answer—Here we have the very worst class of non—he has lost all the honor by being a member (as he claims) those years,

and his advance upon our endeavors and success serves as an influence to bewilder and mislead our weaker and younger members, and is nothing less than a snake in the grass. After understanding the situation and all its relations, he turns a traitor to the cause, and an undercutter.

As to the failure of winning a strike, as he puts it, there has never been a strike so-called lost but what it voiced ten (prevented) won. These roads have no more desire for a strike than have we; they do not oppose us for the saving of the requests we may make today, but to weaken our strength of the future, and they bank their success upon the non. Therefore, he is our direct enemy. Without him no strikes would be, and if there were without him it would be a complete victory in every instance so far recorded. It is you nons who are to blame for the strikes.

The old adage that a barking dog never bites does not stand in our case. We must make the threat and if not heard we must strike to demonstrate that we mean what we promise. If we do not there would not be a schedule on the American continent this day.

You say you are getting a king's salary at \$65.00 a month. I want to ask you how you come to be getting it. I worked on a certain line out West eight years ago that paid \$50.00 then. They pay \$65.00 now, and I don't consider it a king's salary either. I personally watched the Order of Railroad Telegraphers raise those \$50.00 jobs gradually up to the present \$65.00. Then I worked twelve hours and sometimes more and no overtime, two men on some jobs and one on others. Now there are in nearly every case either three or two men on those jobs (giving another man a chance to live) and they each work eight or nine hours and are getting \$15.00 a month more each at that over what I received there before. It is the same all over; the present salaries have been raised from time to time, and the organization has prevented a reduction all the time. And you are not thankful, but continue to shield yourself behind a flood of misrepresentations. If you had been a member of the Order eighteen or twenty months ago you would have had a chance

to vote for or against the nine-hour law through THE TELEGRAPHER, and thereby either aided or helped to offset that committee that did go to Washington and see the nine-hour law go through, and at the expense of the Order, and thanks to your reminder, those big wrecks did help out, inasmuch as to give us food for our arguments in presenting the case before the House.

Since you say you have a family to support, I would presume your king's salary, as you call it, does not prove very far-reaching after all. I know several getting those king's salaries who are busted from pay day to pay day so to speak. The trouble is you need more money, and there is always room to figure out to save enough to protect that king's salary from reduction and insure its advancement, if only the will power was there.

As to the limit of service in actual work you do, you are giving your whole time, are you not? And you take the position to handle all the business the company offers you, and get more if you can yourself.

This union business is far more of a business proposition than fraternal. The railroad has in the past, and so it is today, getting all out of you it can, and for as little consideration as is possible; it is a strict and fair business transaction on its part, and so it is for you to get all you can from it; it's business in a true sense as all businesses are carried on today. If your job is easy you are simply in luck.

The company tells you what work you shall do, and if possible just what compensation you shall receive, all at its own disposal.

You comply with the instructions as to labor performed and if you don't look out you will have to accept whatever is offered you in return. This you would be doing today if it was not for the Order. What are you going to do? (accept all you can get from whatever source and let the others do the work); at least place the credit where it belongs.

Relay Man—The Order is good and well for the men out on the line, but I feel there is a big difference between those on the OS. jobs and us. We are in a different

class, and if there were a strike among us those out on the line will come in and hang on to the job as long as they can, and anyway, they are getting mills and trying to shape up for relay men all the time, anyway.

OS. Answer—Vanity Fair, and a poor excuse won't do. We are proud today when we realize that most all relay men are Order men, and our misfortune at having to take issues with this man is only one opportunity offered in many months' travels. The position of the OS. men and those on the relay job are one and the same from a labor standpoint. Their future welfare is one and they are identical with each other. On the road where I am now working I saw the men now getting \$75.00 and \$90.00 getting \$65.00 straight on the same position in the same office a few years ago (that is, the relay men there were). The men on the terminals now paying \$70.00 and \$75.00 were getting \$55.00 and \$60.00. The OS. jobs now paying \$65.00 (what the relay place paid before), then paid \$50.00. I have seen the Order bring every one of those places up to their present standard and most of the relay men are working nine hours, too, which is on us, whoever are members.

To avoid having OS. men or any one else take your place in a strike the only surety you have is to come in the organization; not only carry a card, but be a real union man, and work on the others. At that time you will have no fears, and in the meantime you need not fear the Order men out on the line. We can not help black sheep being in the flock; if a man will lower himself to scabbery as a non, he possibly will as an Order man, but we don't rely upon the non for anything, and we happen to notice that some of the relay men fall, too.

As to the OS. man framing up for a relay job, I can direct your attention to hundreds of relay men, and even press men out on the line this day holding an OS. job, and what do we care just so they are brothers, fighting side by side on the same field, to reach the success that is of interest to all.

The Lazy Member—Yep, I b'long (long yawn, and a stretch), you bet the Order is alright; she's a bird. I don't know for sure if the other trick men belong or not (an-



other yawn); they are darn fine boys, though. Jack is a rascal to dance, keeps me dodging the chief and the law about twice a week working his trick till he gets in in the morning after a night's ramble with Rachel (yawn again), and Dick is a noble old boy, too, down at Possum Apple Holler. You ought to drop in and see him; he's not a member yet (and he gapes again). Did you see Frenchy at Skylight? He's a strong Order man, you bet; gee, he gets mad if a person says anything different to what he thinks about the Order. Well, so long, old kid, hope you have good luck and get some of 'em lined up. I've been trying to get out to the meetings for the last four months, but don't seem to get in right shape somehow; don't know how it is, though; thought I was going sure last meeting, but had kind of half way promised to work for Jack while he took Rachel to the ball down at Sims. Well, be good. Oh, yes; yes, I'll get in and see about these lads (and he yawns some more).

Answer—We have here a jolly good fellow; he is fraternal beyond a doubt, and too much so. What we want is cold business and the hot truth. It is not the non of today who is an Order man tomorrow that we rebel against so strong, but that persistent non, who rambles on and on in defiance of all that is just, with apparently nowhere as his goal. He would doubtless have reached that destination long before this had it not been for us.

As a member it is your place to do all within your power to encourage our advancement. Don't sit down realizing this and yet do nothing like the non who knows, but won't act. Be as far away from the attitude of a non as it is possible to be.

If Jack, Dick or anyone else is anything of a startling crackerjack they will pay for what you are giving them. Of course it is the job we raise and not the man. He may be gone tomorrow, but he is a weak-kneed friend and much lacking if he hogs in the harvest from the seeds others have sown, and yet not a member to the party.

When you get your journal don't turn it over to the section boss, but read it; it's yours. I read everything from cover to cover, even the foreign lines' write-ups. Do you? If you will get the habit you will feel more industrious in a very short time. This thing of thinking everyone is a dead oyster because you are one, is no good. If the Order is worth belonging to it is worth fighting for; get in the swim and have the satisfaction of saying you not only helped by paying up those dues, but lent a helping hand and ambitious heart to bring in the sheaves. That non may tell you he is free born and it is his own affair. However, he finds himself in much different circumstances in after life, and it most assuredly is your business whether your progress is to be deterred by his kind or not.

H. L. MANN.





### St. Louis Div., No. 2.

At a regular meeting of St. Louis Division, No. 2, held February 1st, the following officers were elected: L. W. Quick, Chief Telegrapher; August Grunz, First Vice-Chief Telegrapher; E. P. Waples, Second Vice-Chief Telegrapher; John W. La Fever, Secretary and Treasurer. There did not seem to be much wire-pulling, and the best offer your correspondent could get for his vote was one cigar.

We read the articles in each issue of the journal about Sunday closing with much interest. Here in the Middle-West we think it hardly reasonable to ask or compel the railroads to suspend business on Sunday. Did you ever stop to think the railroads can do many things when they are forced to it. How about the old "blue laws" in the far East?

Bro. E. E. Chiles, of Pendleton, Mo., a member of Division No. 2, paid us a friendly visit recently, and incidentally left some coin with us.

Bro. E. L. Beula, of Division No. 137, dropped in for a social chat the other day. Bro. Beula has been doing the "tallow pot" act on the Wabash.

No. 2 continues to hold her own and "then some." The secretary informs us that some fifty-three new members have been taken in during the first of the year. May the good work continue.

Div. Cor.

### Sunbury, Pa., Div., No. 12.

Our regular meeting, at Sunbury, was called to order at 10 a. m., February 15th, by our Worthy Chief McCracken. It was a very good meeting, there being over thirty members present, and one visitor, Bro. C. R. Miller, of Division No. 24. After action was taken on a number of important questions, the following officers were elected: Bro. W. H. Dunkelberger, Chief Telegrapher; Bro. W. P. Johnson First Vice-Chief Telegrapher; Bro. E. B. Hess, Second Vice-Chief Telegrapher; Bro. W. D. Grant, Secretary and Treasurer; Bro. C. W. Kase, Local Chairman; Bro. C. W. Kase, elected as Delegate, and Bro. G. O. Stahl, as Alternate, to attend the Convention of Grand Division, at Atlanta, Ga. Two applications acted on, and now it is Bros. C. C. Showalter and H. F. Orth.

Following changes have been made at "RX," L. & S. Junction: Dispatchers Kinney and Wilson taken back in Sunbury office, and Everhart is now assistant yard master at Honey Pot, days. "RX" has recently been opened as a day and night telegraph office, Bros. H. P. Aurand and

H. K. Bright working first and third tricks, while Telegrapher Schuster is working second trick.

Bro. J. F. Betz spent relief day calling on Bro. Lindner and friends at Shamokin.

Bro. Ed. Hess spent a week visiting friends at Philadelphia and Berwick. Mr. S. S. Sigler and Bro. W. G. Levan worked during his vacation.

Bro. J. M. Shade recently purchased some very fine hunting dogs.

Retreat and Wapwallopen passenger stations have been abolished as telegraph offices; all messages for these stations are sent to "UN" and "UC" towers, respectively, and relayed over telephone.

Div. Cor.

### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Death has entered the home of our esteemed Sister L. A. Diehl, and removed from it her beloved mother, be it

*Resolved*, By the members of Sunbury Division, No. 12, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to Sister Diehl our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this hour of affliction, and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the record of the division, and a copy sent THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

CHAS. W. KASE,  
BRUCE MCCrackEN,  
EDW. G. BEEGER,

Committee.

### Ottawa Div., No. 15.

In the last journal, Certificate 85 says, there are some good men on the 32d District. Well, I suppose there are, and if they only had a chance to attend meetings, I think they would be even better.

Would it not be possible to have meetings at Madawaska, which is, in my opinion, the best place, as it would give the brothers on the 21st and 32d Districts an opportunity to attend. I would like to see this given a trial.

There have been but few changes on the division.

Bro. Drewitt, from Depot Harbor, has been enjoying a vacation of fifteen days, around Toronto and the Falls.

Bro. Gibson, of Alexandria, has taken days in Depot Harbor.

Bro. Armour, of Algonquin Park, has been away for a few days, on account of Mrs. Armour's illness.

Bro. Madden, of Kinburn, on holidays; relieved by Bro. Parent.

Bro. Pearce, of Sprucedale, away for a few days; was relieved by Telegrapher Jaynt.

Bro. Boal is at Renfrew for a few days, helping agent at that point.

We are all waiting patiently to hear what is to happen our bill for a nine-hour law, which is being presented to Parliament at the present session.

Would like to hear from the boys on the 31st and 32d Districts, regarding the meeting suggested at Madawaska.

Hope to hear from some of our brothers in the next issue.

CERT. 87.

#### Baltimore Div., No. 17.

It is a pleasure to report additional items of interest from Division No. 17. Our meetings are well attended, and all are working harmoniously for the very best results. The election of officers was a most pleasant one, all happy and enjoying the fellowship of true brotherhood. Bro. Wm. M. Skinner was re-elected Chief; Bros. T. E. Fidler and L. H. Nelson, First and Second Assistants; Bros. N. B. Curry, Frank Cole and F. O. Warner, Trustees; Bro. Frank Rupley, Chairman of the L. B. of A. of the Baltimore Division of the N. C. R. R.; Bro. D. L. Koller, re-elected Secretary and Treasurer, also Representative to the coming Convention; Bro. Rupley, Alternate.

Our Worthy Chief, Bro. Wm. M. Skinner, has the honor of succeeding himself three successive terms, and while there is a possibility of us losing the opportunity of again voting for him, on account of the system movement, we are sure Bro. Skinner, whether in or out of office, would say, like the Captain of the Republic, "I Shall Stand By the Ship."

Bro. A. K. Hoyer recently accepted a position in Baltimore, being employed in the superintendent's office as train clerk. We wish him success.

MAYFIELD.

#### Providence Div., No. 35.

The February meeting of Division No. 35 was unusually well attended, due, no doubt, to the interest taken in the election of officers and delegates to the convention. The elections were made a special order of business at 8:45, and went off smoothly; the following being the result: A. M. Ross, Chief Telegrapher; J. H. McCabe, First Vice-Chief Telegrapher; H. C. Williams, Second Vice-Chief Telegrapher; R. A. Brown, Secretary and Treasurer; E. C. Burt, Trustee; E. I. Phillips, Division Correspondent; Frank Brady, First Delegate, O. H. Toadvine, Alternate; R. A. Brown, Second Delegate, D. M. Callis, Alternate; Geo. E. Joslin, Local Chairman.

General Chairman Manion was there and wielded the gavel to perfection. Later he gave the boys one of those family talks on the good of the order. "Doc" always seems to say the right thing at the right time.

The meeting was an interesting one, from many standpoints, everyone lending a hand to liven things up.

Bro. Joslin gave us a talk on the good of the order. It's very evident, that both the local and general chairman, are wide-awake where the interest of the Order, or its members, is at stake.

Bro. George Sawyer, agent at West Barrington, who was on the sick list for a while, is able to be about, and will return to duty in the near future.

Bro. Stanley Sturtevant, bid in Warren station, second trick.

Bro. Joe Cloutier is back at Orma St., third trick.

The attention of the members on the Providence Division, is called to a notice in this issue of THE TELEGRAPHER, relative to the ball team. The co-operation of all the ball fans is requested.

The secretary would like to hear those members who have not yet done so, to make a noise like a new card.

Five new applications read at the last meeting; individual effort works wonders in this direction.

This being the initial attempt of the new correspondent, the members are requested to be lenient.

"OLIVER."

N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R.—

#### CARD OF THANKS.

I desire, through the columns of THE TELEGRAPHER, to express my sincere appreciation and thanks to all the members, who by their hearty co-operation, assisted in making the drawing, instituted in my behalf, a success.

By request of the committee having charge of the drawing, I also wish to announce that \$145.60 was realized, which amount I have received.

Yours fraternally,

L. B. KINNEY,

Cert. 79, Div. 35.

#### NOTICE.

To all Telegraphers, New Haven Railroad System:

Last season considerable interest was attracted by the performance of the baseball team representing the Providence Division, and has developed into an effort to be made to organize a New Haven System Ball League, made up of teams representing each division, and composed of players who are preferably telegraphers.

A team to represent the Providence Division, is now being organized, and all telegraphers who wish to try for the team may have a chance by addressing the undersigned, who has been selected as temporary manager.

All divisions who have not, as yet, made any effort to organize a team are requested to do so, and any information regarding the proposed plan for a league will be furnished on application to the Manager of the Providence Division team.

E. I. PHILLIPS,

Manager Pro Tem.

Box 769, Warren, R. I.

**New Rochelle Div., No. 37.**

February 12th, at the regular meeting, a delegate to the Convention and the following officers were elected: Chief Telegrapher, Harry Berger; Secretary and Treasurer, J. A. Hannan; First Vice-Chief Telegrapher, C. E. Christman; Second Vice-Chief Telegrapher, W. B. Giebert; Delegate, T. J. Gallagher; Alternate, E. B. Clay.

This meeting was the largest ever held by Division No. 37. Members coming from all points on the N. Y. and Shore Line Divisions. General Chairman Manion accompanied by Bros. Kelly and Murphy, of Division No. 29, were in attendance. Worthy Chief Bro. Maher turned the gavel over to Bro. Manion, who conducted the election in his usual up-to-date manner. Six applications were received at this meeting, and two members initiated.

Bro. T. F. Canfield, bid in and has been awarded the second trick at Harlem River superintendent's office.

Bro. J. P. McLaughlin, formerly of Pier 50, has secured the position of telegrapher at New Rochelle station.

We are sorry to hear of the serious illness of Telegrapher Benj. F. Hill, second trick at Riverside. Mr. Hill was formerly a member of Division No. 44, but since his employment on the New Haven he has met with so much sickness that he could not retain his membership. We extend our sympathies to the family and sincerely hope for his ultimate recovery.

Bro. Wm. Mohrbach is now located at Saybrook Junction, on the Shore Line. Our worthy brother is greatly missed at the receptions of the Broux River Yacht Club.

The General Committee convened at New London, February 27th. General Chairman Manion and General Secretary Handy made their annual reports, which were ratified and sent to the local divisions. The following officers were elected: General Chairman, Bro. E. J. Manion, of New Haven; General Secretary, Bro. M. W. Handy, New Haven. The following members were present, which comprise the General Committee: T. J. Gallagher, New York Division; E. J. Manion, Shore Line; L. H. Dowd, Western Division; G. E. Joslin, Providence; L. J. Ross, Old Colony; M. W. Handy; General Officers, J. Leete, Midland; J. P. Reilly, Boston, and C. I. Wood, Boston Terminals. Cor.

**Springfield Div., No. 38.**

On the 17th of February Division No. 38 held its second annual ball and concert, at Touraine Hall, on State St., which was neatly decorated for the occasion. Over 100 couples who participated in the dancing were present, and some fifty or more who did not. A few of the Boston & Albany officials were in attendance and congratulated the officers of Div. 38, especially Bro. McCarty, chairman of the ball committee, on the program and the manner in which the crowd was handled. The music was furnished by the Phil-

harmonic orchestra, and Bro. Bettars and Sister Kinnevan led the grand march. The ball was a success financially and socially. The proceeds go toward defraying the expenses of the Board of Adjustments.

**Albany Division—**

Bro. McManus, at Rensselaer yard office, has been transferred from night to day trick. Mr. Sanders is working nights.

Bro. Kaiser has returned to East Greenbush after relieving at tower 72 for two weeks in place of Bro. Drone.

Bro. Holmes is relieving Bro. Van Vaulkenburg for two weeks at East Chatham. The latter is on vacation.

Bro. Dresser, at Hinsdale, from second to third trick.

Bros. Kerrigan and McGrath have been relieved at Becket by L. W. Hammond and B. J. Burke.

Bro. N. P. Barrett was sick with the la grippe for almost a week and Mr. Austin relieved him. Bro. Barrett returned to work on the 18th.

Our last meeting was called to order at 7:30 p. m. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. A letter was read from Bro. Pierson explaining his absence, which we are sorry to say, was on account of illness. We all hope he will be able to attend our next. We had a record-breaking crowd—not a seat vacant in the hall. On account of the limited time of the members from the east end, it was decided to proceed with the election of officers and a delegate to the convention before taking up the usual order of business. Bros McCarthy and J. J. Powers were nominated for representative to the Grand Div. Convention, Bro. Powers winning by one vote. Bro. W. A. Lamberton was elected chief telegrapher for the ensuing year; Bro. Cardinal was re-elected as secretary-treasurer; Bro. Woodward, 1st vice chief telegrapher and Bro. Collins re-elected second vice chief. He was also elected chairman on the Albany Division by ballot sent to all members and Bro. J. J. Powers elected on the Boston Division. Bro. Collins was appointed correspondent for the ensuing year. After all the business had been transacted the division closed at 10 p. m.

Anyone having items of interest to the membership will please send them to P. O. Box 1417, Springfield, Mass., not later than the 20th of the month, in order that they may appear in the following issue of the journal. Remember that "line-ups" have been eliminated and only changes and the like should be incorporated in your "write-up." "C."

**Boston Div., No. 41.**

The February meeting was called to order at 8:20 with a good attendance and an abundance of work on the docket. The interest shown in the election of officers and delegates to the convention was manifested by the goodly number present, some of whom came a long distance at consider-

able inconvenience to take an active part in the business. Before opening the meeting in due form a representative of the Hatters' Union was presented and addressed the meeting for a few minutes on the stand taken by the hatters in their controversy with the manufacturers. His remarks were well received by the division and the stand taken by the hatters was indorsed. After the routine of business was transacted, the ballots sent out for the election of local chairman were opened and counted with the following results: Eastern Div., Local Chairman, J. B. Bode, Chelsea; Southern Div., W. R. Meikle, Waltham; Fitchburg Div., I. P. Clifton, Roberts Station; Terminal Div., James A. Wilson, Somerville. Local chairman of Western Div. to be elected by Div. 95. The matter of election of delegates to the biennial convention at Atlanta, Georgia, as well as the election of officers for the ensuing year was, on the whole, very harmonious, even if a little spirited at times, which added a little spice to the proceedings. The election of delegates resulted in Bro. Bode, of Chelsea, and Bro. Meikle of Waltham being elected first and second delegates, with Bros. Clifton, of Roberts, and Tuck, of Wakefield, alternates. The election of local officers for the ensuing year resulted in the present chief, T. J. Fogarty, being re-elected for another term, as was 1st Vice Chief F. C. McGrath, Winchester. John J. Lehan was elected 2nd vice chief. H. L. Cunningham, of No. Andover, was appointed marshal; B. G. Tuck, inside sentinel and J. J. Dugan outside sentinel. The remarks of Bro. Tuck in declining re-election for the office of secretary and treasurer were somewhat of a surprise, although not entirely unexpected. He worked hard for the division while in office, and as an organizer and worker his services were invaluable. It was with a feeling of regret that the division learned that he could not serve again as treasurer. Although he may possibly leave the railroad service the coming summer it does not by any means mean that he will sever his connection with or lose interest in the affairs of the order. I am sure that I voice the sentiment of the entire division in wishing him good fortune and success. He was given a rising vote of thanks by the division in session.

In selecting his successor, Bro. Morgan, the division made no mistake; bright, conscientious, a hard worker for the order and one of the most popular of the younger agents with the B. & M. officials, Bro. Tuck's mantle has fallen on worthy shoulders and the division is to be congratulated on having such timber from which to select officers.

The report of the treasurer for the year 1908, which will be presented at the March meeting, shows that Div. 41 has had a very prosperous year.

Starting in July, 1905, small in membership and with a still smaller treasury, our division has gradually increased numerically until it stands at the top, where we purpose to keep it. Our local organizers have been hustlers, and the members

have been working hand in hand with them. There are still a number of nons in our territory, but the boys are after them individually, and judging by the applications presented at the January and February meetings, their efforts have not been without success.

The secretary's report will be read to the members at the March meeting and they can judge for themselves of our prosperity. Although we have lost three members by death, two by withdrawals on account of going into other business, and five by transfer, at the present time we have a larger membership than we have had since the division was organized, and a substantial sum in the treasury.

In the year 1908 the division contributed to members and to the aid of other organizations, \$211.25, and since July, 1905 the division has contributed for the same purpose, \$756.25, which goes to show the advantage of holding membership in this order.

The work in the division room has been very harmonious and the increasing attendance at each meeting indicates that the year 1909 will eclipse all previous records. The same relief committees have been appointed for the ensuing year, with the exception of one on the western division, which consists of J. A. Tuck, of Wakefield, chairman, with E. G. Wells, of Byfield, and D. A. Burns, of So. Lawrence, as the other two members.

A communication was received from the committee of the B. L. E. and O. R. C. regarding the proposed pension bill for the B. & M. employes, and Bro. J. B. Bode was appointed to represent the B. & M. telegraphers to meet and confer with the other members of the pension committee. This is a matter that interests all employes, no matter in what capacity they are employed, and more will be said about it in the future.

The large attendance at the February meeting proves that there are a great many members who could attend the meetings if they were so disposed. We cannot force them to come, but it is to their interest to be on hand. Every man should take an active part in anything that affects his own affairs. You expect your local chairman to go before the management to secure better pay, better working conditions and to adjust numerous grievances. You expect your officers to look after the membership, see that dues are paid, and attend to a hundred and one other duties, yet you will not devote one evening a month, one evening out of thirty, to lend your moral support and show your appreciation of the work that is being done for you. Wake up! Show the officers you are awake and desirous of bettering your condition and thereby give them confidence and support in their labors in your behalf.

F. H. Flynn, Southern Division, chief dispatcher, recently spent a day pickerel fishing at Rutland.

Bro. Jack Coolidge, agent at Berlin, Mass., who has been in bed for several days with the grippe, is back on the job. Jimmy Lombard, formerly of Lawrence Jct., filled in.

Tom Bates is on the third trick at Mystic Jct. O. R. S. Johnson, formerly of Mystic Jct., No. Camb, Jct., Goffs Falls, Berlin and Scolley Square, is spending the winter with Bro. Heywood at Barre Plains, nights. Cor.

#### New York Div., No. 44.

Regular meeting held at Jamaica at the usual time and place; attendance 64.

As it was election night all other business was put aside and the "battle of the ballots" commenced early. The following officers were elected: Bro. C. B. Van Nostrand re-elected chief telegrapher by acclamation; Bro. A. A. Leonard elected secretary and treasurer; Bro. E. Aston re-elected first vice-chief; Bro. J. Breen re-elected second vice-chief; Bro. F. H. Swine elected chairman for agents; Bro. E. M. Jones elected chairman for towermen; Bro. J. Lynch elected chairman for operators; Bro. J. L. Martin, elected trustee, three-year term; Bro. J. E. Shields elected delegate to convention; Bro. C. B. Van Nostrand elected delegate to convention.

After the election regular order of business was resumed and all matters of detail dispensed with in a hurry.

We had as guests for the evening Bro. T. M. Pierson, Second Vice-President, who favored us with a few interesting remarks, and Bro. L. A. Page, General Chairman of the lines east of Pittsburgh on the Pennsylvania railroad, dropped in with Bro. Pierson just to see how we do business and to pay his respects. He favored us with a short, but very interesting address, which was well received.

The committee served cake, coffee, sandwiches and cigars during the meeting. For the past four or five meetings refreshments have been served. The few members who do not attend regularly might drop in once in a while and get something to eat and drink.

Bro. Van Nostrand relieved Bro. Hawkins of Elmhurst for one day recently to allow Bro. Hawkins to attend court.

Bro. A. B. Gentry, of Long Beach, enjoyed a few days' vacation during the past month. Bro. Van Nostrand in charge of Long Beach during his absence.

Bro. Jim Robinson relieved Bro. Redding, of Merrick, and Miss Whitmore, of Wantagh, during their respective vacations.

E. J. Duryea, of Calverton, took a short vacation trip to Washington and other points of interest in the vicinity of the Capital City. Bro. A. J. Petroske held down the agency at Calverton in the absence of Mr. Duryea.

N. Groskinsky has resigned as agent at Winfield and has accepted a position in the highway department, Borough of Queens. Relieved for the present by Relief Agent W. S. Leahy.

Bay Side again up for bid. Mr. L. M. McGuinness has resigned to accept a position with one of the commercial companies. Bro. Van Nostrand in charge of Bay Side for the present.

A. S. McNally did not make a very long stay at Hommels. Think he played a one-night stand there. The job is up for bid.

A delegation from Div. 44 accepted an invitation sent by Div. 8 (N. Y. C. & H. R. R. G. C. Terminal) to attend their annual reception and ball at Majestic Hall, 125th st., New York city, February 17th, 1909. The Long Island party was made up as follows: Bro. C. B. Van Nostrand, Bro. and Mrs. A. F. Hellar, Bro. and Mrs. J. E. Shields, Miss Kathryn Guthrie and Miss M. Alice McInerney. All of whom were the guests of Div. No. 8 and the members of the various committees spared no pains in looking after the welfare, comfort and pleasure of the "clam diggers" from Long Island. Space will not permit printing the full program.

Bro. Jimmie Stimson and Sister Green led the grand march and there were 216 couples in the march.

One of the most noticeable features of the evening was the presence of so many N. Y. C. railroad officials, all of whom took part in the dancing. The following officials were present: Mr. D. W. Hempstead, train master; Mr. G. H. Wilson, chief despatcher; Mr. R. E. Slater, assistant superintendent, who was accompanied by his two sons; Messrs. Cottrell, Stegman and De Camp, despatchers; Mr. Herlihy, assistant despatcher and Mr. Viau, chief clerk.

The entertainment was a grand success from every point of view, and the members of Div. 8 are to be congratulated.

Mrs. A. A. Leonard, wife of Bro. Andy Leonard, secretary-treasurer-elect, is very ill in St. Mary's Hospital, Jamaica. The many friends of Bro. and Mrs. Leonard are hopeful for her speedy recovery. However, her condition at this writing is considered very serious. Cor.

#### Woodsville Div., No. 45.

Bro. J. P. Seery was assigned to the third trick at Tilton on January 26th, which vacancy was caused by the dismissal of Telegrapher Maddigan.

Bro. L. J. Berry was the successful bidder on the Northfield vacancy, caused by the transfer of Bro. Seery; have not heard who has bid in the third trick at Ashland.

Bro. F. V. Clifford is enjoying an extended trip through California and the Southwest. Bro. Clifford's position at Laconia is being filled by Bro. W. J. Yeaton, of the Woodsville office.

Mr. G. F. Plummer, agent at Ashland is quite seriously ill; the duties of agent at that point are being looked after in a very able manner by Bro. W. R. Atwood.

The wife of Bro. H. E. Fulford, first trick man at Meredith, passed away on the 7th inst., after a very painful illness; funeral services were held at her old home, Milford, Mass., on the 9th inst.

Bro. Fulford enjoys the esteem of a wide circle of friends, who extend their sympathy in this hour of bereavement.

Bro. F. J. Richards was compelled to absent himself from duty for a few days the first of last week account of a bad cold; Bro. Scott Mann, of the Woodville force did the honors of the second trick at Plymouth in a masterly manner.

We learn that Bro. Casey, a member of Div. 105, is a member of the Concord city government. No doubt this gentleman will give a good account of himself in this capacity; he certainly did as a member of the General Committee.

Bro. R. E. Weare, agent at Scotts, N. H., is seriously ill with pneumonia in the hospital at Whitefield. Bro. C. A. Burnell is filling in during his absence.

Bro. Howard Hughes, of Littleton, is very ill; the day work at this point is being performed by Mr. Littlefield. Mr. Littlefield's position at Littleton, nights, is being filled by Bro. Bangs, one of our new members.

The regular meeting of Div. 45 was held on the 20th inst., with a fair attendance. The following officers were elected: Bro. E. E. Sprague, C. T.; Bro. Winslow, V. C. T.; Bro. Averill, 2d V. C. T.; Bro. King, Local Chairman Passumpsic Division; Bro. Evans, Local Chairman White Mountain Division; Bro. Evans, delegate to the convention, and Bro. B. C. Berry, alternate.

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#### Pittsburg Div., No. 52.

Quite a number of extra men are in evidence—mostly commercial telegraphers. This would be a favorable time for all who wish vacations to make such requests.

Bro. Robt. Lang has returned to work after being off duty for several months, on account of an injured ankle. He was relieved by Bro. Buckley.

Bro. J. C. Trimble, who has been sick for about nine weeks, is improving; relieved by Sister Mary Flemming.

Bro. A. C. Gratz is enjoying a vacation of six days.

Bro. E. V. Bailey is on the sick list. Hope to hear of his recovery soon.

Bro. A. J. Shean was at Greensburg last week.

Bro. R. E. Burk and friends attended the grand opera in Pittsburg.

Bro. J. H. Cowan is taking a vacation of two weeks, which he is spending at his home in Chambersburg; can not say who is relieving him.

Bro. H. C. Hiney is enjoying four days' vacation; relieved by C. H. Campbell.

Bro. R. E. Smith has returned to duty, after several days' illness.

News seems to be scarce, but will endeavor to do better next month. Items should be forwarded to Post Office Box 141, Derry, Pa. COR.

#### Wilmington Div., No. 58.

##### Maryland Division—

February 17th we held our regular monthly meeting, with quite a number of enthusiastic members present.

The "up-to-road" members who are usually on deck, were conspicuous by their absence.

There are twelve members who work day-light tricks, and three or four who work 12 to 8 a. m. tricks, who could attend our meetings which are only held once a month. I think if we would make up our minds to have no other engagements on the third Wednesday, it would work out just as well.

A number of visitors were present from Division No. 17.

Vice-President Bro. T. M. Pierson paid us a visit, and was given a rousing reception. After listening to his able remarks on "the good of the Order," we proceeded to elect officers, with the following result: Chief Telegrapher, Bro. Thomas Truitt, Bro. Kennedy declining re-election; First Vice-Chief Telegrapher, H. B. Arrison. The remainder of the old officers were re-elected. Chairman Local Board of Adjustment, H. W. Lair; Assistants, H. B. Arrison and L. G. Jenkins. After March 25th we will be unable to secure our present quarters on the third Wednesday evening, owing to the fact that all the lodges of the Red Men in the city of Wilmington will, hereafter, meet in this hall. Beginning with our April meeting we will meet at the same place and time, on the third Friday of each month, instead of the third Wednesday. Keep this in mind.

In regard to holding a meeting on a stated Sunday for the benefit of the second trick men, we have this matter under consideration, and as soon as the Hall Committee can give us a satisfactory reply, which will be in a few days, we will be able to determine definitely whether it will be feasible.

You remember what Vice-President Pierson said about everybody lending a helping hand, well, let it sink in, and don't forget. We did 40 per cent better in 1908 than we did in 1907. Now, we intend to do 80 per cent better in 1909, than we did in 1908.

Our finances, as well as our numerical strength, is A-1 and still improving.

Get after the non. When he says he hasn't got the price, tell him how to save it. Show him that the protection he receives for himself and family far surpasses the paltry sum he is required to pay for it.

##### Delaware Division—

Bro. Butler spent his relief day in Little Creek; relieved by Mr. Russell.

Bros. Freeny, Van Sant and Taylor spent their relief days in Delmar, Millington and Philadelphia, respectively.

Bro. Eason visited Philadelphia while off; relieved by Bro. Bennett.

Bro. Jenkins, our worthy chairman, spent his relief day with his parents at Wyoming.

Bro. Hudson spent a day at his home, Bethel, on the quiet waters of the Nanticoke.

Bro. Sipple put in a day in the city; relieved by Bro. Megee.

Bro. "Bill" Quillen was with his parents, at Goldsboro, for a day; relieved by Bro. Bennett.

Bro. Wainwright and wife spent a day, recently, with his parents at Middleford.

Bro. Cannon, of Bridgeville, spent his relief day in the city; relieved by Mr. Russell.

Bro. Mills, of Greenwood, visited his parents, near Delmar, recently; relieved by Mr. Russell.

Bro. Hansen spent his relief day in the city; relieved by Mr. Russell.

Bro. East has returned from a month's leave of absence, which he spent with relatives in Virginia; relieved by Mr. Russell.

Bro. Russell spent his relief day in Philadelphia.

Bro. S. E. Elliott enjoyed a visit to Philadelphia lately.

Bro. Reed recently visited in the city; unable to say who relieved him.

Bro. Roe, with his wife, spent his relief day at Middletown; relieved by Bro. Morrison.

Bro. L. H. Wright and wife visited Mrs. W's parents, at Seaford, recently; relieved by Bro. Morrison.

Bros. Lynch and Brown spent a day lately at their homes in Harrington; unable to say who relieved them.

Bro. Owens was in Wilmington lately; relieved by Bro. Morrison.

Bro. Murphy spent two days with his parents at Berlin, during February.

Bro. Dryden, of Franklin City, recently spent two days with relatives at Millsboro.

Mr. Metz, of Snow Hill, spent one day with his mother recently.

Mr. W. M. Needles, of Franklin City, has resumed duty, after being off sick six weeks; relieved by Bro. Megee.

Bro. J. T. Taylor spent one day in Wilmington and Philadelphia, the latter part of February. We were all glad to see Bro. Taylor's smiling face, as it isn't often he gets away from Snow Hill.

Mr. Scotten, of East New Market, spent a day in Philadelphia recently.

Bro. C. B. Brown and wife is spending a month's vacation at Palm Beach, Miami and other places in Florida.

Bros. Anderson and Merrich, agents at Federalsburg and Easton, respectively, spent two weeks at various winter resorts in Florida, early in March; they report having an excellent trip; they were relieved by Bro. Allen and Mr. Roe, respectively.

Bro. Curry, of Greensboro, spent one day in Wilmington, in February.

Bro. Williams, of Rehoboth, off one week, latter part of February; relieved by Mr. Roe.

Bro. Truitt, of Clayton, was elected delegate to represent Delaware Division at the grand convention in Atlanta, Ga.

Bro. Jenkins, our able and worthy local chairman, was re-elected for another year. Give him all the support you can.

Bro. Melvin was also re-elected secretary and treasurer for another year.

The present reports are that all blocks closed last autumn will be re-established and opened by the time this appears in print, also that the 'phone system of dispatching trains will be in operation.

Div. Cor.

### Moncton Div., No. 63.

The correspondent requests the co-operation of the members of Div. 63 in securing news for the journal. Anything of interest should be forwarded in time to reach me by the 22d of the month to insure insertion in the following issue of THE TELEGRAPHER.

Don't forget the "cheap rate," the amount of \$4.00, will establish membership until the 1st of May.

Regular meeting of Div. 63 was held at Moncton, Saturday, February 20th. Twenty-four members were present. Many important questions were brought up and discussed; Bro. A. J. Gray was elected delegate to the convention to be held at Atlanta, Ga.

Bro. S. C. Charters, of Div 63, and Bro. W. P. Hutcheson of Div. 66 were the candidates for chairman of the local board of adjustment for St. John to Halifax district. The ballot stood 30 to 56 in favor of Bro. Charters. The chairman elect spoke very cordially, thanking the brothers for their support, and after lodge passed a fine box of cigars which were highly appreciated.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Bro. R. A. Brown, chief telegrapher; Bro. R. M. Gross, secretary and treasurer; Bro. A. L. Fullerton, 1st vice chief telegrapher, and Bro. R. R. Smith, 2d vice chief telegrapher. Installation will take place at the next meeting.

What do you think of the train order system about to be adopted by the Canadian railways? They say it's a vast improvement over the old system, and much less work.

Bro. Landry is taking a few days' rest, relieved by Bro. L. Dalton.

Bro. T. L. Powell has been quite ill and Bro. F. Landry is relieving him. Bro. Powell has our sympathy.

The next meeting will be held at St. John, March 20, 1909. Everybody is cordially invited to be present. We expect each brother to have a new member.

Div. Cor.

### Rochester Div., No. 65.

Rochester Div. No. 65 met at Rochester, N. H., February 13th, at the G. A. R. hall, the attendance being larger than at any previous meeting for several years. There were twenty-six brothers present.



The meeting was called to order by Chief Telegrapher E. J. Scott at 8 p. m., and the division soon got down to business.

The election of officers for the ensuing year and selection of a delegate to grand convention took up some time.

Under the head of unfinished business the matter of organizing was taken up and it was voted to pay the salary and expenses of an organizer to cover the Keene and Acton branches of the W. N. & P. Division, with the view of getting these branches into line.

The New Hampshire eight-hour law was next taken up and after the bill that is now in the legislature was explained to the brothers present it was voted to send a delegate to the committee hearing in Concord, N. H., to aid Mr. A. O. Alexander, who introduced the bill, and who was an O. R. T. member while in the railway service.

Under the head of "good of the order" remarks were made by several of the brothers of Div. No. 65. We were also addressed by Bro. C. E. Adams, of Springvale, Me., member of Div. No. 95. Here Bro. Chapman announced that the banquet hall was open and we repaired to that room and partook of a fine oyster supper. The meeting was called to order after supper and the business of the evening transacted.

There are not many changes on the W. N. & P. Division.

Bro. Beliveau is at Bar Mills, third trick.

Bro. L. R. Clark is now assistant agent at Westbrook.

Bro. F. H. Willard, chief telegrapher, now in despatcher's office, Nashua, having been relieved at Lancaster, Mass. by Bro. MacDermott.

Bro. A. J. Dugas is holding down the third trick at Sterling Jct.

The nons on this division are still to be seen and sometimes heard from, especially when they want favors, but the boys are handing them the war cry on every side "no cards, no favors."

Mr. Hynes, chief train despatcher at Nashua, is on six months' leave of absence; he is relieved by Mr. B. Thomas, first trick despatcher. Mr. Hynes has gone to Panama to install a telegraph system for the United Fruit Co.

Mr. Murphy is now holding down Nashua North Yard, which is Bro. Rollins' regular job.

Bro. Seeley is in Kanorado, Kansas, working nights for the Rock Island. He says he likes the country and is improving.

There were a number of new faces at the meeting on the 13th. Come again, for good attendance tends to raise enthusiasm and everything goes better when the crowd is large.

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### Albany Div., No. 78.

Div. 78 met at regular meeting February 20th, 1909, and elected the following officers: G. A. Johnson, chief telegrapher; A. D. Wagar, 1st vice chief telegrapher; V. C. Wands, 2d vice chief telegrapher; B. M. Nicholls, secretary and treas-

urer; V. C. Wands, delegate to general convention.

We were honored at this time by the presence of the second vice-president, Bro. T. M. Pierson, whose name as a probable attendant is usually enough to fill to overflowing our rooms.

There were also present our genial general chairman, Bro. Moot, Bro. Shields, of the Long Island, and Bro. Potter, of the Boston & Maine, each a tower of strength for our order and in behalf of our division I wish to say that we very keenly appreciated the honor shown us by their presence.

After the regular order of business we were further honored with addresses by each of our visitors. Nearly every member knows what Bro. Pierson can do in the way of addressing an assemblage of telegraphers, and Bros. Moot, Shields and Potter are orators of considerable more than ordinary ability. Those who were absent missed a rare treat.

To those who were not there, however, I wish to say—the O. R. T. is your business. Telegraphing, selling tickets, checking baggage, billing freight, cleaning and filling switch lamps, and all the rest of it is the railroad company's business and they attend to it, thoroughly, through us and pay us for it, and if we don't do it right they stop our pay and do other mean (?) things. They make five or six per cent on the money invested and are well pleased. We—on the D. & H.—don't attend to our business at all. It is next to impossible for us to get to meeting once a month, but we can stay at home and growl nicely about what is done there and at what is not done by the general committee.

Those who attend the meetings, and the general committee too, are attending to their business, and to ours, although we are not interested enough to give even a small portion of one day a month to encourage and help them and to at least show our appreciation by our attendance. By a carefully compiled statement sent you recently it is demonstrated beyond a question of doubt that we, of the O. R. T., on the D. & H., draw a great many times more profit from our business than the railroad companies draw from theirs, although we don't attend to it at all; only allow some good brother to peg along as best he can, heap him with abuse (abuse is right) and fault-finding (also right) with his best efforts—efforts which pay big dividends to us—bigger than the far-famed and short-lived Miller Syndicate even promised to pay.

G. A. JOHNSON.

### Trenton Div., No. 85.

*Belvidere Division—*

We are stronger than ever, and we are growing stronger each month. We had a good turn-out at our meeting February 19th, and every one enjoyed it very much. Bro. Page, general chairman honored us with his presence at this meeting.

The following officers were declared elected: Bro. N. T. Bryson, chief telegrapher; Bro. A. S. Chamberlain, first vice-chief telegrapher;

Bro. C. D. Sheppard, second vice-chief telegrapher; Bro. Chas Parker, secretary and treasurer; Bro. N. T. Bryson, representative to Grand Division Convention at Atlanta, Ga.; Bro. R. Parker alternate to Grand Division Convention; Bro. N. T. Bryson, Local Chairman, New York Division; Bro. T. J. Callahan Local Chairman, Belvidere Division; Bro. C. D. Sheppard, trustee, to serve three years.

The following changes have taken place since last writing: Bro. G. E. Goddard, third trick at "MS," Coal Port, to third trick "DK," Dickinson. Bro. T. J. Callahan, second trick at "MS," Coal Port, to third trick at Coal Port. Mr. Kays, "K" tower, to second trick "MS," Coal Port. Bro. Gaunt, first trick at "MD," Milford, to first trick "KD," Dickinson. Bro. Goddard working first trick at "DK," Dickinson, until Bro. Gaunt can get moved down. Mr. W. P. Maloney, second trick at "X," Wilburtha, to second trick "DK," Dickinson. Mr. W. H. Wilmot, Jr., third trick at "X," Wilburtha, filling third trick at "DK," Dickinson, temporarily. Bro. H. A. Cooper filling third trick at "X," Wilburtha, temporarily. Mr. C. C. Caldwell, second trick at "N," Niece, to second trick "X," Wilburtha. Bro. G. M. Wharton, third trick at "WC," Washington's Crossing, to first trick at "MO," Moore. Mr. F. L. Northrup, second trick at "SK," Stockton, to second trick at "MO," Moore. Mr. Ashcroft (Duke), extra man bid second trick at "SK," Stockton. Mr. C. Ritz is working third trick at Moore. Mr. Strike, third trick man at "N," Niece, bid in first trick same place. "13" a Mr. Wood is working second trick at "N," Niece, can not say whether he has it steady or not. Bro. W. L. Heaney, third trick at "MD," Milford, to first trick at Milford. Bro. Pierson, second trick at "FH," to third trick at "MD," Milford. "13" Mr. Koontz bid in third trick at "RH," Durham tower.

The following positions are up for bid at present writing: third trick at "FD," Frenchtown. First trick at "K" tower.

Mr. E. V. McKelvey was the successful bidder for relief schedule No. 1 from "WN," Warren tower, to "C" Belvidere.

Bro. A. Tucker is now working relief No. 2 from "RH," Durham tower, to "MS," Coal Port.

"13" that "C," Belvidere, will again be put on twelve-hour basis, making a day office out of it. Mr. F. F. Weaver doing the stunt.

"13" that Mr. Hill, first trick at "WN," Warren, is running a ham factory. Brothers, I think you know how to deal with a man of this kind. Let us be like our Western brothers (No cards, no favors). If a man isn't up-to-date out there, there is nothing doing. I think Bro. W. L. Heaney deserves a great deal of credit for the work he has been doing in landing the nons.

If all the brothers were like Bro. Heaney there would be very few nons.

Things look brighter at this time than they have for a good while.

Let us all work together and strive to have complete organization.

Div. Cor.

### Altoona Div., No. 86.

Bro. Chas. Sneath had an exciting adventure with a burglar some time ago. He went down stairs during the night to fix the fire and was coming out, when the masked knight projected a four-inch Hotchkiss under his smeller, held him up, securing 16 cents and a valuable gold-filled watch. The burglar fled up the track, and was afterwards captured and the goods recovered.

The division initiated sixteen new members during 1908; has a substantial bank account and a large increase in membership over 1907, on account of transfers from other divisions.

The books of the division were audited by a committee composed of Bros. Anspach, B. D. Miller and D. S. McAleese, who reported everything O. K.

Bro. Oakes' family has been visited by death, his little daughter, aged about eight months, dying of meningitis, during the past week. Our sympathies are extended to the parents.

Bro. H. G. Clemens, at "JC," has been appointed division organizer, and he will make a live one.

Just received remittance from Bro. E. D. Collins, who is now located at Bonnie Claire, post office Thorpe, Nev., on the Tonopah and Tidewater R. R.

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### Boston Div., No. 89.

The regular night meeting of Division No. 89 was called to order at 10 a. m., February 6th, by Worthy Chief Bro. Ross.

This was done so that the second and third trick men might participate in our annual election.

If a stranger should have happened along, he would have thought the annual town election in Bingville was in progress, as there was something doing all day, the lobbyists being busy trying to pull votes for their favorites. The polls closed at 9 p. m., and when the tellers counted the ballots they found a total of 108 ballots cast. Then the contest began in earnest, there being seventy brothers present in the evening. It took considerable time to ballot, and have tellers announce the result. At 11:15 p. m. it was necessary to adjourn until the following Saturday to decide the several contests. The brothers came to order the following Saturday, February 13th, at 8 p. m., and after much balloting elected the following officers and delegates: Bro. Leonard J. Ross, chief telegrapher; Bro. J. N. McDermott, secretary and treasurer; Bro. L. T. Cushman, first vice-chief telegrapher; Bro. S. A. Prince, second vice-chief telegrapher; Bro. L. J. Ross, delegate, Bro. Cronin, alternate; Bro. C. I. Wood, delegate, Bro. Ewell, alternate; Bro. J. P. Riley, local chairman, Boston Division; Bro. C. I. Wood, local chairman, Boston Terminal; Bro. L. J. Ross, local chairman, Old Colony Division.

Between the acts the petitions for membership of five applicants were read and balloted on.

*Midland Division—*

Mr. Generous, of Baltic, has bid in agency at Turnerville.

Mr. Woods and Bro. Lecuyer, agent and telegrapher at East Douglas, have been relieved pending an investigation of conditions at their station.

Bro. Trovens, from agency at West Thompson, to agency at East Douglas.

Bro. Corrigan, from second trick at Plainfield, to first trick telegrapher at East Douglas.

Bro. Weeks, from third trick at Hampton, to agency at Washington.

Mr. Rowland, from spare list, to third trick at Hampton.

Mr. Savage bid in C. & O. job at Baltic.

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A CARD.

On behalf of my family, I wish to thank the members of Boston Division No. 89, O. R. T., for the beautiful floral tribute, and the kind and loving words of sympathy tendered us in our bereavement.

MARTIN BLASENAK.

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Elmira Div., No. 100.

Regular meeting of Elmira Division No. 100 was held in Elmira, Tuesday evening, February 23d, with but few members present.

The following officers were elected: Chief telegrapher, Bro. T. M. Seem, vice Bro. C. M. Weeks; first vice chief, Bro. Charles Davie, vice Bro. T. M. Seem; second vice chief, Sister H. A. Kinney, vice Bro. W. S. Fox; secretary and treasurer, Bro. C. R. Elliott, who succeeds himself; representative to bi-ennial convention, Bro. C. R. Elliott; alternate to convention, Bro. E. L. Wood; local chairman board of adjustment, Bro. E. L. Wood, re-elected for two years.

Bro. Stauring worked second trick at Hall, Jan. 25th, and third trick at Hall, Jan. 26th. He also worked third at "D" tower, Jan. 29, 30 and 31, relieving Bro. Campbell. Bro. Stauring worked third at Newark for one week, relieving Mr. R. B. Havens.

Mr. Vandy, at Wallington, third trick, off Feb. 1st, relieved by Bro. Stauring.

Mr. Erway worked first at Penn Yan, Feb. 24th and 25th, relieving Mr. W. A. Carr.

Bro. E. K. Harris, second trick at "D" tower, Canandaigua, off a few days, relieved by Mr. F. P. Craugh.

Bro. W. W. McLaughlin, second at Penn Yan, off duty, relieved by Mr. F. P. Craugh.

Bro. Hill, third at "G," Himrod's Junc., at Memorial Hospital, Canandaigua, undergoing an operation for appendicitis. Bro. H. H. Pierson, regular third trick at Starkey, is relieving Bro. Hill during his absence.

Bro. C. S. Quick, first trick at Milo, has bid in first trick at Pine Valley, and will move about April 1st. The telegraph work at this point has heretofore been done by the agent, Mr. Palmer.

Bro. H. M. Gibbs relieved Mr. J. M. Bromley at Seneca Castle one day the last of January.

Mr. Erway is bumping the list on Canandaigua division.

Bro. Dan Utz, second at "BN," Southport yard, off a few days; relieved by Bro. D. R. Dunning, relief telegrapher on Elmira division.

Mr. Reidy at Starkey a few days in place of Bro. H. H. Pierson.

Sister Bower has recovered from her recent illness, and has again returned to the key.

Mr. Erway at Starkey a few days, working third trick.

Bro. U. G. Watkins, first at "G," Himrods Junc., off February 1st; relieved by Mr. W. T. White.

Bro. E. L. Hodges, second trick at Starkey, off February 8th; relieved by Bro. Tipton.

Bro. Tipton at Stanley, February 9th, in place of Bro. Charley Davie.

Third trick at Gillett closes February 15th, account no telegrapher available.

Bro. Hammer, third at Coal Switch, unable to work his trick February 15th. Sister Bower worked in his place.

Sister Bower at Watkins, second trick, a few days in early part of February.

Bro. Jones, regular third trick at Pine Valley, is transferred to first trick until about April 1st. Mr. Craugh is working the third trick until further notice.

Bro. H. R. Reynolds, second at Milo, off February 18th; relieved by Bro. Gibbs.

Bro. Gibbs also relieved Bro. W. W. McLaughlin, second trick at Penn Yan, February 19th.  
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IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom has deemed it best to remove from the family of our brother, Joseph R. Brewer, his father, in manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy for our brother and family, be it

*Resolved*, By the members of Elmira Division No. 100, Order of Railway Telegraphers, that we extend to the bereaved brother and family our heartfelt sympathy in this, their hour of affliction; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved family and a copy sent to our official organ for publication.

H. S. TIPTON,  
D. R. DUNNING,  
E. L. WOOD,

Committee.

Regular daylight meeting held in Elmira, N. Y., Tuesday, Jan. 12, with 28 members in attendance. After a short time devoted to business, all present enjoyed the lunch and cigars provided by the refreshment committee.

Bro. H. R. Reynolds, second at Milo, off January 19th; relieved by Mr. Craugh.

Bro. A. O. Osgood, of Earl's, N. Y., a member of N. Y. C. system, Division No. 7, was a welcome visitor at this meeting.

Bro. F. F. Seamans, of "G," Himrods Junction, off two weeks, relieved by Bro. Pierson, of Starkey.

Bro. U. G. Watkins, first at "G" tower, off four days, relieved by Bro. Pierson.

Bro. H. M. Gibbs, who was a relief agent on this division some time since, and who resigned to go into other business, has returned to work as extra telegrapher. Bro. Gibbs relieved Bro. Hodges, second at Starkey, January 13th.

Bro. E. S. Osgood, second at Rock Stream, off January 12th, relieved by Mr. Erway.

Mr. Erway promises to come across with the goods as soon as possible.

Bro. Hill, third at "G," Himrods Junction, off January 12th; relieved by Mr. Craugh.

Mr. Hunt, agent at Rock Stream, relieved January 11th by Bro. H. M. Gibbs.

Bro. Robson, first at Wallington, off a few days, relieved by Bro. Gibbs.

Mr. M. M. Farrell, first at Sodus Point, off a few days, relieved by Mr. White.

Bro. Reed, of Wallington, off a few nights; relieved by Bro. Stauring.

Bro. Heath, of N. Y. C. system, Div. 8, relieved Mr. Hildreth for a few days. Mr. Hildreth off on account of death of his mother. Mr. Hildreth has the sympathy of the entire division in his great loss.

"Matt" will have his hands full for awhile, as the ice harvest has begun. That makes quite a lot of business for the road, too.

Regular night meeting of Elmira Division No. 100 was held on the evening of Tuesday, January 26th. It is hard to account for the large number of members who failed to attend this meeting, as most of the boys promised to be on hand to take part in the nominations for division officers for this year, and also to nominate our delegate and alternate who are to represent us at the biennial convention.

Some very interesting matters were brought before the division at this meeting, and those members who were absent are losers.

It is hard to understand how the members who do not attend our meetings expect to keep informed on matters which from time to time come up. It seems as though the boys should be willing to devote one night out of a month to the division. If things are not going to suit the boys, it is up to them to get on the job and run the division as they think it should be run.

Bro. C. H. Cayward, first at Hall, off January 26th, relieved by Bro. H. M. Gibbs.

Bro. C. M. Weeks, first at Stanley, off January 27th, relieved by Bro. Gibbs.

Bro. G. H. Fake off until further notice, relieved by Bro. Stauring.

Bro. C. B. Johnson, third at Benton Siding, off January 26th, relieved by Mr. Craugh.

Sister J. L. Kisor, third at Hall, off January 26th.

The notes from the South end, not having reached me as yet, will have to be omitted.

Div. Cor.

### Ayer Div., No. 104.

B. & M. R. R.—

Meeting of Div. 104 was called to order at 10 a. m., Sunday, February 21st, with Bro. Willard in the chair. A good crowd turned out and the meeting was a long and interesting one, lasting until 2 p. m. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Secretary-treasurer, J. F. Mullen, Marlboro, Mass.; chief telegrapher, G. H. Cook, Ayer, Mass.; 1st vice chief telegrapher, J. P. Rutledge, So. Lancaster, Mass.; 2nd vice chief telegrapher, J. K. Quackenboss, Ayer, Mass.; delegate, F. H. Willard, Lancaster, Mass.; alternate, J. P. Rutledge, So. Lancaster, Mass.

Bro. Willard, who declined to accept a nomination for third term as chief, was tendered a vote of thanks for his faithful services during his two years in that office.

We are sorry to state that Bro. St. Jean has been very ill, and, although improving at this writing, is still confined to his bed. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Bro. Willard has been assigned to the despatchers' office at Nashua to fill vacancy made by granting leave of absence to our chief despatcher, M. J. Hynes, who has gone to Costa Rica to work.

Bro. McDermott, of Ayer, has been assigned to agency at Lancaster formerly held by Bro. Willard.

The work of organization on the W. N. & P. Div. is progressing rapidly, and we believe that during the next month we will receive to membership all the desirable men on the line.

Cor.

### Concord Div., No. 105.

Bro. Abbott, from Franklin Falls, who expected to spend a vacation at his home in Eufield, found when he arrived that his father had business for him in the printing office.

Mr. Durgin, from Halcyon, away for an indefinite season, attending Legislature at Concord.

Mr. Holey relieving Mr. Durgin at Halcyon.

Bro. Webster, at West Canaan, has been absent for a few days; relieved by Mr. Hair.

Bro. Sloan was seen recently in Manchester.

Bro. Gage called on the boys lately. All were glad to see him.

It has been reported that there will be a private wire installed at Concord to Franklin Junction., to accommodate the immense amount of business done at the junction.

With regret, we learn of the illness of Bro. Bettis' mother. We hope she will soon recover.

Only two or three nons on the division between Concord and "WR" junction. Everybody get after them, and make life miserable for them until they surrender.

CERT. 75.

**Hagerstown Div., No. 106.**

There was a good "turn-out" to the February meeting, and we hope the performance will be often repeated in the future.

Bro. Naugle, night man at Shippensburg passenger, spent a few days in Lebanon.

Bro. Neff, "SF" tower, relieved Bro. Naugle during his absence; Bro. Neff relieved by a C. T. U. A man.

Bro. Gible, from the Pennsy, is doing the stunt at "RN" tower, Harrisburg. He is now a member of this division, having recently transferred from No. 9.

Bro. J. J. Hursh, Jr., Newville, has the sympathy and condolence of the division in his recent bereavement, having the misfortune to lose his father.

The many friends of Bro. Hoover, "DX," Hagerstown, were shocked to hear of his father's death, which occurred February 4th, at his home, this city. Many beautiful wreaths and floral designs were sent. He was relieved for a few days by Bro. Hines, "BY," Berkely tower. He has our sympathy.

Bro. Larrick spent a short time in Winchester, some time ago, and reports a pleasant time.

I am glad to report that the condition of Bro. Schleicher's father continues to improve, and we hope for a rapid recovery.

Bro. Hyde, first trick at "BY" tower, Berkley, was a visitor at Bro. Snyder's house, while in Hagerstown, recently.

As a great many were anxious for a write-up, your correspondent will be pleased if you come up more promptly with the news items. It only takes a few minutes. Don't forget it. It is certainly no trouble to send them in for publication, if you will but take the time to send them to me, this will be done cheerfully. Cor.

**Cresson Div., No. 109.**

Eight months have elapsed since the last write-up appeared in the journal from Division No. 109. But, while this silence has been maintained on the part of the correspondent, it is most gratifying to note that everything has moved along serenely, which can be verified by consulting the annual report submitted by our worthy secretary at the regular meeting held February 6, 1909. This report shows Division No. 109 to be in a flourishing condition. Judging from the large attendance at this meeting, and the unusual interest manifested in the various topics under discussion, by those who were present, there is no reason why the year 1909 should not be the banner year of Division No. 109.

As already stated our meeting was principally devoted to hearing the annual report for the year just closed, and the election of officers for the ensuing year. Meeting was called to order and presided over by Bro. H. D. Border, chief telegrapher. All officers were present with the exception of Second Vice-Chief Telegrapher C. V. Pickerill, who was absent on account of sickness; Bro. A. O. Seamon was appointed to fill the chair.

Owing to the fact that many members present were compelled to catch the last local passenger train scheduled to stop at Conemaugh, on that date, our time was limited and everything had to be rushed through. To expedite matters, a motion was made by Bro. John A. Fleck, which was duly seconded, that all the present officers be retained in office for the year 1909. The motion having carried unanimously, Bro. W. H. Pickerill was chosen to cast the deciding vote confirming the election of officers. The following is a list of those elected: Chief telegrapher, H. D. Border, of Portage; secretary and treasurer, Louis Biter, of Wilmore; first vice-chief telegrapher, Morse W. Eamigh, of Portage; second vice-chief telegrapher, Clayton V. Pickerill, of Conemaugh; past-chief telegrapher, John A. Fleck, of Conemaugh; marshal, T. W. Ryan, of Cresson; inside sentinel, E. C. Hollister, of Conemaugh; outside sentinel, George W. Bussard, of Cresson. The next thing in order was the choosing of a delegate to represent Division No. 109 at the National Convention to be held in Atlanta, Ga., in May. There was considerable interest manifested by several of the brothers, this being a plum much sought by the brothers in the field. It was finally plucked by Bro. T. W. Ryan, he having received a majority of votes cast. Bro. John A. Fleck, second best in the race was chosen as alternate.

Bro. J. Kiger, of Pittsburg, dropped in a few minutes before the closing hour and gave us a brief outline of the General Committee's work just completed for the year, showing conclusively that this committee had been laboring under great difficulties which they hoped to be able to overcome in the near future if entrusted with the work for the ensuing year. There seems to be no question but what Bro. Kiger will be re-elected on February 27, 1909, as he with the others has unquestionably discharged his duty with fidelity. Cor.

**Renovo Div., No. 110.**

The regular February meetings were held on the third and seventeenth of the month, at Corry and Emporium, respectively, with a fair attendance at each. Officers were elected for the ensuing year, but we are unable to give their names in time for this write-up. They will appear in next month's journal.

The members of the division join in extending sympathy to Supervisor John McDonald and family, of Driftwood, in their bereavement. Mrs. McDonald died at Lock Haven Hospital, February 22d, after undergoing an operation.

Telegrapher W. R. Catherman, of "HU," Hulings, received a message from Millmont, Pa., Thursday morning, announcing the sudden death of his mother. Mr. Catherman has many friends along the line who sympathize with him in his great trouble.

Bro. J. M. Pfoutz, of "HU," Hulings, is after the prize offered for the member securing the most applications for membership, and it looks

as if he would win out. Bro. Pfoutz is looking for the day when the telegrapher can step into the pay-car and draw a salary in accordance with his responsibility and says that organization is the only thing that will bring about this happy state. We heartily agree with the brother in this.

Bro. Bechtold, of Wistar, is relieving Bro. Emert, at Keating, for a few days, while the latter is visiting his parents.

We are pleased to announce the elections of Bros. Page and Krape, of Cameron, to the important offices of Justice of the Peace and Auditor, respectively, in their town election. The O. R. T. can furnish solid men for any public charge. The doctrines of the Order advocate principles which fit its members to fill positions of trust with credit.

The members of the division take this opportunity to thank the retiring officers for their splendid work during the past year. Everything looks bright for the coming year, and our division is in excellent shape. Our ranks are being strengthened by new members, and it is very gratifying to see that some of the old friends who dropped out in the past are rejoining with renewed interest and loyalty. The day is not far distant when we will see every eligible telegrapher on the line enrolled on our list.

Div. Cor.

#### Whitehall Div., No. 122.

Our regular meeting was held February 19th at K. O. T. M. hall, at Whitehall, N. Y., and was called to order by our worthy chief at 8:15 p. m.

We were honored by the presence of our second vice-president, Bro. T. M. Pierson, who instilled life into the division, and his remarks and advice were received with enthusiasm and applause. His observation that each member should take an interest in the affairs of the organization applies to the members of this, as well as other divisions. Not only should they pay dues, but should attend meetings to acquaint one another with undesirable conditions existing along the line, so that necessary steps can be taken to correct them. Bro. Pierson paid a tribute to the division officers who have carried on the work for the past year, and felt certain that Div. 122 would be a banner division in the near future.

Our general chairman, Bro. M. D. Moot, followed Bro. Pierson, and his remarks were upon matters pertaining to the schedule and grievances. They were well received.

Bro. Johnson, chief of Div. 78, who was present, gave us a few remarks. Division 78 should feel proud to number Bro. Johnson among its officers.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Chief telegrapher, Chas. H. Kemp, of Glens Falls; 1st vice chief, J. B. Snow; 2d vice chief, O. C. Benjamin; secretary and treasurer, H. G. Stevens; local chairman, P. W. Whyland; delegate to convention, C. H. Kemp; alternate, H. G. Stevens.

Bro. Kemp has been elected local chairman of Saratoga Division.

Among the visitors from Div. 78 we found Bros. Wagar and Johnson.

Bro. Bowers served as marshal.

After regular transaction of business our worthy chief announced recess for refreshments, which were partaken of by about 25 members, after which cigars were passed.

The matter of a chairman for the Q. M. & S. Ry. was talked over and will be looked into by General Chairman Moot.

The membership shows good strength, and several were given application blanks to cover all who are not in the fold. Cor.

#### Olean Div., No. 135.

No bulletins since the last write-up, and consequently very few notes for this month.

Business seems to be quite brisk on this end, caused by many shipments of coal and coke being received from the P. & E. at Corry.

Mr. T. J. Anderson, first trick at 45 Mile Siding, off a couple of days, relieved by Mr. K. V. Moore.

Mr. Drought, agent at Panama, off a few days last month. Mr. Sacket, relief agent, relieved him.

Mr. W. C. Richard has been appointed agent at Kinzua, Mr. L. H. Sacket taking the relief job.

Sister S. M. Dutton, first trick at Sherman, off a few days; relieved by Bro. Wickes.

In the last write-up we mentioned that Bro. Lytle, second trick at "NB" tower, was off a few days, relieved by Bro. Kirkpatrick. This was an error, as Bro. Lytle was working second trick at Siverly, Bro. Rothfuss having left the service. CERT. 173.

#### Key City Telegraphers' Club.

The second regular meeting of the Key City Telegraphers' Club was held at Dubuque, Saturday night, January 23d, in G. A. R. hall, and about fifty members from the various lines entering Dubuque were present.

Bro. G. E. Soyster, of Div. 23, from Cedar Rapids, Ia., delivered an excellent speech on the "Good of the Order."

Several candidates were initiated and everybody had a jolly good time.

The next meeting will be held about February 27th, and all brothers in good standing are cordially invited. CHIEF TELEGRAPHER.

#### Grand Trunk Ry.

*Eastern Division, First District—*

We haven't noticed many of the boys sending in news for a write-up from this division, so I fear they will continue to be rather short, unless some one takes it upon himself to render the correspondent some assistance.

Much interest is being taken in the selection of delegates, and on some divisions the contest has been quite keen.

We have had an unusual amount of snow this winter, and trains have been badly delayed during the storms. The wing plows have been over the road a number of times, and the flangers have been kept quite busy all winter.

A number of the extra night offices will be closed as spring is approaching, and some of the night men will be compelled to look for pastures new.

Mr. Briggs is working second trick at South Paris.

Bro. Farrell is again back on his old trick at Deering.

We have secured several new members during the past month, and the old members seem to be paying dues very promptly, although there are a few straggling ones who are a little slow. I hope they will not delay too long, but pay up, get an up-to-date card, and stay in the procession.

Several members have been fortunate enough to win O. R. T. rings as prizes for securing new members. Let us hope that many others will try to win one of the prizes offered, and by so doing assist the officers in making and keeping the road solid.

Try to send some news to your local chairman each month, or send direct to THE TELEGRAPHER. This will keep us informed as to what is going on.

Pay your dues, send in news and keep the ball rolling.

CERT. 424.

### Wabash Ry.

#### Peru Division—

Bro. Roy Zentmyre has bid in the first trick at Attica.

Bro. Robertson, of Danes, was seen in Logansport, a few days ago.

Mr. J. T. Cullen, chief dispatcher, was visiting his mother, in Lafayette, a few days ago.

Bro. I. J. Thompson, agent at Buckcreek, off for a few days, being relieved by Relief Agent R. M. Smith.

Bro. Bailey has returned to Roanoke. He was relieved at Wauseon by Telegrapher Underwood, who has bid in the third trick at that place.

Bro. Etnire, of Williamsport, has been off duty for a few days. We understand he has a very bad arm, on account of having been vaccinated a few days ago.

Bro. J. J. Dorren, agent at Whitehouse, is enjoying a vacation. He is being relieved by Telegrapher G. T. Edwards.

Bro. J. C. Cox, agent at Liberty Center, is taking a few days vacation, and is being relieved by Relief Agent R. M. Smith.

Bro. J. K. Lipsett, regular correspondent, has not yet returned to work, but it is rumored that he will return about March 1st.

Bro. Beatty, of Cecil, is enjoying a few days' vacation, and is being relieved by Relief Agent R. M. Smith.

Mr. A. W. Chapman is now at Colburn as agent, vice Mr. Younger.

Bro. G. W. Tillock, of New Haven, was off duty a few days, attending to business. He was relieved by Bro. Cochran, of Andrews.

Bro. Ray Gladden was off three days on account of having to attend to some business matters. He was relieved by Extra Telegrapher Brake, from the Pan Handle.

Telegrapher Purkhiser is working at Newell, while Bro. Chase is relieving Bro. Elvidge at Tilton.

Bro. Bechtal, after being off several weeks on account of sickness, has returned to his duties at Lafayette.

Bro. Tom Elvidge, of Tilton, has secured a leave of absence of two weeks, and will visit friends at Champaign, Ill. He is being relieved by Bro. Chase.

Bro. Spencer has returned to his duties at Westpoint, after a few days' leave of absence. Bro. Hellwig has returned to West Lebanon, and is working his regular trick there.

Bro. Bailey is at Wauseon, until some one bids in third trick at that place. Telegrapher E. I. Purkhiser is holding down his trick at Roanoke.

Bro. W. P. Shoutt, of Delphi, has been elected delegate to the seventeenth regular session of the Grand Division, to be held at Atlanta Ga., in May, 1909.

Bro. Lauber, of Maumee, was recently called to attend a Coroner's inquest, at Toledo, to give evidence regarding a man who was killed near his station, on the Ohio Electric Ry.

F. A. Schlosser, agent at Defiance, O., has resigned. He is to be succeeded by Mr. J. L. Craig, agent at West Lebanon. Mr. Craig will be succeeded at West Lebanon by Mr. A. M. Brown, who has been working at Peru ("Z" office), nights, for some time.

Bro. Etnire, second trick at Williamsport, is working as agent there for a few days, in place of regular Agent "Kieff," who is taking a few days' leave of absence. Telegrapher H. O. Murray, from West Lebanon, is working Bro. Etnire's trick at Williamsport.

Bro. Raddatz, who has been working Bro. Bechtal's trick at Lafayette for some time, has gone to Maumee, to work the third trick in place of Bro. Roy Hoover, who is relieving the agent at that point for a few days, on account of a death in his family.

Bro. F. L. Ribble, of West Lebanon, has been off duty for a few days.

Our committee has returned from St. Louis, where it has been in conference with the Wabash management. While we did not secure an increase in salaries, we secured several new rules, and had rule 15 revised. In the future all vacancies will be bulletined, and every telegrapher will receive notice of such vacancy, and will have ten days in which to make up his mind, whether he wants the position; the oldest bidder will be notified, in writing, that he is to receive the place regularly. This rule is worth a great deal to us, as we will know just what to depend upon. As far as getting an increase in salary is concerned, I do not think any of us expected that at the present time.

CERT. 141.

*Detroit-Chicago Division—*

Bro. Frank Hitchingham resumed work at "BO" tower, February 23d, after a month's vacation, part of which was spent in the South.

Sister F. Jones, who did the relief work at "BO" tower, is at present working at 17th Street, Detroit.

Bro. C. L. Iliiff, agent at Romulus, laid off a couple of days last month; was relieved by Bro. W. H. Sellers. Operator R. A. Mills relieved Bro. Sellers.

Bro. J. L. Phillips, of Belleville, has returned to work after a couple of weeks' vacation, which was spent with his parents at Defiance, O. Telegrapher Floyd did the relief work.

Bro. G. B. Daniels of Sand Creek, off a few days the first of February; relieved by Miss Ida French.

Bro. J. W. Bloom and wife, of Sand Creek, visited his parents at Montpelier, February 20th; relieved by Telegrapher S. E. Turner.

Sister Cary Scott, of Kunkle, off a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Miss French.

The Wabash had a bad freight wreck near Cene, Mich., February 1st. Seventeen cars of high-class freight were ditched; caused by the rails spreading. Bro. Roy Vanness of Britton, did duty at the wreck until it was cleared up. Bro. Earnest Crook relieved Bro. Vanness at Britton, and Bro. N. E. Long took Bro. Crook's place.

Bro. A. F. Klages, of Romulus, took a business trip to Detroit, February 24th.

We "13" that Telegrapher Guilde, who has been on the extra list here for the last couple of months, has resigned, and gone to work for the C. M. & St. P.

Bro. H. T. Haus and Telegrapher Laing, of Hammond, "CN," office, doubled one night on account of Telegrapher Sampson taking suddenly ill. Mr. Sampson relieved Telegrapher Cudley during the formers illness.

Items received this month from Bros. Bloom and Haus. Div. Com.

*Springfield Division—*

Mr. John T. Quigley, third trick at Bluff, was married February 17th, to Miss Anna Adams, of Naples, Ill.

Telegrapher Green, from Berlin, relieved Mr. Quigley for a few days, and Telegrapher Claus, an extra man, relieved Mr. Green.

P. R. Wetz, agent at Naples, has asked for a change of positions on account of insufficiency of salary.

The wires were removed from the depot when the nine-hour law became effective.

Bro. J. M. Suter, of Dawson, has been elected delegate to the seventh biennial and seventeenth regular session of the Grand Division, to be held in Atlanta, Ga., next May. Bro. S. E. Fouche, of Bluffs, alternate.

Extra Telegrapher Claus, at Lanesville, on third trick a few nights; unable to say who he was relieving.

Wires on this division were in bad shape for several days, due to the sleet storm that visited

this section of the country February 15th and 16th.

We understand that F. Pennington, agent at Maysville, has purchased a hotel, and will run same in connection with his other work.

We were pleased to note that at our meeting of February 1st, it was decided to contribute financially to the defense of Bros. Gompers, Morrison and Mitchell.

We are sorry to chronicle the death of Mr. Hough, one of the oldest conductors on our line, he having been continuously in the employ of the Wabash R. R. since 1857. He enjoyed good health until recently, when he suffered a paralytic stroke from which he never recovered. The funeral services were held at Clayton, Sunday, February 21st. Two specials were run, one from Decatur and one from Keokuk.

If the members individually will take the trouble to send in all items of interest relative to occurrences along the line, such as transfers, vacations, etc., we can be represented in the journal each month by a long, interesting communication.

The items should reach our local chairman not later than the 25th of each month, to insure insertion in the following issue of THE TELEGRAPHER.

Having been recently elected local chairman of this division, I solicit the co-operation and general support of the membership, which, if given, will benefit all concerned.

We miss the familiar face of Mr. Hayden Davis, passenger brakeman, who for some months past has been with Conductor Malley. Mr. Davis has severed his connection with the Wabash, and now represents a wholesale hardware company of Quincy.

How many are reading the proceedings of United States District Attorney Sims against the Santa Fe R. R. for violation of the nine-hour law? His success will have a moral effect, not only upon the company involved, but others that are trying the same method to evade the intent of the law.

Bro. Horace Arnold, of Baylis, has secured a position as telegrapher for the C. & A. R. R., at Jacksonville, Ill., and begins his duties March 1st.

Send your TELEGRAPHERS a notice non of your acquaintance, when you have finished reading them. They are full of interesting reading, and will probably be the cause of doing some good.

CERT 957.

**T. St. L. & W. Ry.**

The heavy sleet storm which struck this line February 14th, put all wires out of commission for a day or two. Despatcher Farrell went to Delphos to handle trains and Despatcher Hufferd to Van Buren. Everything moved along nicely, with very little delay, and by the time this appears in the journal we will be doing business again.

In order to have our line represented in the journal each month, it will be necessary to



assist the correspondent in getting the news; so do not neglect to forward him all items of interest.

Brothers Lynch and Pittinger, who are located at "J," Delphos Yards, have traded tricks, Bro. Lynch working the late trick and Bro. Pittinger the morning trick.

Bro. DeHart, at "VN," Van Buren, Ind., is working second trick at present.

In the January issue, under the head of "Clover Leaf Items," mention was made that "Bro. Russell," of Marion, Ind., was visiting at home. The writer being misinformed, called Mr. Russell brother. Mr. Russell does not belong, but we hope that he will see the necessity of being a member very shortly and come into the fold.

Telegrapher Benton, Relay Office, Frankfort, is working morning trick and Telegrapher Whitehall the afternoon trick.

On account of but few changes upon the line, and the fact that no one has assisted in obtaining news this month, our end of the line will be but poorly represented. CERT. 3399.

### Kansas City Southern Ry.

#### *Southern Division—*

I fail to see any write-up from this district in the January number of THE TELEGRAPHER, and am unable to ascertain who our division correspondent is. If I am interfering with him in sending in a few lines, I wish to ask his pardon for this intrusion, but I think it is no more than justice that we have a write-up each month, as we are progressing very nicely, taking everything into consideration.

Bro. E. E. Delaplaine is working south on this line and we hope to hear good reports from him. I beseech each and every member to get hold of the nons and endeavor to have them lined up before the organizer reaches you.

Brothers who belong to other divisions should forward their cards to Bro. Slaughter at Hume, Mo., for transfer to Div. No. 5, as we wish to make as good a showing this spring as possible.

Our genial acting local chairman, Bro. J. C. Harkrider, made a flying trip to Leesville a few Sundays ago.

Several of the boys from Div. 5 attended a joint meeting at the H. & S. freight depot, Shreveport, last week, and assisted in teaching Bro. Estes, of Div. 57, how to ride the O. R. T. goat. The meeting was enjoyed by all, and it is hoped we can hold regular meetings in the future and become better acquainted with each other.

HAYSEED.

### Union Pacific Ry.

#### *Nebraska Division, Western District—*

Winter with its blizzards seems to have frozen everything except the ardor of the boys, which, I am pleased to state, has increased with cold weather. The last year has brought us many new men and lost several old ones, but the situation has been improving and a month or two of earnest

work will put us in better condition than we have been for two or three years.

Mr. R. F. Miller, an old-time brother, has been with us for several months, but has been meeting with severe misfortunes. Coming from the far Northwest, facing sickness at every turn and bucking the extra list with a family to keep, prevented him from continuing his membership. Added to this, while every member of his family was seriously ill, he suffered the loss of his little daughter. We felt that a flower tribute would be appropriate and began soliciting contributions to that end.

The response was so liberal we felt it unwise to spend all the money for flowers, and after purchasing a beautiful wreath and forwarding it with our sympathy, the remainder was sent to him. This little demonstration of esteem and appreciation was participated in by members and non-members alike. To those on the Nebraska Division who were not asked to contribute we will say that the storm was at its height, wires were down and business congested, and for this reason only those were asked to contribute who could be easily reached. We most heartily thank the conductors who so kindly handled the contributions from various points, thereby enabling us to get the amount together with the least possible delay. The foregoing tends to show how strong the fraternal feeling among the telegraphers is when really aroused.

Bro. C. W. Horne has returned to Maxwell. His relief, Mr. M. D. Wright, who is bucking the extra list, is at Silver Creek, where his little daughter lies seriously ill.

Bro. C. T. Winters is again at his old stand at Gothenburg, Bro. Walton Odell going to Watsons Ranch, extra.

Bro. C. W. Nichols has returned to Overton as agent, after an absence of three months, Bro. Graham, relief agent, going from there to Gothenburg temporarily, to relieve R. F. Miller.

Bro. T. A. Costello at Cozad, off duty ten days, going to Omaha. Bro. J. R. Nicholson, second trick, relieved him and Bro. Joe Knezacek handled third.

Bro. G. C. Gabriel, of Lexington, left the service; Bro. Knezacek is working there temporarily, and G. C. Hansen is on third at Cozad.

Bro. C. E. Ford was suddenly called home on account of the illness of his father. At this writing he has not returned. Bro. Walton Odell relieved him at Watsons Ranch.

Mr. W. R. Moore also off on account of sickness. This left all new men at Watsons, with only Bro. Odell understanding the interlocker thoroughly, and occasioned some trouble in handling trains promptly. Messrs. G. A. Hood and J. H. Reese (a new man) working the other tricks at present.

Bro. G. G. Card, Wood River, is off for a few months, and expects to tour the West. Relieved by Bro. T. J. Brown, of Watsons Ranch, second trick.

Mr. Collipriest has returned to his old station at Loup City.

Bro. C. E. Cole is again at "GE," Grand Island.

Mr. Moeder has been transferred to Mr. Anderson's office, making out the morning report.

There are no other changes on the branches that I am aware of.

Business is moving smoothly in Order circles this month. I shall now beg off and try to give you a more interesting write-up when I have time.

Let me call your attention to the fact that we expect to hold a regular old-time "revival" convention, with the end in view of lining up every desirable non. Will each of you do your part?

CERT. 765.

#### *Eastern District, Utah Division—*

Bro. J. P. Leahy, first trick Riner, on leave of absence account death of his wife, having taken her to Minneapolis for burial.

Bro. Leahy relieved by Bro. A. McClain, regular third trick man.

Bro. McClain relieved on third trick by Mr. Hartpence, from C. G. W.

Mr. Chester, from Blairtown interlocking plant, now "owling" at Latham.

Telegrapher Campion, formerly Latham, relieved Bro. Johnson at Wilkins. Mr. Logan, regular man at Wilkins, off account sickness.

New work begins on the double track from Riner to Wamsutter on March 1st, weather permitting.

Agent Hoover, relief at Point of Rocks, relieved by regular agent, Bro. Shaw. Mr. Hoover left by Bancombe, Ill., where, we understand, he will engage in farming.

J. L. Smith, third trick, Point of Rocks, relieved by Mr. E. F. Stevenson, Mr. Smith having resigned.

Telegrapher Moss, second trick, Point of Rocks, called home on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. W. Kemerling, of K. C.

Bro. Chism left Tipton December 22d on leave of absence, and has not returned.

Bro. C. E. Baker relieved Telegrapher Compion, at Tipton, Mr. Compion going to Latham.

Bro. Bailey, late of Tipton, has gone to Virginia on leave of absence. Telegrapher Edward C. Lepper relieved Bro. Bailey.

Mr. E. G. Kilpatrick, Bitter Creek, has left for parts unknown.

Mr. Kilpatrick relieved by Bro. Int Hout, who recently received his discharge from the regular army at Omaha.

Mr. P. Harry Chester, third trick at Blairtown, transferred to Latham, relieved by Bro. Compion, who was in turn relieved by Mr. C. M. Monroe. Mr. Monroe since transferred to Riner; relieved by Bro. P. A. McCormick, who came up from the 9th district, bidding in Blairtown third trick on recent bulletin.

Bro. A. W. Cue transferred from Green River to Granger.

Bro. E. V. Merrigan, Granger, second trick, has left for the coast.

Bro. A. W. Meyer will leave for Seattle, March 1st.

Bro. Cue relieved at Green River by Bro. Harris; Telegrapher Shumaker transferred from Wamsutter to Green River nights.

Bro. Schwondt, a newcomer, landed Green River recently. Unable to say where he hailed from.

Bro. Oscar Thigpen relieved on night report job "D" office, by Bro. H. M. Johnson, "13" Bro. Thigpen going to the O. S. L. Success to the brother.

Agent Ridge relieved by Bro. R. Dooley.

Bro. Dooley was formerly working second trick at Wamsutter, and was relieved by Bill Hogan, an old-timer. We like to meet old-timers, but prefer they introduce themselves with up-to-date cards.

R. F. Deckcross, new man on second trick, Wamsutter.

Bro. Burch and family attended the dance at Wamsutter a few weeks ago and report an enjoyable time.

Understand Bro. Shaw, of Point of Rocks, has bid in Wamsutter second trick. This calls for another agent at Point of Rocks. Bro. Sherman, now third trick at Morgan, will bid it in. We lost Bro. Sherman about a year ago and would be pleased to see him back to the Eastern District again.

CERT. 410.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to call from our midst the beloved wife of our brother, J. P. Leahy, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, By the members of Union Pacific Division No. 6, Order of Railway Telegraphers, that we extend to Brother Leahy and family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this, his hour of sorrow, and be it further

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be presented to our brother, a copy spread upon the records of this Division and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

A. W. CUE,

C. J. FOSTER,

C. J. HORISKEY,

*Committee.*

#### CARD OF THANKS.

I desire to express my sincere thanks through the columns of our noble journal to the brothers and sisters of Union Pacific System, Division No. 6, particularly those on the Western Wyoming and Eastern Utah Districts, for their kindness during my great bereavement occasioned by the sudden death of my beloved wife at Cheyenne, Wyo., January 27th, 1909, and for the beautiful floral design furnished. I assure you your kind words and actions were highly appreciated.

Fraternally yours,

J. P. LEAHY, CERT. 315.

Riner, Wyo., Feb. 8th, 1909.

## Canadian Pacific Ry.

## Ontario Division—

There were thirty members at our meeting in St. James Hall, West Toronto, Saturday evening, February 13th, some of whom deserve special credit for having traveled a long distance to attend.

Meeting was called to order at 9 p. m. by Bro. Wansborough, in the absence of Bro. Hill. Bro. Ivory "pushed the pencil" and kept tab on what was going on, in place of Bro. Carnegie, who was absent. The minutes of last meeting not being available, that part of the order of business was dispensed with. A lively discussion relative to the dinner hour was indulged in by Bros. Houston, Anderson, Wansborough and others. The Sunday call was taken up and many of the brothers present were "put right" on this point. Bro. Wansborough then asked the brothers present to air their grievances, and all responded in good shape.

Bro. W. A. Allison, our former general chairman, who is now enjoying superannuation, reviewed past trials and tribulations. Bros. Houston and Wansborough offered some good advice on several subjects, after which we were ushered into the banquet hall, where we partook of the appetizing viands, which were provided in abundance. Bro. Houston replied to the toast of the O. R. T. Bro. Allison replied to that of the General Committee, and Bros. Wilkinson, Anderson, Clarke and others responded to the Agents and Telegraphers.

Meeting adjourned at midnight, and we did not expect to be further entertained, but fate steered us into the midst of a Polak wedding and dance, in another part of the hall. Some of the younger members could not resist the temptation to "trip the light fantastic."

The brothers who were not present at the February meeting, certainly missed a treat, but all meetings can be made just as enthusiastic and entertaining, if we can but secure a good attendance.

The brothers should forward items to the "Scribe" each month, and he will do his part by having them inserted in THE TELEGRAPHER. In this way, we will be represented regularly in the journal.

Bro. McCaughrin, Mono Road, has gone to Bermuda for a month.

Bro. McCoullough is relieving Bro. Stinson at Bala, while the latter is in the West for his health. CERT. 2310.

## London and Windsor Sections—

A meeting of the O. R. T. District, No. 2, was held in London, Saturday, February 20th, and both sections were well represented, seventeen in all being present. We attribute this large attendance to our brother dispatchers, who put forth every effort to bring the boys in for the evening. The meeting proved to be one of the most enthusiastic gatherings held in the Forest City for many moons; important subjects were

thrashed out to the letter, and a satisfactory settlement of all grievances arrived at.

Bro. A. E. Chapman was elected chairman by an overwhelming majority. Brother C. O. McHugh having resigned the position, which he held with marked ability for two years. We wish Bro. A. E. C. success, and I am sure he will have the support of the entire membership.

It was decided to have a first-class luncheon served in connection with the March meeting. No doubt a large number will assemble to do justice to the spread, and honor the officers we expect will be present.

In conclusion, I might say that all the nons, if there are any, on our sections should fall in line at once. Get in the ranks.

T. J. CROTTIE.

## District No. 4—

As this district was not represented in the December TELEGRAPHER, will try and give you a few of the changes that have come to my notice:

J. A. Armstrong is in charge as agent at Waltham, relieving Bro. J. Chouinard, who is sick.

Agent J. Douglas, at Ashton, is relieving Bro. F. Clement, who we are sorry to learn is sick.

Hudson agency was advertised on January 16th. Bro. J. Park having to be replaced on account of defective "eye-sight." Can not say who bid it in. We regret to hear of Bro. Park's removal, but trust, after a clear record of nearly twenty years he will be substantially remembered.

Night offices have been opened at the following places: Franktown, Castleford, Pakenham and Rigaud.

There was a very poor attendance at the meeting held in Ottawa, January 22d, on account of the inclement weather. Considerable business was transacted despite the meager attendance. The general chairman's summary of work done for the year 1908 was read, as well as a report of the financial standing of our division, both of which were very satisfactory.

The report of our Third Annual Ball was as follows: Expenses, \$258.40; receipts, \$271.00; net profit, \$12.60. All accounts are now paid, and District No. 4 has one more well conducted ball to its credit. Caterer Walter Nixon deserves credit for the manner in which he handled the supper, and for the quality of the viands supplied.

Now brothers, in order to avoid delay and expense to the company we represent, let us, one and all, give the very best service possible. Let it be said that District No. 4 has the best set of men on the Canadian Pacific Ry. Our officials, while rather stern, are fair, and met your committee half way on all propositions that were brought up. Let our efficient service show that we appreciate this, and keep freights moving briskly during cold weather.

In conclusion, as per Article 25, get your request for annual holidays in early.

CERT. 455.

## IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in his infinite wisdom to remove from this life the beloved son of our Bro. J. A. Merkley;

*Resolved*, That the members of District Four, Order of Railroad Telegraphers extend their sympathy to Bro. Merkley, in his bereavement, and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the records of this division, a copy forwarded to our brother, and one to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. B. GARTON,

*Local Chairman, District No. 4.*

*Western Division, District No. 3—*

Your correspondent has been very silent for the past few months, owing to so much business on hand, it was impossible to attend to it all.

Bro. Kramer, of Calgary dispatchers office, appointed agent at Taber. Bro. A. Moore filling Calgary temporarily.

Bro. W. L. Taylor, who has been working first trick at Laggan during tourist season, has returned to Red Deer. Bro. Kirby now doing the day stunt at Laggan.

Bro. Rick, of Wetaskawin, appointed nights at Canmore.

We held our regular monthly meeting in Red Deer, January 17th, with a good attendance. On account of train service Chairman, Bro. W. L. Macdonald was unable to be with us.

A very pleasing feature of our meetings is that they are held regularly and conducted strictly in accordance with the ritual to which our interest and success can be attributed. Some of the brothers on this district are either careless about attending our regular meetings or are backward about requesting transportation and permission to attend. This condition should not obtain, as our contract with the company covers the case entirely, and those who desire to do so can secure transportation and leave of absence by simply making the request.

One of the best means of strengthening our organization, and arouse interest in others is to attend meetings regularly.

Div. Cor.

**New York Central Ry.***Beech Creek Subdivision—*

A special meeting was held in Clearfield, on Monday night, February 15th. These meetings are very beneficial and should be more generally attended. Through some error in getting notices out for this meeting, there were but few present, but if members who could do so, would attend, we would have interesting meetings. Very important matters frequently come up for discussion, and as they are of interest to all, we desire as many present as possible. Bro. Martenis is doing all he can to create an interest and induce the members to come, so the next time let us turn out and have a rousing meeting.

Miss Snell, graduate of the Keeler School of Telegraphy, at Lock Haven, Pa., has been placed

at Mill Hall, third trick, to receive the finishing touches. Of late we have not heard her on the wire. Suppose she has gone in search of a place where assistance is "dished out" more liberally.

Bro. Bierly, third trick at Hayes, was off duty a couple of days last month; relieved by Miss Quiggle.

Bro. C. W. Fillman, second trick at Hayes, off one week last month, taking a trip through the South; relieved by Mr. Brown.

Chief Dispatcher G. W. Bullock and wife, of Jersey Shore, Pa., spent Sunday in Beech Creek, their old stamping ground.

Sister M. E. Kennedy, of Viaduct, made a very pleasant visit to Sister C. V. Holt at Beech Creek last week.

Bro. B. C. Gamble worked third trick at "SX" tower a while last month, but can not say who he was relieving.

Bro. G. W. Bierly, second trick at Gorton, off duty one day last month; relieved by Mr. Salisbury.

The positions advertised last month have been awarded to the bidders.

"CW" tower has been closed, first trick; Bro. Kyler has taken Philipsburg, second trick; second trick man took third trick, leaving Bro. Frazer to find a position elsewhere.

Have you an up-to-date card? If not, why not? It is time to pay dues.

Bro. I. C. Miller, first trick at Panther, worked at "NB" Junction a couple of days last month; he being relieved by Telegrapher Brown. Bro. Miller was also relieved one day last month by Telegrapher Salisbury.

Bro. C. W. Miller, first trick at Hayes, off duty on election day; he being one of the election board. Relieved by Telegrapher Salisbury.

Bro. Shoop, second trick at Mill Hall, called on Bro. Forcey and daughter, of Beech Creek, recently.

Many of the offices where telegraphers were working nine hours, have been placed on the eight-hour schedule again; this is the result of keeping clean offices; among those working eight-hours, are Viaduct, Gorton, Stark and Beech Creek.

CERT. 2117.

*Mohawk Division—*

Bro. J. L. Ward bid in and has been assigned to second trick at B. S. 32.

Bro. Blanchard bid in first trick at B. S. 30-A.

During the recent storm, in which rain, hail and snow fell in abundance, closing with severe cold and a heavy wind nearly all communication by wire was cut off between Albany and Syracuse. Local and long distance telephone companies suffered greatly and in several instances were entirely put out of commission.

The telephone service recently installed on the New York Central between Albany and Little Falls, with which an effort has been made to dispatch trains for some time, did not successfully withstand the test. During the storm the telephones were working only between Albany and

Schenectady or about one fifth of the distance to Little Falls.

It is reported that the only communication with Syracuse for a time was via West Shore telegraph wires. The automatic signals were "strictly out of business" standing at clear, giving trains a clear track when another train was in the block. It is this kind of a test that brings out all the weak points in blocking trains and protecting the public with automatic signals and telephone.

COR.

#### *Hudson Division—*

The "Old Hudson Division" certainly has started the New Year with a vim that means success, which was demonstrated by the meeting of February 16th. The night was so stormy that only those with business of an important nature cared to venture out. Notwithstanding this some of the members came a distance of seventy-two miles. This is evidence that the true union spirit is abroad in our division. The organization on the entire system was never more prosperous, with a record of the largest membership and less delinquents than any previous year.

Bro. Butterfield, one of the busy ones at B. S. 8, is developing his latent talent as a draughtsman, and the ability that is evidenced in his work in this line will no doubt cause a vacancy at B. S. 8, in the near future.

B. S. 8 has recently been equipped with a standard machine. Bro. Schultz informs the writer it is by no means automatic, and requires the same amount of "manualism" as the old one.

Bro. MacDonald, at B. S. 36, is one of our true-blue O. R. T. members. I wonder if Mr. French ever stops to think that it is Bro. MacDonald's dollars that is paying for the benefits that he, "Mr. French," is enjoying. "Can not afford it" is no excuse in this case, it is simply a case of "Hogging it."

Ex-Bro. Gramp, at B. S. 23, once prominent as an officer of Old Division No. 99, for some unexplained reason has for some time been shining among the ranks of the nons. I hardly think "Grampy" is proud of this distinction, and we hope for an early call for a set of blanks.

Bro. H. M. Henning, of Camelot, who joined our ranks in January, did so as soon as he became eligible, thereby setting a worthy example for those who are forever manufacturing excuses to evade getting a card, and be a man among men. Bro. Henning is located at B. S. 55 permanently.

Manitou, the place of many wonders, now boasts of Social Literary Organization, known as the "Manitou Literary Club." Bro. O'Donnell, of B. S. 42, is one of the "main guys" and "Chief Lecturers." On Lincoln's birthday the club gave an entertainment in which many shining lights displayed their elocutionary talent; quite a number of our O. R. T. brethren are members.

Bro. E. A. Paterson, third trick at B. S. 41, has had excellent success in the honey business the past season, having secured over seven thousand pounds of honey from his apiary.

Among those who had a horror of being classed among the nons and grafters, the following have filed their applications and secured an up-to-date card, and a clear conscience: C. J. Hackett, S. C. Bracey, F. Verbert, D. C. Moss, W. Carney, E. A. Boerner and A. Riley.

Bro. C. F. Heidel has returned to his old love at B. S. 58½, second trick.

Must we give up hopes of getting the applications of "E. and D. Shea," at B. S. 90, contrast the difference of principle of these two men with that of Bro. Colwell, who is working with them. Bro. Colwell pays his way.

Discipline is the order of the day, and to avoid coming under the ban, it is exigent that you give them your best service. Some say good service is not appreciated, but that will not help you in defence if you are caught with the goods on.

I will cut out, and if you like to see a good write-up in the journal each month, send notes to the local chairman who will turn them over to me. CERT. 525.

#### *Harlem Division—*

Bro. J. O. Ensign is working second trick from 11 a. m. until 9 p. m., at Dover Plains. John formerly had third trick there.

J. Barrin is holding down first trick at Scarsdale.

J. Kozlarek assigned first trick at Bromville.

Bro. Grant withdrew his bid on "BA" tower, Ghent, and remained at Millerton. "BA" was again put up for bid, and Bro. Melius got it.

Assistant Agent Martindale has been sick and off duty for two weeks. He was relieved by Telegrapher Palmer.

Bro. Grant, at Millerton, has been off a few days, on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. Larry Masterson.

Bros. Lee and Lind, at Boston Corners, were kept more than busy on the afternoon of February 1st, by a C. N. E. freight derailling a number of cars on the Harlem Crossover.

The third trick at Dover Plains fell to a Mr. White.

Remember the old saying boys, "No card, no favors." H. R. G.

#### *W. S. Electric Subdivision—*

It is reported on good authority that Mr. A. R. Peters, first trick at B. S. 42, is running a "Ham factory." Understand that one of his students, a German lad, was down to take the examination a few days ago. Peters at one time was a member of the Order, but when our dues were raised 50 cents, he couldn't stand the pressure and dropped out.

The officials of the N. Y. C. have again been advanced another step in pay, as well as in authority, however, the question of importance to the average telegrapher is, when is our general committee going to meet these new officials?

We notice an article in the *Syracuse Journal*, under date of January 22d, which mentions a

joint conference of the B. of L. E., the B. of L. F., the B. of R. T. and the Legislative Committee of the State Federation of Workingmen. The object of the conference was to discuss the semi-monthly pay law and to assist the Attorney-General who is preparing arguments to be presented in the test case before the Supreme Court on January 30th. The article further states that eight of the big railroad corporations are lined up against the new law, and, are going to fight to the last ditch. The brothers of the above-named organizations claim that it would be a benefit to them, for the reason that they would have money all the time, and could buy at the cheapest figure, which, no doubt, is true. These brothers are "up against it" on the salaries they draw; how about the telegraphers who are paid considerably less? Hoping to see all the brothers on the W. S. Electric Subdivision out to the meeting, to be held in Syracuse, February 20th, I will cut out with "73" to all. CERT. 281.

#### *Western Division—*

Regular meeting of Div. 8 was held at Physica Hall, Syracuse, Saturday, February 20th, with a fair attendance. Meeting called to order by Chairman Egelson, who addressed the members present on the subject of seniority rights, and made clear to all some technical points which ought to set the matter at rest and prevent further controversy.

The financial condition of the division at present is far better than a year ago.

Bro. Huff, candidate for local chairman, made an able and interesting address.

Motion made and carried to thank Bro. Egelson for his faithfulness in looking after the affairs of the division. No one could have obtained better results and given more universal satisfaction than Bro. Egelson.

In looking backward over twenty-five years of active service, one cannot help but notice the wonderful change in conditions in all branches of the service, and more especially the telegraph department. Twenty-five years ago I was stationed at a small office near Syracuse on the D. L. & W. (the old S. & B. Ry.) In connection with other duties I was expected to take care of 10 switch lamps, covering a distance of two miles. These had to be cleaned, filled and placed in position every afternoon and blown out in the morning. In order to do this it was necessary for me to start out at 3 p. m. during the winter, and 5 p. m. during the summer time. As 7 p. m. I relieved the agent and did expensing, and when the end of the month rolled around I assisted with monthly reports. For this service I received the magnificent sum of \$30.00 per month. The N. Y. C. was paying the same salaries and the "Ho Jack" still lower. To compare salaries and conditions in vogue at that time with those of the present day naturally makes one inquire what has been instrumental in bringing about the change.

Today the minimum is \$52.50. We have a national nine-hour and a State eight-hour law.

We have been, so to speak, at least partially emancipated from slavish conditions and meager salaries.

I ask what has wrought this wonderful change? Was it the magnanimity of our employers that brought more money and better working conditions to the telegraphers, or was it through organization and concerted action on the part of employees? It would be well for nons and delinquent members to think this matter over intelligently.

Mr. J. A. Brown has accepted the position at Depew Shops, "Q," made vacant by the death of Bro. Breen.

Mr. Brown's leaving the signal service makes a vacancy in third trick at Lancaster, "BS-45." "BS-45-A" will be ready for occupancy about March 1st. This will cut out "BS-45."

Bro. Robert M. V. Breen, recently employed at Depew Shops as telegrapher, met with a painful accident, which later proved fatal.

On January 29 Bro. Breen, who lives in Lancaster, with other employes of the shops, was on his way home to lunch. Bro. Breen attempted to board a passing Lehigh Valley freight train, and in some way missed his hold and was thrown in the rear of the caboose, just ahead of pusher, which severed his left leg just below the knee. This was at 12:10 p. m. He was taken to his home, which is only a short distance from the place of the accident. Later he was placed on a N. Y. C. & H. train and hurried to the General Hospital at Buffalo, where it was found necessary to amputate the leg near the thigh. The shock attending the operation was too great, and Bro. Breen succumbed at 8:30 p. m., same date. The funeral was conducted from his late residence in Central Avenue at 8:30 a. m., February first.

Bro. Breen was a very popular young man, and will be missed. His sunny disposition won him many friends who will not soon forget him. He leaves a mother, brother and five sisters to mourn his loss. He was 27 years old. He had spent the most of his railroad career in the motive department.

Bro. Wilkins has bid in third trick at "BS-3," which makes it very convenient for him, on account of being near home.

Mr. Pinckney of "BS-3" is working days at "BS-7," Weedsport, in place of Bro. S. W. Bucks. We "13" Bro. Bucks has purchased a farm and has left the service.

We have a new agent at Amboy; a Mr. Gleason. Can't say whether he has the goods or not. If he has we gladly welcome him on the third Saturday evening in February at the lodge rooms.

Bro. R. F. Tobin has been assigned "BS-2," morning trick, Syracuse Junction.

Bro. E. E. Fish assigned "BS-7," Weedsport, day trick, in place of Bro. Buck, resigned.

Owing to reductions, Bro. Hart, of "BS-15," Lyons, takes Bro. Quinn's place at "BS-28," Rochester.

Understand Bro. L. McCowan, of "BS-24," Brighton, has been granted a month's leave of

absence to try a crack at "Uncle Samuel's" U. S. Mail.

Owing to reduction, Bro. F. Huff, regular relief, takes Bro. Seeley's place at "BS-34," Churchville, Bro. Seeley relieving Bro. Dumphy at "BS-30," Rochester. Bro. Dumphy going back to extra list.

Div. Cor.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to thank the members of New York Central System, Division No. 8, of the Western Division, for the floral offering furnished and their kind and fraternal actions at the time of the death of my husband and to assure them that they will always be held in grateful remembrance.

Mrs. G. D. JOHNSON.

#### IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Father of all to remove from us by death our highly esteemed and worthy brother, Mr. George D. Johnson,

WHEREAS, We recognize and appreciate his great service and loyalty to our cause, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we thus express our high appreciation of his unswerving allegiance to truth and honor; his sterling manhood and kindly disposition, the qualities that endeared him to all, and be it

*Resolved*, That we extend to the companion and children of our deceased brother our heartfelt sympathy in this, their day of sorrow, and point them to the true source of all comfort in times of affliction, our Divine Creator, as their refuge and strength; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this memorial be sent to the family of our deceased brother, and a copy sent to the journal for publication.

A. J. MILLER,  
H. J. HAMMETT,  
E. CORY,

*Committee.*

On Monday morning, January 11th, 1909, occurred the death of Bro. George D. Johnson, at his home in North Tonawanda, N. Y., at the age of 55 years and 10 months.

Bro. Johnson was born at Wayland, N. Y., March 11th, 1853. At the age of 23 years he accepted his first position with the Erie Railroad as telegrapher, where he remained until 1891, when he accepted a similar position with the D. L. & W., where he worked until 1896, when he resigned to accept a position with the N. Y. C. as telegrapher and signalman, and where he was employed up to the time of his death.

Bro. Johnson was well and very favorably known among the railroad fraternity. He was a loyal member of our beloved Order, and in his death our Order loses a good and faithful worker.

Bro. Johnson was married 26 years ago, and is survived by his beloved wife, Mrs. Dora E., and five children, Mrs. George Patter, of Buffalo, N. Y., Burt M. Johnson, of Atlanta, N. Y., Roy R., Earl R. and Mabel E. Johnson, of North Tonawanda, N. Y.

#### Norfolk & Western Ry.

The chairman of the different divisions and individual effort of the membership have made a noticeable impression on the non list recently. There seems to be none left except the same old bunch that has for a long time been reaping benefits at the expense of their fellow-workers. Even this list has been somewhat reduced, and we are hopeful that we can at some time wipe it out.

One of the most important matters for our attention at this time is prompt payment of dues. The organization needs your financial as well as moral support, and we are anxious to see those of our members who are in the habit of holding back dues until the very last of the term, send their remittances without having to be asked for them.

There is nothing to be gained by waiting. If we remain in the organization dues must be paid. We cannot afford to withdraw or drop out for any reason whatever. If you have a personal grievance don't stab your organization and stop your progress by the withdrawal of your support from something that is of so much benefit to the telegraphers of the whole country. Be a man and as long as you are getting the benefits, come up with your part of the expense.

I want to give you an idea of the extra and unnecessary work given the officers by not paying dues promptly.

In the first place Bro. Lankford is forced to make a list of all who have not paid and that list is forwarded to Bro. Layman, who in turn makes another list with enough copies for the officers on the entire system, which he forwards to the division and assistant chairmen, and in the meantime drops each delinquent a reminder. The chairman and assistants give their time and work to write each one on the subject and sometimes find it necessary to write even two or three times before results are obtained. Instead of the officers being allowed to give their whole time to other important work of the organization (of which there is an abundance) they are compelled to waste time in unnecessary correspondence.

Brothers, this is purely a business matter and let us handle it as such; when your bill is due let's all pay right up and not be a burden to our officers.

M. G. HARPER,  
*General Correspondent.*

#### Scioto Division—

We were in hopes to be able to give some news in this issue relative to the work of our general committee, but owing to conditions, we are too far in advance of the matter.

Bro. A. V. Osborn, agent Fort Galena, is off duty on account of a serious attack of muscular rheumatism. Bro. O. L. Peake called to relieve him.

Bro. J. W. McKinney, agent at Williamsburg, off duty with a bad case of la grippe; relieved by Bro. O. L. Martin.

Bro. J. M. Marcum, agent at Dunlow, W. Va., attended court at Wayne, W. Va., February 9th. Relieved by Bro. R. H. Chitwood.

Bro. D. S. Spriggs, agent at Lavalette, W. Va., attended court at Wayne on February 6th and 8th.

Quite a number of representatives from the different railroad organizations accompanied the remains of Engineer John C. Rutledge, who was killed in a wreck at Sciotoville, Ohio, on January 20, from Portsmouth to Roanoke on January 21st. The funeral was conducted by the B. of L. E.

Among the extensive improvements to be made on this division this year is a large coaling tippie, to be erected at Ironton, Ohio.

Work on automatic block signals in the tunnel district on the Big Sandy is in full blast, and it is claimed will be ready for operation by February 20th. With the introduction of these signals it is suggested a further reduction will be made in telegraphic forces. However, a line-up of wide-awake telegraphers is also a signal of safety.

Conductor Sam Plymale, who has been in charge of a work train on this division for several months was seriously injured in a smash-up with a cut of cars at Etna, Ohio, the night of February 2d. One leg and one arm were so badly crushed that amputation was necessary. Engine Watchman Anderson, who was on the train was also badly hurt. Latest reports of their condition make it appear that chances are in favor of Conductor Plymale, but little hope for Mr. Anderson.

Double track work between Ironton and Columbus continues. Another year will doubtless see the road completely double-tracked between Kenova and Columbus—at which time an unusually large amount of business can be handled.

Mr. Charles Blessing, of Cincinnati, Ohio, is the new agent for the Adams and Southern Express Companies at Portsmouth, Ohio. He comes well recommended.

Bro. G. A. Mooney, weighmaster and agent at East Portsmouth, Ohio, has been promoted to the position of superintendent of weighmasters. This is a new office, which carries with it a handsome salary and expenses. The promotion is a worthy one. Here's congratulations.

Bro. C. H. Bushman, of our division, lately established permanently at North Fork, W. Va., on Poca Division.

Offices closed on this division February 20th: Crum, W. Va., second and third tricks; Webb, W. Va., first and second; Kermit, W. Va., second and third. Automatic block signals having been installed in this territory, there is apparently a reduced need of telegraphers in these positions.

CERT. 750.

#### *Pocahontas Division—*

Business on the Pocahontas Division does not improve as fast as we would like to see it, but we are glad to note there is one kind of business that is improving very rapidly, and that is the O. R. T. It does us good to see so many of the men lining up. I would like to see our division make as good a showing as the Shenandoah Division.

which has only one non-member. See if we can't go them one better and make ours solid.

The idea has been advanced that we should let the treasurer deduct dues from the amount of our checks and forward to Bro. Lankford at the first of each term, so that we would have our cards early. This would be agreeable to me, and I, for one, am right in for putting this arrangement into effect. Let us hear from others.

Bro. Briggs bid in the agency at Delorme and has already been assigned.

Quite a number of our agents were in Bluefield, recently, attending a lecture on "how to handle high explosives and inflammable matter;" this is very important and should be watched very closely.

Our last bulletin was indeed gratifying; all the boys on Poca with a clean plate except one, and he got five days marked up against him for not looking after "Uncle Sam" as closely as he was expected. This mail business is beyond a doubt one of the greatest impositions ever placed on a lot of men and just such as this will be of great assistance in getting rid of the position of "mail totter." How much longer are we going to submit to this?

We were glad to see Bro. Harper of Bristol, Tenn., shaking hands with the boys in Bluefield, recently. Also Bro. Layman, of Troutville, Va., has been among the boys on the Poca. We are always glad to have visitors with us, and sorry to see them leave.

Bro. Williams, of Vivian, W. Va., paid Bluefield a visit about the first of the month.

We are glad to report that Bro. Conner is improving rapidly and that he will soon be out again.

Bro. Cohen was lucky enough to land the position of cashier at Graham, Va.

In conclusion I want to urge the members to see that their dues are sent to Bro. Lankford promptly. Cor.

#### *Radford Division—*

Our general committee meets the management this week and we hope soon to be able to advise that we have a new agreement. Freight traffic is almost as good as before the crisis. The coal run is still light, but time freight is as heavy as it ever was.

Bro. Birchfield knocked the plum on the Virginian R. R., securing the agency at Roanoke, which is the best station on that line.

Bro. Harper, our general correspondent, has been elected general chairman of the N. & W. Clerks' Union. This is a good selection, and with him as an officer of this union we feel sure it will be a success. Our men are still "falling by the wayside"—sleeping on duty and violating rule G. This is very unfortunate, as the Order has frequently admonished us to be careful. Such actions as this on the part of our members makes it hard to negotiate for new agreements.

J. I. Scott, from "MH" office, Roanoke, secured third trick at Bristol.



Bro. Bennett, from Crockett, assigned to Glen Var, third trick; Bro. Reily, second at Wills, assigned to second at Crockett.

We have the first letter or notes to receive from anyone this year, except the assistant correspondent, Bro. Williams. We cannot understand this indifference. Don't be afraid that "too many cooks spoil the broth," but everyone try and send us something, thereby showing your appreciation of this page of the journal.

Bro. Thompson, who has been very sick, is some better and we hope will soon be well again.

#### *Shenandoah Division—*

Before this is in print our committee will have met the management, and it is hoped that we will secure a schedule that will be satisfactory to all concerned.

We should feel exceedingly proud of the old Shenandoah Division, now that we have it solid, and we should all try to keep it that way. We would like to see the other divisions solid, making a solid system.

Bro. W. B. Walters, agent at Crimora, has returned to duty, and Bro. Ned Moffett who was relieving, has gone to Henry for a while.

Bro. W. T. Vest has returned to duty at Buchanan. Do not know who was relieving.

Bro. E. B. Spedden, agent at Shepherdstown, has returned to duty, and Bro. C. H. Moffett who was relieving, is on the sick list. Bro. E. L. McIntosh is relieving Bro. Moffett on the second trick at Shepherdstown.

We are glad to see Bro. C. T. Cross, third trick at Basic, back to work, after being on the sick list.

Bro. H. A. Bickers, third trick at Shenandoah, has been on the sick list for a few days. He was relieved by Bro. P. G. Parrett.

Bro. H. L. Burks, agent at Buffalo, has returned to duty after quite a long siege of sickness. Bro. H. H. Burks, who was relieving, has returned to his trick at Glasgow. Mr. M. G. Bush, who has been working the second trick at Glasgow, is taking a few days' rest.

Bro. H. M. Davis, at Shenandoah, second trick, off for a few days. He was relieved by Bro. H. A. Fix, from second trick at Stanley. Bro. B. G. Skelton relieving Bro. Fix at Stanley.

Bro. J. M. Brugh, extra man, who has been working the third trick at Loch Laird, off for fifteen days; relieved by Mr. M. G. Bush.

Bro. J. W. Taylor, first trick at Buena Vista, off for a few days. He was relieved by Bro. R. E. Bear, first trick at Loch Laird. Bro. Bear in turn being relieved by Mr. R. Y. Melton, an extra man.

Bro. F. A. Calfee, second trick at Elkton, off for a few days; relieved by Bro. P. G. Parrett.

Bro. J. E. Mitchell, second trick at Greenville, on the sick list; relieved by Mr. Shultz, an extra man.

Bro. H. H. Burks to agency at Lithia for a few days. Bro. B. G. Skelton relieving Bro. Burks at Glasgow.

Bro. F. S. Shultz, agent at Pine Hall, has returned to duty after several months' leave of absence. Bro. J. W. Melton, who has been relieving, has gone to "UD," Roanoke, to relieve Bro. T. M. Sheets, who is off on account of the death of his mother. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Bro. Sheets.

Bro. L. J. Bryant, at Solitude, off for a few days; relieved by an extra man, by the name of Strickland.

Relief Agent Bro. H. J. Probst to Lithia, and Bro. H. H. Burks, from Lithia, to second trick at Glasgow.

Bro. R. E. Bear, first trick at Loch Laird, is taking his vacation. He was relieved by Mr. K. A. Painter, who has been relieving Bro. J. W. Melton, second trick at Buena Vista. Bro. J. W. Melton has now returned to Buena Vista.

Relief Agent Bro. J. S. Biedler, who has been working agency at Front Royal for some time, is off duty for a few days. Relieved by Bro. H. H. Burks; Bro. J. M. Brugh relieving at Glasgow.

Bro. J. W. Melton, second trick at Buena Vista, off one day to visit his home; and Bro. P. G. Parrett is relieving. J. H. B.

#### *Norfolk Division—*

We are still alive down here. If you do not believe it, you'd think so if you could see how nicely the non-members are responding to appeals made, by the local and assistant chairman. Of course we still have a few nons, but we are reducing their number as rapidly as most any of the divisions, except the Shenandoah, who deserves much credit for her activity. Her splendid showing is partially due to the fact that they have less migration than we, who are located on main lines. We believe that when business assumes normal proportion, we too, in fact all divisions, will be able to present a solid front.

At this writing, our general committee is before the management for the purpose of arranging a schedule for 1909. Many points of vital importance to the telegraphers will be put before the management, and, no doubt, will receive their usual careful consideration. Our railroad officials bear the reputation of giving all organizations a square deal, so we have no fear that the negotiations will be closed without satisfaction to both management and committee.

While the Norfolk Division, much to our regret, can not lay claim to "clear records," the boys deserve credit for quite an improvement, and we believe that the time is not far distant when we, too, will be able to get on roll of honor with reference to service bulletins. It is pleasing to note that several telegraphers have been given credit for alertness in detecting defectiveness of equipment, possibly averting disaster to trains, etc. Keep it up, and don't forget to have the interest of our employer at heart under all conditions and circumstances. I believe it can be truthfully said, in railroading, as well as in all callings, that where service is appreciated, you'll find the employees more active in rendering the

best service of which he is capable. These conditions exist on the Norfolk and Western, not only so in the telegraph department, but in train service as well.

We regret to learn that so few were present at the meeting held the third Saturday night in Roanoke. This must have been overlooked by some of our brothers. Your correspondent was very sick, and could not attend. I know these dates are hard to remember, and I want to suggest a "reminder." Suppose, when you get the minutes of the meetings, you make a note of the date on your calendar. This, I think, will enable you to overcome this forgetfulness. It is absolutely necessary that we attend these division meetings, as they are the life of our organization, enabling us to keep in close touch with members of the division, and the officers. You are thrown in a position to study the character of the men, who are taking an active part in forwarding the cause which should be dear to all telegraphers. When time for election of officers arrives you will, by constant association, know who is the most capable man to serve the organization. More than this, your presence is stimulating to your officials, and association makes you a stronger member of the organization, creating an interest that can be obtained through no other medium.

Mr. C. F. Zitzer is holding the day trick at Bellevue, with the hope of falling into the new agency when the station between Bellevue and Goode is completed. Suppose Mr. Zitzer feels he's entitled to it under our schedule?

Bedford—Bro. J. T. Arthur bid in Ivor, second trick. Bro. Calhoun now working second trick, and Bro. Bland, extra, on third trick. Old reliable "Warner" still on first.

We deeply sympathize with Bro. Frank Jack, of Ironville, whose wife has been in hospital for some time. We are glad to learn she is improving.

#### *Norfolk District, Norfolk to Petersburg—*

Bro. J. Y. Nicholson, third trick at Norfolk, returned to "K" office, Crewe, to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Bro. R. L. Burke, who has accepted a position in the bank at Appomattox. This puts third trick at Norfolk, on bulletin again. Bro. "Moon" Fitzgerald is holding this down until it can be filled regularly. Bro. Sidney Sutherland, extra, relieving Bro. Fitzgerald on second trick.

Bro. V. Branch, who works second trick at Portlock, off a few days to attend banquet in Roanoke, first Saturday in January; relieved by Bro. L. D. Shannon, from the west end, extra.

Bro. W. S. Rose, second trick at Juniper, off a few days first part of January; relieved by Mr. M. H. Rose, extra.

Bro. M. C. Ely, third trick at Windsor, off two day first, and eight days last part of January; relieved by Bros. C. P. Williams, extra, from west end, and J. Carmack, extra, from this district.

Dwight (coal and water station)—First trick on bulletin. Bro. E. C. Horton working first trick until filled. Relieved by Bro. W. P. Williams

who was taken sick on the 28th, and relieved by Bro. J. Carmack, extra. Bro. E. H. Williams is still working second trick, extra; this trick not taken by the brother applying for it when advertised.

Bro. James was bumped from second trick, Ivor, by Bro. F. S. Layne, from west end. Bro. Layne not liking the east end was assigned to third trick at Tuggle, on bulletin. Bro. James working second trick at Ivor until it can be filled.

Bro. J. H. Tucker, third trick at Waverly, off six days to attend annual banquet and system meeting in Roanoke, first Saturday in January. He served on general committee the following week. Relieved by Bro. A. C. Johnson, extra. Bro. J. H. Wilson was also in attendance at banquet and system meeting.

Bro. W. B. Poland, third trick at Poe, off two days; relieved by Bro. A. C. Johnson, extra.

Bro. M. W. Gates, first trick at Petersburg, off one day first, and three days last of month; relieved by Bro. L. C. Cook and Bro. A. C. Johnson, extra men. Bro. W. C. Huddleston off two days first of month; relieved by Bro. A. C. Johnson, extra.

We had the pleasure of seeing a good many of our brothers from Eastern District at the banquet in Roanoke, first Saturday in January. Among the agents were Bros. Kirchmire and Wilson, from Wakefield and Waverly, respectively.

Bro. Lane off duty one week, attending preliminary session of general committee in Roanoke. He was relieved by Bro. T. S. Harlan.

Chief Dispatcher, Mr. J. T. Ellett, off few days; relieved by Mr. Bray, night chief; who, in turn, was relieved by Bro. J. H. Fitzgerald, with Bro. A. A. Owen filling Fitzgerald's chair on west end.

Bro. J. T. Sutherland, of Wellville, off three nights; relieved by Mr. Johnson, of Petersburg.

Bro. T. C. Coleman, agent at Wilson, off few days, hunting before season closes.

Mr. W. S. Hall, of Addison, off a few days on account of his child being very ill with pneumonia. The little one is reported improving, and he has returned to work.

We hope before you see another letter from this territory, that our committee will have met the management, and settled some of the questions that have somewhat vexed us during the past year. T. O. M.

#### *N. Y. C. & St. L. Ry.*

##### *Third District—*

Bro. D. D. Leeth, second trick at Latty, off for a few days on account of the sickness and death of his sister. Relieved by Bro. A. D. Turner, who formerly worked on this pike, then worked for the L. E. & W., but who has been out of the telegraph service for the last year or two.

Bro. G. Leeth, agent at Briceton, was off duty for a few days, and was relieved by Relief Agent Mr. Craig.

Bro. C. L. Zimmerman, from first trick at Maple Grove, to third trick at New Haven. Bro. Stinman from New Haven to Ft. Wayne message room again.

Bro. Zimmerman was relieved at Maple Grove by Telegrapher C. R. Detlef, a new man from the C. M. & St. P.

I would like to ask the members to advise me when they are assigned positions, or when they hear anything of interest, so I can make mention of the fact in the journal. This will assist me materially in making our write-up interesting.

After having been located at Leipsic Junction for a month, the dispatchers have been taken off, on account of a decrease in business.

The wires have been down for a week or more, on account of the big blizzard. This gave some of the trainmen, who are always telling how much better it would be if there were no dispatchers, a chance to try their method. I noticed the men who were the hardest kickers were the ones who feared to take a chance. They got in the siding and laid there, while the fellows who "hit the ball" managed to get over the road with the least possible delay. "Hix."

#### Fourth District—

Mr. Brown took third trick at east end double track; relieving Mr. Dewey, who took agency at Millers City.

Telegrapher Carney relieved Bro. Cushman at east end double track, a few days, on account of sickness in Bro. Cushman's family. He also relieved Bro. Thompson, at Osborn, a few days, and went from there to Argos.

Telegrapher Beigh, first trick at Claypool, has been appointed agent at Argos. We understand there will be three telegraphers at Argos soon.

Bro. Holmes, of Argos, got first trick at Valparaiso, on bulletin. Telegrapher Arnold, who has been at Valparaiso some time on extra list is now on the road extra.

Telegrapher Hallander relieved Telegrapher Beedler, third trick at Stony Island, for a few days, on account of sickness, and then went to Leipsic Junction.

Let us try to have a write-up from the Fourth District each month. This can easily be done, if you will send in news, and we will forward it to the boys at "SD," not later than the 24th of the month.

Div. Cor.

The following letter is self-explanatory.

C. F. MAYER,  
G. S. & T., Div. 18.

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 23, 1909.

The Order of Railroad Telegraphers,  
City.

Gentlemen:

On Friday, February 19th, we delivered to Mr. C. F. Mayer, your general secretary and treasurer:

- 175 circulars—"To the Members of Div. 18."
- 175 Ballots.
- 175 Treasurer's Reports.

- 175 Instructions to Voters.
- 250 Envelopes.

The union label was omitted on all of the above-mentioned work through an oversight. We are a union printing office, as you can see by the union label that appears on this letterhead. We are indeed very sorry that this has occurred, but as Mr. Mayer was in a great hurry for this work, we would have printed the union label on the above printing matter the following day, but Mr. Mayer stated that it was absolutely necessary to send all of same out by mail the same evening, we delivered same to him.

Hoping that this will explain as to why the union label did not appear on this printed matter, we remain, Yours very truly,

ACME PRINTING CO.

per E. H. Heege.

#### New York, Ontario & Western Ry.

##### Southern Division—

The regular biennial meeting of Div. 20 was held at Codotia, N. Y., February 21, 1909, for the purpose of canvassing the ballots. Bro. Cochran in the chair. Bros. Bennett, Cullinan and Cassidy acted as tellers to count the votes, the result of which was that Bro. C. E. Downie, of Fallsburgh, N. Y., was elected local chairman for the Southern Division; Bro. P. A. Towner, of Sidney, N. Y., local chairman of the Northern Division, and Bro. W. F. Persbocker, of Dickson, Pa., local chairman of the Scranton Division. Bro. Cochran, of Kingston, N. Y., was elected delegate, as also was Bro. C. F. Ingersoll, of Guilford, N. Y., with Bros. De Graw, of Hancock, N. Y., and Bro. F. L. Hamilton, of Fulton, N. Y., as alternates.

The meeting was well attended. In fact, the writer is of the opinion it was the best ever held by Div. 20, and all present enjoyed themselves very much.

Each local chairman was instructed to hold meetings once a month on his division, and it is to be hoped that all will take an active interest and help make these gatherings as enjoyable as possible. If each one will but do his share this can be easily accomplished. Two applications for membership were received and acted upon. There are a number of new men on the line, and if they are non-members, it is requested that all make an effort to secure their membership. If they hold membership in another division have them transferred to Division 20. This will help keep our bank account in a sound and healthy condition.

It was voted to have rosters of the division printed, which will be done, and they will be sent to the membership as early as possible.

Division 20 wishes to extend its thanks to Landlord Boice for the use of his hotel parlors and the excellent dinner he furnished.

The meeting closed at 3:15 p. m., in order to catch No. 10. All hands voted it the best meeting ever held and expressed satisfaction at having come out.

Cor.

**C. H. & D. Ry.  
IN MEMORIAM.**

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Divine Creator to remove from our midst our esteemed brothers, J. T. Welch and C. C. Hamlin, and while we humbly submit to Him "whose will be done," and realize that our brothers have received an inestimable promotion, we can but feel a deep sense of personal loss; and

WHEREAS, We desire to show our respect for, and appreciation of, the high character and thoroughly honorable principles attained by the departed; be it

*Resolved*, That C. H. & D. System, Division No. 21, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, tender the bereaved relatives our sincere sympathy in this, their sorrow, which is truly our own; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our next stated meeting, a copy sent to the relatives of the deceased brothers, and a copy submitted to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

E. F. STENGER,  
General Chairman.  
A. C. BUSHWAW,  
Gen. Sec.-Treas.  
C. B. MILLER,  
Local Chairman.  
S. W. McCORMICK,  
Local Chairman.  
H. J. WARNEKE.  
H. A. ROGERS.

*Committee.*

**C. M. & St. P. Ry.**

*South Minnesota Division—*

Another month has rolled around and it is up to me to again get busy and send in what news I can from the meagre items of gossip I am able to pick up. Evidently the members west of Jackson are not interested in having anything published from out there.

The past month has been short but accidents and snowstorms have kept the line blockaded most of the time.

No. 23 went in Root River, west of Money Creek, but fortunately no one was killed and although several were injured, none seriously. Conductor Walt Kingsley, who was hurt in the wreck, has not yet resumed work.

Several engines were derailed and two or three firemen hurt quite seriously in trying to open the line between Ramsey and Fountain. The rotary put in a week or so eating through the snow drifts west of Jackson and we are now in the midst of another storm and all plows, including rotary, are out again trying to get business moving once more.

Mr. H. M. Berg worked a few days at the office cut-in at wreck east of Rushford.

Bro. C. W. Stephenson, second trick telegrapher at Ramsey, was married the last of January. Bro.

"Spike" Parker did the relief stunt at Ramsey while "Steve" was away on his honeymoon.

We are all glad to hear that Bro. Severson is back at the old stand at Hayward.

Bro. J. E. Clayton, agent at Alden, was recently called to Houston on account of the death of his father. He has the sympathy of all.

Mr. Tagland, clerk at Wells, helped out at Alden during Bro. Clayton's absence.

Bro. Jas. Sheehy is at present in the hospital at Rochester, having undergone an operation for appendicitis. Bro. Mathison, relief agent, is at Easton during the absence of Bro. Sheehy.

Understand Bro. Taylor, at Barden City, took a vacation, being relieved by Bro. Howard Wood.

I wish everyone would send in what items he can spare so we can be represented with a big write-up next time. Div. Cor.

*C. & M. Division, Third District—*

Bro. McNamara, of tower A-13, second trick, is off for a while and is being relieved by Bro. G. C. Brown.

Bro. W. A. Beaver is laying off for a few weeks. He will go to tower A-23, third trick, when he resumes work.

Bro. B. J. Simen, of Libertyville (new station), reports an enjoyable visit at Butte, Deer-lodge and Miles City. He reports having seen Bro. F. J. Alleman at the latter place and says he is doing fine.

Bro. F. J. Alleman's family left their old home at Libertyville about two weeks ago to join him in Miles City, Mont.

Bro. J. N. Julsen, who has been sick with diphtheria, is recovering, and will return to work in a week or so. He is at his home in Kilbourn, Wis., at present.

Dispatcher R. E. Sizer was recently on the sick list for about two weeks. He was relieved by Extra Dispatcher Shreenan, who in turn was relieved by Bro. Murback.

The name of Bro. A. G. Perkins should appear on the seniority list under date of August 10th, 1907, just after that of Geo. Jewert; with this exception the list is very nearly correct. If your record is in error write Mr. Hoehn about it and send in your employment card that the book may be corrected.

Bro. Bauer was sick recently.

A daughter of Bro. J. R. Grow, agent at Evans-ton, has been very ill with typhoid. She is now convalescent.

Bro. Winkle, of "WC" tower, at Grays Lake, was visiting in Wisconsin a few days the first of the month; relieved by Mr. Wm. Murray.

E. R. D.

*Kansas City Division—*

We are indeed sorry to hear of the sudden death of Mr. Thos. Delaney, father of our worthy Brother, T. D. Delaney, who is agent at Fairfax, Iowa. Bro. Delaney has the sympathy of all.

We are also very sorry to chronicle the sickness

of our congenial ticket agent, Marden, of Ottumwa, Iowa. We hope to see him at the old stand soon.

We are reliably informed that our local chairman, in making his recent trip over the division, found things in good shape. On one occasion he rode a freight train all night and went without breakfast, which speaks well for his tenacity.

He reports a few who still continue to sit around and growl and who are willing to let the other fellow do it all. This refers as well to the company's interest as well as their own. At some stations where he found the most help, he found things in the worst shape, especially as to the company's affairs, simply for the want of system in doing things. Desks were piled full of rubbish and old papers that should have been relegated to the attic or some back room; correspondence from the general offices thrown or laid around carelessly, and becoming yellow with age. We should not allow correspondence to become mislaid or lost, through carelessness. Keep old files and records put away in a safe place, where they will not be accessible to the public, and where they will not be in the way while attending to the more important business of the day.

Div. Cor.

#### *C. & C. B. Division, in Iowa—*

Any brother who has any news of interest should not fail to send it to Slater, Iowa, Box 264, in time to reach the editor's desk by the 20th of each month. We want all the brothers to take an interest in this so our division may be well represented.

Bro. L. F. Zadnichek is back to "RT," Slater tower, working third trick, after an absence of three months at Covington. We are glad to see him return and hope his stay will be indefinite.

Bro. W. J. Storm, of Coon Rapids, enjoyed a few days' vacation visiting friends and relatives in Illinois. He was relieved by Bro. Chas. Rupp, who also relieved Bro. Mahoney while the latter was off a couple of days.

Bro. J. G. Etzel, first trick at Herndon, is laying off three weeks visiting friends and relatives at Excelsior Springs and helping his parents, who are moving to Rhodes. Bro. Rupp is working at Madrid during Bro. Miller's absence.

Bro. J. C. Etzel, first trick at Herndon, is laying off for thirty days to try his luck at train dispatching with the C. M. & St. P. at Des Moines. We all hope Bro. Etzel will make a success at his new vocation. Bro. W. J. Swenning is working first trick at Herndon during Bro. Etzel's absence.

When we read of the injustice which labor has received at the hands of the capitalistic class, we are filled with just indignation. The decision handed down by Judge Wright (who may be Wright in name but certainly not "right" in nature) adverse to the interests of labor and its foremost leaders certainly caps the climax. But what else could labor expect? Judge Wright got

his position through the efforts of Senator Foraker, and Senator Foraker has his name on the payrolls of the Standard Oil. There you have the whole thing in a nut shell. Such judges could not be expected to act otherwise than adversely toward the interests of labor and favorably toward the capitalistic class. Another instance to show how important it is to vote right.

Mr. Horrigan, agent at Lanark, was called to his home in Kansas by the illness of his father. Bro. Overcash, of Pingree Grove, relieving him.

Bro. Herzog, of Hampshire, second trick, is relieving Bro. Overcash, and Bro. Norvall, of Kirkland, is relieving Bro. Herzog.

Mr. Murphy, of Kirkland, has returned from his trip on the extension.

Bro. Argenbright, of Kirkland, has left the service, Bro. Norvall relieving him. Mr. J. J. O'Connor, of the Illinois Central, relieved Bro. Norvall at Hampshire.

Mr. Abrams, better known as "Midget," went south with the birds.

Bro. Lafferty, second trick Bensenville, is off duty for a few weeks.

Bro. Decker, third trick Bensenville, relieved Bro. Lafferty, and Bro. Eldred relieved Bro. Decker.

Cor.

#### *S. C. & D. Division—*

A great many changes have taken place on this end of the line during the past month. They may interest some of the ex-members of the division, or some of the sleepy brethren who never take the trouble to give us a write-up. I do not think we were represented more than four times during the year of 1908, which is a very poor showing. We should manage to have items in the journal at least once a month.

On February 8th occurred one of the worst blizzards since the year of '88. It lasted for about thirty-six hours, filling all the cuts to their maximum capacity. The Scotland cut, which is about half a mile in length, and all the way from 20 to 30 feet deep, was the worst we had. No. 1 was detained behind the snow-plow for 24 hours.

No doubt you have received the letters of Mr. Simpson and Mr. Beardsley relative to keeping a record of all cars ordered at stations. I would suggest that every exertion be made to keep this record as accurate and up-to-date as possible, as there is no telling when one will be called upon for information, especially by the co-operative elevators along the road.

The following are some of the changes: Bro. Wright from Gayville to Charter Oak; vice, Bro. Gorman, transferred to Mapleton. Bro. Robinson at Mapleton has resigned.

Bro. Dwyer transferred from Meckling to Tabor; vice, Bro. Scott, transferred to Ethan. A man named Mason Holder drew Meckling.

Mr. J. G. Love, our Div. F. & P. Agent transferred to the Des Moines Div.; Mr. C. N. Curtis was promoted to Div. F. & P. agent at Sioux City.

C. W. Felton, formerly agent at Yankton, was given the newly created position of Traveling F.

& P. Agent for this division. Bro. Geo. Ransdell was transferred to Yankton in Felton's place.

Bro. John Rollins from Kenwood drew Dell Rapids. Kenwood and Gayville are now on the bulletin board.

You have no doubt received the official ballots to be used in the coming election for general chairman and delegate to the convention in Atlanta. I notice that Bro. McKinnon and Bro. Brock are in the race. Votes cast for them will be well placed. I'll bid you all a good-bye. I hope some of the rest of you will take a little more interest and send in items from this division, I'll wager the first thing you'll do each month is to turn through THE TELEGRAPHER in search of items from the S. C. & D. Division.

PULLITZER.

#### Dubuque Division—

A joint meeting of the members on the C. G. W., C. B. & Q., Illinois Central and the C. M. & St. P. Ry. was held in the G. A. R. hall at Dubuque, Saturday evening, January 23d, with a good attendance from each road. General Secretary and Treasurer Soyster was with us and gave us a long and most interesting talk. We were just a little surprised to see some of our oldest agents in attendance. These meetings are a very good thing, and every member who can possibly do so should attend. There will be a meeting in the above hall each month and every member in good standing will be notified as to the date.

There are still a few nons on this division. Some of them promise to line up at the next meeting.

There have been quite a number of changes since the last write-up.

Bro. Yohe landed second trick at La Crescent on bulletin. This is his home town, which makes the job a good one for him.

Night telegrapher taken off at Lansing, and Bro. Towle working twelve long hours, doing two men's work.

Bro. Boeckh working second at Harpers Ferry, which is a split trick.

Bro. Rellihan took charge of his station at Harpers Ferry after braking for a few months on the way freight.

E. B. Gibbs, at Waukon, has been off several months, relieved by Bro. Intlekofer. Bro. E. W. Burman relieved Bro. Intlekofer at Waukon Junction until a few days ago, when Bro. Christ took charge.

Bro. Burman now at Buena Vista relieving Agent Prolow, who is at St. Paul, attending his mother's funeral. As soon as Mr. Prolow returns Bro. Burman will go to Turkey River Junction and work twelve long hours, nights.

Bro. Christ landed third at Dubuque shops.

Second at Guttenberg bulletined until February first.

H. G. Bothmer on third at Dubuque shops until Bro. Christ can get there.

J. M. Trayer working side table nights in dispatcher's office for six months or less.

Bro. J. A. Lund agent at Dubuque shops for six months or less.

Bro. C. M. Bacon got Caledonia and Bro. H. A. Brown, Mabee, on bulletin. CERT. 1078.

#### International & Great Northern Ry.

Bro. H. D. Gode was recently transferred from Lytle to Bracken. Mr. C. H. Cable, from Bracken, going to Lytle until bulletined, which place has now been bidden in by Bro. A. J. Gidley, of McNeil. This creates a vacancy at McNeil. Bro. A. Piper is doing the relief work at Blacken and Lytle during the transfer. Bro. Piper has also been at Laredo, relieving Bro. F. E. Finnie, while he attended court.

Bro. Carroll, at Georgetown, is holding down the agent's desk at that place, as the regular man is sick. Bro. Livingston is doing the telegraphing.

Bro. Livingston has been assigned to third trick at Laredo.

Bro. M. Coleman, of Cotulla, had to go to the hospital a few days, on account of a broken arm. He was relieved by Mr. H. B. Miller.

Bro. E. I. Kellams is doing the telegraphing at the steam shovel.

Bro. R. D. Barnes, of Round Rock, has been quite sick, being confined to his bed for about a week.

Bro. C. B. Gullette, of Valley Junction, is spending a two weeks' vacation in Mexico, and is being relieved by Mr. J. T. Robinson, of Milano.

Bro. L. H. Hunate, of Marquez, spent a day or so in San Antonio, on committee work, and was relieved by Bro. N. E. Powell.

Bro. W. E. Gilliland, of Conroe, has been down with the small pox, but has sufficiently recovered to be doing business at the old stand.

Bro. W. B. Eskridge, of Lillian, has been absent from his post for the past three weeks, on account of sickness in the family. Mrs. Eskridge is recovering and will be back at the key on March 1st. Mr. Morris relieved Bro. Eskridge.

Bro. S. B. Werner, of Phelps, has left the service.

Bro. O. A. Kattner, of Leroy, has been on sick list for the past two weeks, but remained at his post. We are glad to state that he has recovered.

Bro. S. P. Dunlap, of Bryan, is relieving Bro. J. W. Marshall, of Mart, while Bro. Marshall was doing the dispatching. Dispatcher Sleight off duty to attend his mother's funeral.

Bro. C. S. Slagle, of Calvert, is relieving Bro. J. P. Taylor, of Magnolia, a few days.

Bro. O. H. McGee was absent a few days, but is at the key again. He contemplates going into other business in the near future.

We understand some of the boys don't like to be advertised on our non lists which are being furnished the conductors; the only way to keep off is to do the necessary by coming across.

CERT. 46.

**New York, New Haven & Hartford Ry.***Midland Division—*

We were gratified to find this division so well represented at our annual meeting February 5th. Such a gathering is sure to be an inspiration to all who attend, to put forth the necessary effort to get to New Haven on the first Friday evening of each month.

Sister Foley made a short call at Windsor a few evenings ago.

After the smoke of the contest for local chairman cleared away, the result was found to be as follows: Bro. Joseph Leete, of Hartford, 48; Bro. M. E. Jacobs, of Franklin, 37. Total votes cast, 85.

Bro. Leete wishes to extend his thanks to the division, and hopes, with the assistance of the members, to complete thorough organization on this division, and to handle all cases in a manner satisfactory to all concerned. Bro. Leete's address is 138 Bellevue St., Hartford, Conn.

Burnside was well represented, as usual, at the last meeting.

Bro. Generous bid in Turnerville, vice Bro. F. L. White, who has accepted a position with a commercial firm in his home town.

Bro. Holmes has resumed duty as second trick man at Andover, having relieved the agent at that point during his absence.

Below is a list of positions up for bid at the present time: West Thompson, agent and telegrapher; Baltic, clerk and telegrapher; Plainfield, second and third tricks; Hampton, third trick; East Douglas, 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.; East Douglas, 5 p. m. to 2 a. m.; Abington, agency; East Douglas, agency; Washington, agency.

Many brothers make the mistake of bidding in a position without first having looked it over. It is advisable to make a pretty close inspection of the prospective position before mailing your bid.

Bro. Chas. Fogarty was recently elected to the position of second vice-chief of Division No. 29.

One of the best helps to thorough organization is for each member to keep himself thoroughly informed on all matters pertaining to the Order, and thereby be enabled to answer all inquiries at a moment's notice. Familiarize yourselves with the amounts required to establish membership during the various months of the year.

If you are not in possession of a card giving you this information, write the secretary of your division and he will provide you with one.

In closing, I wish to urge any brother who has neglected to pay dues for this term to do so at once, as nothing is more encouraging to your general committee than a paid-up membership.

"En."

*Western Division—*

Our February meeting was truly a very pleasing affair, and much can be learned from a gathering of this kind. It shows the interest members are taking in the business of the Order, and further shows that enthusiasm is the requisite for a good meeting.

Bro. Joslin, from Providence, in a few well-chosen words brought out the one great feature of our organization, that of assisting a needy brother, who through sickness, or other misfortune, has reached the stage where man looks upon life as a never ending night. We learn from this, that we are not only banded together for the purpose of protecting our interests financially, and endeavoring to obtain conditions under which a skilled workman may decently work, but to watch over and assist our members who need encouragement and cheer, in hours of trial. Bro. Manion gave an exemplification of the immediate action that should be taken in all cases of this kind, and we believe cheering returns were received.

Considerable over a hundred members attended this meeting, including Sister Miss Kaywood, of Milford, who was very much interested in the proceedings, and who took an active part in the actual routine of business, and the election of officers. We expect that many other sisters will attend the March meeting, since Sister Kaywood has shown the way.

From the Western Division were a large delegation of brothers alive to the important business to be transacted, and every one filled with the enthusiasm that brings about united action, which condition is the great power of the union worker. From Hartford we saw the old stand-bys, including Bros. Leete, Lally, Fogarty, Brooks, Dowd, and, in fact, too many to mention individually, each one present to help in working out in the good old way the questions that arise, and must be disposed of in a manner highly creditable to the man of business.

Bro. Terry, in a masterful way, spoke of the interests of the organization legislatively, and otherwise; pointing out the pitfalls, and making many suggestions that, no doubt, will bear good fruit.

Bro. Percy, on the Western Division, is taking a well-earned vacation. He, with his wife and family, are visiting relatives through the Southern States. Bro. Van Deusen is covering Bro. Percy's position, while Bro. Smith, from Lime Rock, is covering Bro. Van Deusen's trick.

Bro. Woodin, of West Patterson has been off for a few days.

Bro. Leonard, of West Patterson, who has been relieving Bro. Virkler, at Brewster, has returned to his old position.

Bro. Virkler, who has been ill and off duty for some time, has resumed duty at Brewster.

Bros. R. G. and C. W. Halsted, of Berkshire Junction and Hopewell, respectively, have returned from a visit with their parents up State.

Now brothers, while this is perhaps out of my line of business, I am trying to fill in with a word or two, and there is no way that you can help more than to rush every bit of interesting news to your division correspondent, who in turn will promptly arrange in divisions and send to the editor in time for the monthly issue of the official organ. We all delight in getting the journal, and we must bear in mind that individual

effort in reporting news is what makes a good publication. It is absolutely essential to the success of a paper which has a two-fold duty to perform; that of giving you the news from your own and other districts, and reporting new work accomplished by the Order.

I desire to add to this bit of news a word of praise for the good showing of the Western Division. There is no questioning the fact that we find on this division as good workers as the country knows. Let us work hard, allowing not one moment to pass that is not fraught with definite action for the betterment of our Order and ourselves. If we follow this course for the next year, we will certainly look back with the satisfaction that this success will bring.

CERT. 23.

### Missouri Pacific Ry.

#### Central Kansas Division, Co. Grove District—

The recent snow caused considerable trouble on the Smokey Valley Division, but trains are now running as usual, and the snow embargo is lifted.

Among the official changes are the following:

Mr. F. J. Avery, train master, transferred to the Sou. Kansas Division. We wish him success.

Mr. E. C. Wills, an old-time dispatcher, is trainmaster on the Smokey Valley Division.

Bro. R. D. Lukens is working relief at Richland; haven't heard where Bro. Wells went.

Bro. H. J. Maurice enjoyed a vacation and spent Christmas at home. He was taken with pneumonia, at Council Grove, and was ill for over a month. He has returned to work.

Bro. Horton transferred to agency at Herington. C. R. Varnes is working third trick at Herington.

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#### Joplin Division—

The big snow storm of February 15th put out of commission all telephone and telegraph wires. They have gone on a strike.

We feel very grateful to the good brother who contributed a nice item or two for publication this month, and that he will continue in the good work is our fervent prayer. Is there another?

The seniority rights of Bro. H. T. Strahl have been restored, and he is watching the bulletin closely. He is working as agent at Hannon at present.

Bro. A. T. Blum, third trick man at Cornell is from the C. B. & Q., and holds the necessary to show that he is made of the proper stuff. We hope to receive his application for transfer soon.

Bro. Nance, our general chairman, intends to make a trip over the entire division in the near future. Let every man who has not done so, get a current card to show him as soon as he lights.

Bro. C. L. Rouse, agent at Chetopa, was down at Bronaugh a few days ago, shaking hands with old friends and looking after business matters. Bro. F. M. Haight performed the necessary stunt at Chetopa during his absence.

Bro. E. A. Pearson, second trick man at Pittsburg, was called to Bartlett as emergency man, on account of four cars in the ditch at that point on the 12th.

Bro. F. M. Haight has his eye on some of the younger men who are working. Look out! He is going to strike soon, and down will come some good man, a victim of seniority.

#### LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

#### Eastern Division, Sedalia District—

Bro. A. W. Williams is working extra at Lake City for a few nights. Mrs. Best having resumed third trick at Little Blue.

Mrs. Best had bid in third trick at Independence.

R. E. Best is working third trick at Blackwater.

Temporary office opened at Lamine on account of steam shovel working at this point.

Bro. Snapp has resumed as agent at Smithton, after an absence of two months, on account of sickness.

Brother Ebersole is back at work at Lake City, having enjoyed a short vacation; being relieved by Mr. Halstenber, who will soon be back in the fold.

Bro. Holtzen, at Sweet Springs, is taking a thirty days' vacation; being relieved by Bro. Williams, of Lake City, who in turn is being relieved by Bro. Olney, of Sandy Hook. Unable to learn who is relieving Bro. Olney.

Bro. Warden gets Osage, third trick, on bulletin.

Bro. Warden was relieved at Kansas City by S. Kelly, but I have not got a line on Kelly yet, and do not know how he stands.

Mr. Vanlandingham, third trick at Independence, has left the service. He was relieved by Mr. Watrous, until the vacancy is advertised.

S. Kelly worked a few nights, third trick, at "CD," Kansas City, relieving Bro. Warden.

Bro. Kendall was checked in at Centretown, relieving Bro. Gunn, who, I suppose, will take his regular position at Pleasant Hill, relieving Bro. Jones, who owns second trick at "CD," Kansas City.

Some of you slow boys may find fault with this write-up, but I can tell you truthfully, had it not been for Bro. Lampkin it certainly would have been a slim affair.

It seems to me that when a man in a busy office like "AD" can spare five or ten minutes after going off duty to write me a few items, that the balance could occasionally give me something.

There has been considerable kicking about the way things turned out at Osage and Centretown. I was unable to place the men at these points, as per seniority rights, and turned both cases over to General Chairman Bro. L. M. Nance, who is probably working on them.

W. L. W.



*Main Line, Colorado Division—*

Although out of the journal for a few issues, we are still alive and very active.

The news could be furnished with much less inconvenience if some of our worthy brothers would be kind enough to give us the tip when something of interest occurs.

Anything in the news line sent to either Bro. F. A. Thompson, Leoti, Kan., or Bro. J. W. Hartman, Haswell, Colo., will be appreciated, and taken care of.

We have, you might say, a New Year to begin work, only one month gone. Now why can not we put our shoulders together and make our division the leading one. Not only of the Mo. Pac., but of the entire O. R. T.?

Bro. C. E. Black checked in as agent at Utica, vice Bro. J. M. Barr, resigned.

Bro. J. W. Hartman bid in Horace, third trick, on bulletin, expiring December 26th.

H. O. Berkley is working third trick, extra, at Horace, while Bro. Hartman works second trick in Bro. Lamb's absence.

Mr. Berkely promises to come in as soon as he gets the necessary.

Bro. Strange was checked in as agent at Sheridan Lake, vice Bro. Tanquarry.

Bro. Hagen relieved Bro. Hartman, nights, at Haswell.

Understand Bro. Barr resigned to go to California, where he has a fruit farm. Sorry to lose him, but the Order wishes him prosperity, and we hope he will be able to solve the problem of raising "Union Fruit."

Everyone on this division must remember that the old green card has done its work, and now we have a brand new one. You never know how good a new card looks until you open your mail and get a glimpse of it, nor how much good it will do you until you get caught in a tight place and have to produce it.

Come on boys, right away and get a new card, we need you, and you need our help, and you will never miss the money.

Bro. C. W. Curtis, at "RM," was off a couple of nights last week, on business somewhere East; relieved by Bro. Windsor, "Jr."

As we are unable to get hold of any more news will have to let this do this time, and now let every one help out in the future.

CERT. 1737.

**ST. L. I. M. & S. RY.***Arkansas Division—*

The depot at Higginson caught fire a few nights ago, but fortunately it was extinguished before much damage was done.

Bro. Werner has been working second trick at "BG" office.

Bro. Goodbar is working "UD" dispatcher's office, relieving Laird, who is regular telegrapher and extra dispatcher there. Bro. Laird has been doing the third trick stunt dispatching on the Valley for fifteen or twenty days.

Bro. Werner is doing the night stunt at Olyphant, temporarily, relieving Bro. Long.

I have been here but a short time, and am not informed as to the changes and other news on this pike. I noticed there was nothing mentioned of this division in the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER. Now boys, that's a shame! I have asked to have my membership transferred to 31, and hope I will get it fixed soon. Let's furnish items each month, and not be left out of the fraternal columns altogether.  
Cor.

*Central Division—*

Telegrapher A. C. Cook bid in Lenapah, nights.

Bro. J. F. Vaden bid in Sallisaw, nights.

Bro. H. C. Vanwie bid in Newata, days.

Bro. F. V. McKee bid in Ft. Smith, nights.

Bro. C. B. Adcock bid in Clarence, days.

Bro. Adcock has fourteen years seniority, that is hard to beat on this division.

Telegrapher Stevenson, Nowata, nights, is taking a vacation; being relieved by H. C. Foster, a beginner.

Bro. Adcock has resigned the agency at Inola, to accept the day telegraph position at Claremore; relieved by Bro. Emery, of Division No. 32.

Bro. Hattendorf, at Denning yards, is taking a few days off, sight seeing in Ft. Smith; relieved by telegrapher Kuss, a new comer.

Bro. Nance, our general chairman, was over the line shaking hands with the boys, the first of the month. It always makes us feel good when he comes around, as he gives lots of useful information.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all the boys for the news they "did not" contribute.

V. C. W., L. C.

*Illinois Division—*

Bro. Cartwright off duty a few days, attending court; relieved by Fred Roberson.

Bro. Gwinup laid off a few days recently, on account of the serious illness of his father. He was relieved by Bro. Biggerstaff, who was in turn relieved by Telegrapher Artz.

Telegrapher Maak off duty a few days, visiting in St. Louis. "13" he gets night trick at "PD," Racher, on bid.

Bro. Underwood, who was located at Bush, has left the service.

It is rumored that Telegrapher Foster, who is at present at Brownsburg, gets Valmeyer, nights. Transfer has not yet been made.

Telegrapher Gilden "resigned" some time ago, and has left the service.

Former trick Dispatcher Leo has been visiting in Chester for a few days.

Telegrapher E. G. Church, from Bond, on E. & W., is in the hospital with a fractured knee. When last heard from it was feared an amputation would be necessary.

Telegrapher O. R. Artz is working nights at Bush.

Bro. O. Underwood is working for the M. & O. at Percy, Ill.

Night offices at McClure and Ward have been closed, and night offices established at Wolf Lake and Reynoldsville, and a day and night office at Raddle.

Bro. Bullard has left the service.

If the brothers will furnish me the news, we will endeavor to have a write-up in the journal each month.

It is almost time for the revision of our present schedule, which will, no doubt, be done during the present year.

The committee should go before the management, supported by a solid membership, and an ample treasury, as the better it is supported the better will be the schedule. Cor.

### St. L. & S. F. Ry.

#### Eastern Division—

I do not wish to censure the division correspondent, if there is such a being, but it shows lack of interest to "let the other fellow do the work."

There were items from two or three of the divisions on the Frisco in the January number, and I am sorry that I did not have the inspiration to get this up in time for the February number of THE TELEGRAPHER.

It certainly is interesting to see a write-up from one's own road. There is nothing that would be more beneficial to the Order than to have a correspondent for each division, but of course, he would require the assistance of the members.

We have been holding meetings at Springfield on the second Sunday of each month, and they have, generally, been attended fairly well, but still there is room for improvement. We are aware of the fact that doubling is impossible, and in a good many cases it is harder for the boys to get away than before the nine-hour law took effect, but many do not make an effort, with the result that just a few of the faithful are present. The last two meetings were not held, on account of inclement weather. It so happened that the very nights on which the meetings were to be held were the worst.

You have all, no doubt, received ballots to be used in the election of division officers, and we hope that all will vote. The recent blizzards blew the lines down in several places, and we were without wires to Kansas City and Wichita for a week or more. Miles of poles were down between Kansas City and Ft. Scott, Beaumont Junction and Wichita, and Beaumont Junction and Enid.

Business seems to be on the increase, and will soon present a normal aspect. The eighty-seven reports each day are showing a good increase over loads handled during the same date last year.

The Frisco has resumed operations on the new million and a half dollar locomotive works, north of the city of Springfield, which is to be completed some time in the fall.

There is one thing I wish to speak about, for the benefit of all, and that is the Red Ball reports. Most of you are, no doubt, aware of the trouble that errors in these reports cause. What

I wish to point out is the manner in which errors can be eliminated, or at least, brought to a minimum, thereby saving the telegrapher considerable trouble and worry, and bettering the service.

It has been shown that a great many errors are due to the original copy being poorly or carelessly written. Most of us are aware that a considerable number of the symbols used are difficult to receive, especially when the telegrapher sending them does not use proper care and judgment in transmitting. Numerous times mistakes in reports are discovered through the telegrapher's familiarity with the different symbols and combinations. For instance, a few days ago, I received a Red Ball symbol "KY-201." Knowing "KY" (which is Wister symbol), did not run it that high series, and also that symbol date letter for that day was "T." I asked the sender if this should not be "KY-T-1." This office, which was a relay point, had received it as "KY 201." Later I received a correction on it. This is just one of many instances we encounter every day, especially in cases where the date symbols are from T or L. Unless these reports are sent properly, with a dash or comma between the combinations, it is very easy to make an error. If every one will use a little more care, we will have less correspondence to answer, explaining how such errors are made.

A word in closing: let's get busy on the nons with whom we are working day after day. It is next to impossible to converse with some of them over the wire, they simply refuse to talk, but at the same time a man can accomplish something by occasionally giving them a jog. The only way to secure their applications is to keep after them. Don't depend on the general chairman, but assist him in every manner possible to keep the division lined up solid. "Cor.?"

#### Southwestern Division—

Bro. Cushman, formerly day telegrapher at "NS," Neosho, Mo., has taken the cashiership at that point.

Bro. Story on days at Neosho, after working nights at that point for some time.

Bro. Denton, second trick at "FN," Afton, off a few days the latter part of January, on account of being sick.

Bro. A. J. Howard is the new man at Neosho, nights, and he carries the necessary. Hope he will be pleased with his new position.

Did you see that little write-up for the Southwestern Division in last month's journal? It was not a very large one, but if you boys out on the line would drop your correspondent a line whenever there is a change, it would help out very much. Let's get a move on, and let the other divisions on other roads, who have the big write-ups, know that we are alive.

Bro. M. H. Barton relieved Bro. Denton at Afton, in January, and is now working nights at "WO," White-Oak, Okla. CHAS. 1694.

**Baltimore & Ohio Ry.***Baltimore City District—*

On Wednesday, February 10th, the regular monthly meeting of the local was held at the usual meeting place, Lafayette Hall, 609 North Fremont St., with the usual large attendance.

It is quite evident that the boys are not losing interest. Let the good work go on. The writer was very agreeably surprised to find a number of brothers from the Philadelphia Division present; among them were Bros. Frasher, secretary and treasurer, and Local Chairman Hill, as were also a number of the boys from Division No. 17. Should be glad to see them again. The meeting was called to order about 8:15, Bro. Pierce presiding.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Bro. Hurdle, after which we were treated to a recitation by Bro. O'Mailey.

On account of the large number of visiting brothers present who wished to make remarks, Bro. Smith made a motion to limit each speaker to ten minutes.

Some interesting correspondence was read by Bros. Richardson and Hurdle, in connection with the coming convention.

Mr. C. P. Adams, former manager of "GO" office, Baltimore, and late superintendent of telegraph of the Southern Railway, died at his home in Washington, after an illness of a few days. Mr. Adams, who was at one time identified with the Rock Island road, and later with the Central R. R. of New Jersey, had many friends, and was beloved by all who knew him. A number of his old acquaintances in "GO" attended his funeral at London Park, Baltimore, February 10th.

PEN.

*Wheeling Division—*

Have you remitted your monthly assessment, and have you your new card? If not, why not?

It behooves every laboring man to stick to his union to the bitter end. "In union there is strength," so if you are in arrears, pay up, and place yourself in good standing.

Bro. Scholes was off a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. O. H. Adkinson. Bro. Adkinson also relieved Bro. Kinney.

Dispatcher Sam Smith has gone to his home in Virginia, on account of sickness; relieved by Dispatcher Deegan.

Since our last writing the dispatcher's districts have been changed, reducing that force from ten to seven men, which makes one dispatcher handle the east and west ends.

Dispatchers M. R. Rickey, Lovejoy and Rushford now copying.

It is hoped that the cut is but temporary, and that these boys will resume their old positions, on the revival of business.

Henry Boyce has been on the sick list for a few days, and Bro. H. B. Patterson took a "crack" at "patching."

Livingood is at present working second trick at Bridgeport, bumping Bro. Garry, who in turn

bumped Telegrapher C. W. Secrest at Maynard, first trick. Secrest went to Cleveland for a few days. Telegrapher S. V. Adkins working second trick, and Telegrapher France third trick at Maynard.

White went to Pine Grove for a few days.

Bro. C. L. Allender is temporarily working second trick at Narrows.

The new interlocking plant at "WR" tower, Wheeling, was opened February 20th, with Bro. E. E. Holloway, first trick; Bro. W. M. Queen, second trick, and Telegrapher W. K. Carr, third trick.

Bro. F. F. Wallrabinstein is working day turn at "DX," Benwood, with Bro. Dowell, nights.

Bro. D. S. Jones bumped Telegrapher Yeater, second trick at Denver.

We sincerely sympathize with Bro. A. M. Garrison, in the loss of his sister, who passed away at their home recently.

The assistant correspondents will please be more particular in the future in getting the details of marriages and deaths, and report them in full.

A meeting was held in the Peabody Building, Wheeling, February 17th, with the following brothers present: A. G. Youst, M. C. Rathburn, W. Carr, R. A. Fitzgerald, J. E. Holloway, J. L. Fitzsimmons, P. E. France, D. S. Jones and W. M. Queen. The business at hand was thoroughly threshed out, and those present had a very enjoyable time. It would be very encouraging if more of the members would turn out to these meetings, and take an active part. "Come, let us reason together."

CERT. 729.

*Chicago Division, West District—*

Bro. C. C. Otto, third trick at Albion, secured third trick at Tiffin, on February bulletin.

Only a few of the brothers from the west end were in attendance at the February meeting at Defiance. Business of importance was transacted, including election of officers for the ensuing term.

Mr. W. U. Holderman, the agent at Albion, was seriously injured, February 17th. He was struck by a baggage truck which was standing too close to the track to clear No. 16. His nose was broken, and he also suffered several bruises, but is now recovering nicely.

Bro. M. W. Bishop is holding down first trick at McCools for six months, while the regular telegrapher Mr. Wilhelm is relieving at "GS," Chicago.

Bro. Davis, agent at Teegarden, was laid up several days, the first of the month. He was struck by a plank which was being thrown out of a car by the local crew. He has fully recovered, and will let the local do the work in the future.

Bro. Parent is relieving Bro. Read at Ripley. We understand that Bro. Read is contemplating leaving the service.

Bro. Fisher is holding down third trick at Albion, until the job is filled by bulletin.

Bro. Bill Baker, the veteran at Ripley, has taken a six months' leave of absence, and gone to Iowa

to sell lightning rods. We will miss his pleasant face at our meetings, as he was always present.

It seems that there are a number of the brothers who can not spare time to attend meeting; several of the oldest members have never been present. It takes work to accomplish anything, and while paying dues assists in keeping up the financial end of the business, it does not promote fraternalism and arouse interest. This can only be done by mingling together. Try to devote one night each month to attending our meetings, and while you will lose a night's sleep, you will not regret it.

CERT. 135.

#### *Chicago Division, Eastern District—*

Considerable damage done to the telegraph service was caused by the sleet storm which visited this section recently. All wires were out of service from 2 p. m. Sunday, the 14th, until 6 p. m. Wednesday, the 17th. A large force of line men were hurried to the scene of the trouble, which extended from Chicago Junction to Deshler, and at this writing all wires are working, although considerable trouble is experienced on account of the slack wires, which allows them to swing together during strong winds.

Bro. Hartsfield and wife, of Attica, spent several days with Bro. Hartsfield's parents, Bro. Reyff relieving.

Bro. France is transferred from second trick at Tiffin to Fostoria passenger station, days, temporarily relieving Bro. Streely. Extra Telegrapher Parkell on second trick at Tiffin during Bro. France's absence.

Bro. Mason, "RX," Chicago Junction, was off duty recently, on account of sickness. He was relieved by Bro. Geer, from "RA," Chicago Junction. Extra Telegrapher Parkell relieved Bro. Geer at "RA."

A new block wire is being strung from Chicago Junction to Warwick on the New Castle Division.

By the time this is in print the election will be over and we will know who are to be our division and local officers for the next year. I trust each member will give them his loyal support, as we all have the same object in view—better conditions. Don't let prejudice stand in your way. It doesn't pay.

"SX."

#### *Connellsville Division—*

Two meetings, afternoon and evening, were held at Rockwood, Pa., February 19th. Both were presided over by Bro. Currie. The writer has not been informed of any business transacted.

Mr. A. J. Burke, formerly extra, who resigned to open a broker's office in Connellsville, has closed shop on account of lack of interest manifested in the game.

Bro. John Enold, first trick at Greene Junction, and wife, returned recently from a pleasant two weeks' visit to the former's home in Scio, Ohio.

Bro. W. C. Turpin, second trick at Mt. Braddock, was called to his home at Nashville, Tenn., on account of the serious illness of his father.

Bro. C. M. Barfoot, Connellsville yard office, nights, relieved Bro. Enold at Greene Junction during the latter's vacation. Bro. D. A. Young, extra, relieved Bro. Barfoot.

Mr. J. C. Galloway, extra, is at present relieving Bro. Turpin at Mt. Braddock.

Bro. R. P. Hardman, first trick at Uniontown, at present holding an agency on the M. & K. R. R. at Morgantown, was confined to his home at Hyndman by sickness, recently. We are pleased to note that he is back on duty once more.

It seems strange that almost every instance where members are continually looking for some excuse to leave the organization, they are the ones who have derived the greatest benefit.

Mr. Fitchett, for years agent at Opekiska, has accepted second trick at Morgantown. Cor.

#### *Pittsburg Division, P. & W. District—*

By the time this is in print the election will be over, the local chairmen who were elected will be hard at work and the delegates-elect will be preparing for their trip to Atlanta. Now brothers, let us pull together and give these officers all the encouragement we possibly can. If you are unsuccessful in securing new members you can at least show your appreciation by attending monthly meetings and bringing a brother with you. The more solid Division 33 is, the less your local officers will have to contend with. We meet the third Thursday night of each month, at Wilson Hotel, second floor, 10 Smithfield street, Pittsburg, just around the corner from the B. & O. depot.

On last bulletin, dated February 4th, the following were successful bidders: Bro. J. H. Smith to Ribolds, second trick; Mr. J. F. Sweeney to Ribolds, third trick.

Positions advertised: Downieville, third trick; Ellwood City, second trick; Elfinwild, third trick; Goehring, third trick.

Bro. Olwell, of Schenley tower, off a few days, spending loose change that has accumulated recently. Bro. Phipps, of Schenley tower is spending two or three evenings of each week taking a course in shorthand.

We are sorry to state that sickness in the family of Bro. Baker, of Wildwood, prevents his attending meetings. We hope the afflicted ones will soon recover.

Bro. J. T. Williams, local chairman, was unable to attend the last two meetings on account of sickness at home. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Bro. J. T. Williams was elected judge of elections in the Borough of Mars on the Republican ticket, getting 97 votes, against Mr. Zeigler's 89.

Bro. Elmer Ayers has been transferred from Gorsuch to Lavenia.

Bro. C. J. Fisher is working second trick at Ellwood City, extra.

Bro. J. H. Smith, formerly of Goehring, is now at Ribolds.

Relief Agent Postarers has been relieving at Nansen.

Bro. Jos. Fleischner, of Butler, second trick, is off duty with the mumps. "SHORTSTOP,"

*Monongahela Division—*

The following appointments were made and became effective February 1st: Second trick at Webster, Bro. C. F. Theiss; second trick at Wolf Summit, Bro. J. B. Glenn; second trick at W. Va. & P. Junction, Telegrapher Roy Nestor; second trick at Byron, Bro. W. H. Alexander; Telegrapher and Clerk Bro. R. B. Horner transferred to Philippi; third trick at Byron, Bro. S. Law.

Bro. O. L. Farlow, from Gaston Junction has been granted a six months' leave of absence. He is going to Fresno, California for his health.

Bro. Singleton at Monongahela was off a few days on account of sickness, but has now resumed duty.

Bro. C. W. Satterfield has taken the third trick at Chiefton, he being older in the service than Telegrapher Sweeney, who has been holding this place regularly.

Bro. E. J. Hoover recently made a flying trip to Miami, Fla., and reports having a very good time while away. He was relieved by Mr. R. B. Horner.

Bro. R. E. McCutcheon, from Philippi, has succeeded in landing second trick at Tygarts Junction. He was relieved by Mr. Horner.

Bro. W. L. Thomas, relief agent, has been relieving Bro. England, of Arden, who was reported to be on the sick list. He is again at the key.

It is reported that Bro. Rexroad, of Allingdale, is going to take the agency at Pickens.

Bro. Mosby, of Erbacon, spent a few days with his parents at Buckhanon. He was relieved by Mr. Robinson, whom we understand is a new man on this division.

Bro. Staples, our first trick dispatcher, spent a couple of days last week going over the road. He was relieved by Bro. Dorsey, second trick dispatcher. Bro. Dorsey was relieved by Bro. Fordyce, copier. Div. Cor.

*Pittsburg Division, River District—*

Regular monthly meeting was held in Hotel Wilson, Pittsburg, Thursday evening, February 18th. Local Chairman W. E. Safford presided and Bro. A. J. Phipps acted as secretary in the absence of Bro. C. M. Stabler.

It was a pleasant and interesting meeting, with an unusually large attendance, especially from the River District. The "Pike" boys were conspicuous by their absence.

Bros. Young, Zimmerman, Getz and Tittle came all the way from Layton, and Bros. Gleisinger, Burton and Roberts from West Newton. This shows that the River Division is getting some "ginger" into it.

Bros. Yaeger, Phipps, Zimmerman, Young and Safford gave short and interesting addresses. It is needless to say that everybody enjoyed the cigars presented to the division by the local chairman.

The new Frick Building tower and plant at Bessemer was put in operation on Saturday, February 13th. It is no doubt one of the most up-to-date electric plants on the system, and is man-

aged by Bros. Eiseman and Leonard and Mr. Wiedeman.

Telegrapher Shugart is working first trick at Versailles.

Not many changes have been made on this district during the last month.

Bro. K. A. Milar is sight-seeing in the west. Have not learned when he intends to return.

Time is drawing near for "doins" in Baltimore. Come out and give us your opinion. C.E.R. 1687.

*Erie Railway.**Mahoning Division—*

The joint meeting held in Warren, Saturday night, February 20th, was well attended and considerable enthusiasm was shown by those present in discussing the best means of increasing the amount of money in the treasury. After the matter had been argued pro and con it was decided to give a dance at Youngstown some time during the month of April. Chairman Harrington appointed a committee, composed of members from Youngstown, to make arrangements for a hall and report at the next meeting. If you are interested in this matter do not fail to be present and help push the thing along. Remember that we meet on the third Saturday night of each month. The hall is located on the third floor, over the Union National Bank, corner Market street and Park avenue, Warren, Ohio.

In order that we may be represented in THE TELEGRAPHER each month, the writer requests that all items of interest to the membership be forwarded on or before the 20th of each month to Bro. Lowrie, our local chairman, who will see that they reach the correspondent.

It is reported that R. R. Biddle and R. S. Kistler, former Erie telegraphers, who left the service and started a college at Youngstown, have been forced to the wall on account of the financial stringency and lack of students.

E. D. Marvin bid in the third trick at Garrettsville, vacated by C. H. Fitch.

Mr. Fitch bid in second trick at Garrettsville, vice W. V. Saltzman.

W. V. Saltzman gets second trick "CB" tower, making the round trip daily from Phalanx on a gasoline speeder.

T. E. Deedy, of Boston, Mass., who has been working third trick at DeForest tower recently, failed to report for duty, and Messrs. Cutlip and Owens had to fill in. Mr. F. E. Brooks worked there until Mr. E. B. Bundy, a former Penna. Co. man was given the trick.

Div. Cor.

*Susquehanna Division—*

Owing to everything being quiet on the "Swale" this month, we haven't much to offer in the way of news.

No doubt you have read in the papers that automatic signals are soon to be installed on this division.

We hear that Telegrapher Leland King, who worked on this division some years ago, has

returned to the "old reliable," and is on the extra list. He has been located in New York for some time in the employ of the Postal Telegraph Co.

Bro. Jones recently bid in second trick at Painted Post.

Bro. Hall bid in "VF," Hornell, and Bro. P. B. King bid in agency at Rathbone.

Bro. Walbridge is working for the L. V. at Geneva Junction.

Telegrapher Hanna, who recently returned from the west, is working extra on this division.

Bro. Ira Brooks has moved his family to Waverly.

Bro. H. M. King is working second trick at Canisteo until same is regularly assigned.

Bro. N. C. Jackson has been absent a few days, attending the funeral of his brother, who, we are sorry to learn, was accidentally killed. Bro. Jackson has the sympathy of the entire division.

G. B. Owens is working nights at "FD," Corning freight house.

Bro. H. Knickerbocker, of Big Flats, off a few days, relieved by Mr. Pitt.

Bro. E. I. Kelly, of Corning Station, is off duty on account of sickness. We hope to soon hear his familiar fist again.

Mr. G. M. Murray, of Great Bend, has taken the agency at Canisteo in place of Mr. J. E. Dicky, retired.

Mr. J. C. Flannery, of Horseheads, has taken the agency at Addison, in place of Mr. W. C. Colburn.

We are indebted to Bros. Barkalow and Derrig for a good part of the items from the west end. We hope they will continue to contribute. Anyone having items of interest will help us out greatly by sending them to 364 Wallace Place, Elmira, N. Y., on or before the 18th of each month.

Div. Cor.

### Central of Georgia Ry.

#### *Savannah Division—*

On account of no assistance (with one exception), our write-up is rather short this month.

Mr. A. T. N. Herrington has been transferred from Wadley, third trick, to Pulaski agency, vice Bro. C. G. Rogers, who went to Dover as agent. Mr. E. H. Bevill, from Dover, to the good old farm.

Mr. J. D. Youmans, former agent at Adrian, who quit the service to enter the mercantile business, is now day telegrapher and clerk at Adrian.

Business is rushing; the fertilizer season is upon us and agents are working overtime to keep things moving.

We are unable to chronicle all the changes this month. On account of bad weather, or from some other cause, we have nothing from the Covington district.

Mr. E. H. Bevill to Dover agency, vice, Mr. J. N. Cail. Mr. Cail takes Rock Ford agency, relieving Bro. A. Burke, who has a more lucrative position with the Savannah Valley Ry., as auditor

and general superintendent. We are certainly glad to see Bro. Burke advancing.

Bro. E. S. Youmans, Jr., has resigned at Nunez, Ga., on account of ill health. We understand he intends to farm, which will give him plenty of fresh air and exercise. Relieved by Mr. W. J. Brown, who was at one time agent at Pulaski.

The last meeting at Tennille was very well attended; our local chairman was not present, as he had just returned from a trip over the division, and no doubt was fatigued. Several B. & P. boys secured transportation and failed to put in an appearance, we are sorry to say.

Bro. Todd resigned Toombsboro agency on account of his health, relieved by Mr. O. P. Trappnell, of Metter.

Bro. C. G. Rogers has resumed work as agent at Pulaski, and Bro. D. M. Rogers has returned to Register.

Bro. R. S. Wilson has been transferred from Meldrim agency to agency at Palatka, Fla. We wish him the best of luck in his new position. Bro. Wilson is succeeded by Bro. D. W. Boland.

We are sorry to hear of the ill health of Bro. A. C. Todd, of Toombsboro, and hope he will soon recover.

Mr. J. M. Edens has been transferred to Mansfield agency, vice Mr. C. O. Osburn.

Mr. M. O. Smith is transferred to Brewton agency, vice Mr. J. G. Stanberry.

Bro. B. J. Moore from Halcyondale agency to Guyton agency. Unable to learn where Bro. Hemminger goes from Guyton.

Mr. Elkins, of Floyd, third trick, had a short vacation, a few weeks ago, relieved by Bro. P. E. Morgan.

Second trick man at Gordon has been feeding us on promises long enough now, and it is time he should do something towards materializing those promises; we cannot survive on promises.

Bro. H. N. Morris, of Division No. 132, is now at One Mile Post, second trick, and has been transferred to this division.

We are all glad to see Bro. B. K. Armstrong back in the service at One Mile Post, third trick.

CERT. 441.

#### *Chattanooga Division—*

We are glad to report a good meeting, with attendance above the average, at Lafayette, the third Sunday in February. These meetings take place at Lafayette on the third Sunday of each month. Let everyone who can come and bring some brother with him. These meetings are very enjoyable affairs, and much can be learned relative to our Order and our railway duties by hearing the brothers discuss matters in general.

We were glad to have with us Bro. Low, from the south end.

Bro. Stewart is off duty for a few days, relieved by Bro. Housch.

Bro. Murphy, of Whitesburg, is laying off for a day or so, relieved by Bro. Ansley.

"13" Bro. Ansley is engaged in tilling the soil at Whitesburg, pending a pick-up in business.

We wonder what the ham factories are promising their students when so many experienced and perfectly reliable telegraphers are unable to secure employment.

There seems to be a slight improvement in the matter of our answering calls and reporting trains. Let's bring our average up a bit more in this line and give perfect satisfaction, as becomes Order men.

CERT. 265.

### Prince Edward Island Railway.

The death of Bro. David A. Lawson, which took place at the home of his son, while he was on a visit to far off Manitoba, came as a great shock to the members of our division. Bro. Lawson acted as chief telegrapher for a term, served on our grievance committee for years, and held membership ever since we were organized. As an officer and as a private member of the Order we always found him the same faithful, unselfish friend, ever ready to do anything in his power to further the interests of the members, and untiring in the cause of unionism. He had a keen conception of the situation, as regards our work, and was ever ready to give us the benefit of his experience. To his grief-stricken family we tender the assurance of our sincere sympathy in their loss, a loss, while great to us, is far greater to them, in that it deprives them of a kind and loving husband and father.

At the annual meeting held in Charlottetown, on the 18th inst., the following officers were elected: Chief telegrapher, W. H. Slackford; first assistant chief telegrapher, P. W. Clarkin; second assistant chief telegrapher, A. E. Clarke; secretary and treasurer, R. McEwen; delegate, Horace McEwen; alternate, D. Montgomery; local chairman, T. B. Grady; committee, G. R. McMahon, D. Montgomery.

The above slate of excellent officers elected for the ensuing year is in itself a sufficient guarantee that the affairs of the division are in safe hands for the present, and it should inspire us to look forward, with every confidence in the future of the Banner Division of North America. The fight for the different offices was keen, and no one was elected with a large majority, for the reason that the contestants were all good men. Old "war horses" went down in defeat before younger men, the feeling being that we should give the boys a chance. None who were snowed under (and the writer got it in the neck with several others), feel that because we are out of office, we should lose interest and allow those who were elected to bear the burden. But no, we will "peg away," and try again at some other time. After the reports of the various officers were read, and the usual vote of thanks tendered, remarks were made on "the good of the order." It was 3 o'clock, a. m., when Bro. Clarke started the closing chorus.

Bro. Enman, the veteran agent at Summerside, spoke to us in his jovial manner, and we thoroughly enjoyed having him with us. This was his first time, and we hope he will get the "habit" and come often.

Bro. Campbell told of the victories and achievements of the O. R. T.

Bro. J. E. Arsenaault, of Wellington, who, next to Bro. Trainor, was the oldest gentleman present, expressed his happiness at being able to be with the boys, and hoped to come soon again. Bro. J. J. Tranior, filled with years and honors, told us of victories and defeats in which he figured.

Bro. Clarkin next took up the thread of the discourse, and spoke for some time, giving us an abundance of good advice.

Bro. Ross McEwen has returned from an extended visit in the West, looking well, and seemingly quite content to remain within the confines of the "Garden of the Gulf." Bro. McEwen was prevailed upon at the Georgetown meeting to speak on his travels, and gave us his impressions of the great West. He spoke very eloquently, without manuscripts, bringing in apt quotations from writers of the West, both in prose and poetry. He told of the wonderful Rockies, of the great prairies and of the cities springing up like mushrooms in a few days, of the Grand Trunk Pacific, and the wonderful undertaking it was. In short the lecture was most interesting and thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

At the conclusion of the lecture, Bro. James Trainor moved a vote of thanks in which he interspersed tales of his own travels from place to place, and gave interesting reminiscences.

After Bro. Slackford seconded the vote of thanks, the literary and musical program was continued as follows:

Dance—"The Highland Fling," Bro. Angus McKenzie.

Recitation—"From Barnaby Rudge," Bro. Nicholson.

Song—"I Can Not Sing the Old Songs," Bro. Geo. McCormack.

Vocal duet, Bros. Hodgson and Lewis.

We regret that Bro. McTague, agent at Tignish, is still indisposed, and we hope for his early recovery.

The pleasing information has been received from Bro. Quick, that our division has been awarded one of the prizes for solid organization.

The sympathy of the members goes to Bro. G. O. McLeod, of Montague, in the great loss he sustained by the death of his mother.

The members of Charlottetown Division were shocked at the news of the death of Bro. Cyril J. Ryan, of Division No. 47, which occurred at Moosejaw, where he was in the employ of the C. P. R. The body was taken to his home for burial, and the remains were followed to the grave by the different railway organizations, and the Knights of Columbus. The beautiful floral tributes, together with the expressions of sympathy, tendered the family, gave testimony of the esteem in which he was held by his many friends.

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**Ann Arbor Ry.**

Business on the Ann Arbor has been very quiet for the last month, and there is no immediate prospects of any great change.

The embargo placed on Michigan stock and hay seems to have been the prime cause of the depression.

There have been several changes made on the line recently. Mr. Lahy, third trick dispatcher, north end, has had the south end added to his district, doing the dispatching from Toledo to Frankfort, a distance of 292 miles. As business is light at present, this is not so bad, but when things get to moving it will be a pretty "fierce stunt" if they do not put a man on the south end.

The services of Dispatcher Johnson, who was extra man working south end, second trick, was dispensed with, on account of slack business. Dispatcher Fulse is working second trick, south end, and Bro. Klinck, who has been doing the third trick, south end, is back at his old stand on the message wires at Owosso, dispatcher's office.

Bro. Bates, who has been handling the message wires at "DI," Owosso, is again at "OD," Owosso freight house.

Bro. Kerwin, who relieved Bro. Bates at Owosso freight house, is working days at Lakeland, with Bro. Ide, of Division No. 1, as agent.

Bro. Mattis, formerly at Ann Pere, is working third trick at Durand, relieving Bro. Bohne, who is sick. Telegrapher Healy is working twelve hours at Ann Pere.

Bro. Scofield, who has been agent at Ann Pere for some time, is going to leave that place. Can not say where he is going. Bulletin is out for agency at that point.

Bro. H. J. Leonard, formerly at "DG," Alma, is now with the Pere Marquette at Clio, which position I understand is permanent.

The storm that visited this section, a couple of weeks ago, did considerable damage on the south end, blowing down quite a number of poles and tying up trains in snow banks.

The yard engine at Cadillac has been taken off nights, and Bro. H. H. Cudaback, who was at "CD," Cadillac freight house, doing the billing, is again at work at "CY" yard office, first trick. Telegrapher Orvis is working third trick; Mr. Wright having left in search of greener fields.

Bro. Battin has returned to McBain, as agent; relieving Mr. Kerwin.

Hamburg night office has been closed. This dispenses with the services of Mr. McNamee. We are unable to say what he is doing at present.

Several meetings of the employees of the Ann Arbor have taken place at the Engineers' Hall, at Owosso, to which each organization sent a representative. The question under discussion was, "In the Interests of the Employee and Company, How Can We Raise the Standard of Efficiency?" Your correspondent has been unable to attend, but understands that there were some good ideas advanced, and all who can attend should do so.

Thompsonville, second trick, which was bulletined some time ago, has drawn a prize in

Telegrapher Ulberg, who comes from Traverse City, where he has been acting as a "professor" of telegraphy. He seems to have had a cloudy past as regards labor troubles, and is reported as having helped out the poor Western Union Co. in the late "unpleasantness." It must be a comforting thought to know that one has helped the needy, and knocked against the well-to-do laboring man, who was asking for more money, so he could gamble in Wall St.

PEG LEG PETE.

**Denver & Rio Grande Ry.****Pueblo to Salina—**

Bro. Richards, at Vallie, is back at the old stand doing business, after a six weeks' vacation spent in California.

Bro. R. D. Giddings, of Echo, was awarded second trick at Rouse Junction, on bulletin, relieving Bro. W. B. Davis, who went to Echo temporarily.

It seems to me, it would be a good plan to have a meeting every month, to see where we stand, and to know what is going on. Other roads do it. Why can not we? It is not very satisfactory doing business by letter. What do you think?

Portland agency is to be transferred February 23d, but at this writing we are unable to ascertain the name of the new man.

Mr. Barron has accepted a position at Katcina, Colo., with the A. T. & S. F. Ry.

Bro. Stakes was bumped from second trick at Portland, by Bro. Challis. We understand Bro. Stakes is visiting his brother in Pueblo.

Bro. Braylon returned from his vacation, February 17th, to resume duty as agent at Castle Rock, which displaces Bro. Lutz.

Bro. Lutz has been working extra for the past few months.

Third trick man at San Carlos, south end, has been taken off, which leaves Bro. Kennedy and Bro. Owens to run the business.

The night telegrapher at Dresden, south end, has been taken off. This releases Bro. Bower, who has gone to visit his folks in Kansas.

The night office at Orlando, south end, has been closed. Bro. Elliott who was employed at that point as night man is visiting Denver.

Mr. Commons, who has been working extra second trick at Castle Rock, north end, has left the service. "13" he goes to the Rock Island.

Bro. Eaton, an extra man, was transferred to West Slope. It is rumored that he has a good agency over there.

Superintendent F. R. Rockwell and several others in authority stopped at Portland not long ago, and stated that a new cement depot with electric light and steam heat would soon be built at that point.

Louviers, north end, is now a one-man job.

Two men are employed at Larkspur and Eden, north end.

Bro. O. E. Bain, of Huerfano, south end, has gone into the "hoss" business, purchasing one of Bro. Bailey's best bronchoes.



Bro. Babbitt, of Parkdale, has returned to work after two weeks' sickness. We are all glad to know that he is able to resume duty.

Bro. Rumke is now at Riverton, having bumped Bro. H. L. Evans, who went to La Junta, Colo., for a few days.

Bro. J. C. McCloskey, formerly of Echo, has left the service, to go on his father-in-law's farm at Pikeview.

There are a few who have not paid dues. We earnestly request that they do so at once, and remain in good standing. We all know the value of a card, especially if we are in search of employment.

CERT. 625.

#### *Second and Third Divisions—*

A few of the recent changes are:

Mr. Albert, at Minturn, third trick, to Wolcott, send trick, on bulletin.

Mr. Hardenbright, at Wolcott, to Red Cliff, third trick, extra.

Mr. Fordy, at Malta, third trick, to Buena Vista, second trick, on bulletin.

Mr. French, at Tenn Pass, to third trick, extra, then to Glenwood couple of days, relieving Dispatcher Wightman. Later Mr. French left the Rio Grande to accept a position with the Utah Copper Co., Sunny Side, Utah.

Mr. Bowlin, at Granite, to Malta, third trick, extra.

Mr. Whipple took Avon agency, on bulletin.

Bro. Hickey did extra work at Minturn, Red Cliff and Granite, recently.

Ye scribe off a few days; relieved by Bro. O. F. Bubb from Gunnison.

Bro. W. J. Stone working third trick at Minturn, extra.

'Twas 6 o'clock in the morning, about the break of day;

A stock train just rolled into town, as the non crawled out of the hay.

A gentleman appeared at the window and asked for more time on 3,

The answer received didn't suit him, so he goes in and handles the key.

It seems Mr. Non had his skates on, but how lucky some people are,

For right then and there he received rollers, and we guess e'er this he's rolled far.

The moral in this is an old one, but for fear you don't see it I'll say,

If you can not drink and attend to your business, quit the business, then go your own way.

Through a misunderstanding on my part Mr. Fordy has heretofore been referred to as brother. I regret very much at having to admit that Mr. Fordy does not carry a card, and I hope he will do the right thing by making good.

Bro. W. S. Cole took Sargent agency, on bulletin.

Bro. E. M. Clodfelter at Buena Vista, to Sargent, second trick; relieving Bro. E. A. Fondel, who was called into Denver.

Bro. Walters, at Sargent, to Cimarron agency, on bulletin.

I am indebted to Bro. Clodfelter for items this month pertaining to the Third Division. Bro. Clodfelter is now in a position to give advice as to the handling of steam, having recently come face to face with a pot of peas which blew up while cooking.

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#### **Pennsylvania Ry.**

##### *Allegheny Division—*

It is gratifying to note that we lost only four members by suspension, and two of these are not actively engaged in telegraphing. This, too, is a fine showing, and goes to prove that our faith in the organization remains unbroken despite the many disappointments. We are hoping day by day that business will pick up again so that we will be in a position to press our claim for the restoration of the relief day, also the old rate of wages.

Bro. E. A. Hudson has resigned to accept a position in Philadelphia with the Bell Telephone Co. We are sorry to have "HD" leave us and the best wishes of all are with him in his new field of labor.

Bro. D. B. McCracken was off duty a few days recently, relieved by Bro. H. T. Marsh, who in turn was relieved by Miss Shannon, from the extra list.

Bro. Wm. Rockwell was away for a few days lately, making a trip to Columbus, Ohio, on personal business.

Bro. John Say bid in third trick at "MR" tower, relieving Bro. E. D. Craig, who secured third trick at Lawsonham.

Bro. W. F. Reiner is back on the road, having been appointed agent at Tyler in place of Bro. V. E. Seeley, who resigned to accept service with the B. & S. Ry.

The many friends of I. L. Green, who for many years was a staunch member of our Order, will be pleased to learn that he has so far recovered his health as to permit of his resuming duty in the near future.

"My father does not allow me to" is the latest excuse for not becoming a member, handed out by a tender youth of 22. Such filial duty is worthy of a better cause.

The meetings at Kittanning are being very well attended, which is a good argument in favor of a system division on the P. R. R. Under the system division plan the local chairman is authorized, in fact it is his duty, to hold meetings at stated intervals at the most convenient point on the division; not necessarily the same place each time, but at any point that may be decided upon from time to time.

BRIGHAM.

##### *Belvidere Division—*

Many new men are coming to this division. If they are nons, we should give them no rest until their applications for membership are secured.

New offices as follows: Moore, Wilburtha, Washingtons Crossing, Dickinsons, and Coalport

are the new block offices south, including "FH" office.

Since the write-up in the last issue, Mr. Hurt, from one of the southern roads, has been appointed third trick man at Nieces.

Mr. Kreckel, commercial telegrapher, is now working second trick at Nieces.

Flemington Junction, three tricks, was bid in as follows: Mr. Julius Vetter, first trick; Mr. Darumple, second trick and Mr. T. E. Ryan, acting as third trick man.

Brother Parker is now holding down first trick at Wilburtha.

Mr. Charles Wharton is working the second trick at Washingtons Crossing.

Why is it that while trainmen pay dues amounting to over two dollars per month, telegraphers cannot afford to pay five dollars every six months. The question is usually answered as follows: "I cannot do it on \$54.45 per month." While this is quite true, whose fault is it that we do not draw more money?

Mr. Ashcroft has been assigned to second trick at Stockton, having been the successful applicant for that position. Mr. Williams, the third trick man is doing the "owl" stunt.

Wake up, boys, the block, wire and messages make a great deal more work. How about more salary?

Reports are current that certain telegraphers are sleeping on duty. This doesn't look good, especially in view of the fact that we are only on duty eight hours.

There is no reason why the membership in the west should be any stronger than in the east, yet this is said to be the case. The west is stronger. Why? Because the men pull together and keep after the nons. Let us do likewise.

CERT. 23457.

### Southern Pacific Ry.

#### *Sacramento Division—*

On account of heavy rains, landslides and washouts, we have been having strenuous times on this division for the past few weeks. Trains have been from one to five days late. The track between Davis and Sacramento is washed out and it will be some time before it is repaired.

The night telegraph office at Elmira has been closed on account of a washout. This means that Bro. J. E. Mather will be required to remain on duty twelve hours.

Bros. E. M. Sanford and G. C. Dove, from the Western Division, are employed on this division at the present time on account of the bridge over Stony Creek being washed out.

A. R. Thompson, from the Coast Division, who has been at Elmira for the past month relieving Bro. E. H. Roe, has been transferred to Bay Point. Bro. Roe has been visiting in New York.

Bros. Sackett and Coons, with the rest of the inhabitants of Emigrant Gap, have been quarantined, so we understand, on account of smallpox.

On account of the death of his little son, Bro. Baxter, of Vino, was off duty for some time before Christmas. We extend our heartfelt sympathy.

On account of washouts, temporary night offices have been opened at Wheatland, Biggs and Vino.

Bro. H. C. Troth, who has been employed as clerk at Chico for some time, has been transferred to Auburn, exchanging positions with Mr. Butler.

Several nons seem to be showing up along the line. We should all make an effort to secure their applications for membership.

The election of delegate and alternate, also local chairman, has aroused more interest than usual. Indications point favorably toward the election of Bro. Blackford for local chairman, Bro. Walters, representative and Bro. Houston, alternate. Now that we will have a new local chairman, let us assist him. Bro. Bates has been a valuable local chairman and we trust that he will be of much assistance to his successor. Div. Cor.

#### *"BD," General Telegraph Office, San Francisco—*

Bro. C. L. Balliet has been off a few days on account of illness.

Bro. Al Kendall has moved from Elmhurst to Alameda.

Mr. McKenney, "G," has purchased a ranch in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

The heavy storms in California during the past two weeks have "played hob" with our wires, especially the eastern circuits. Omaha has been down almost continually, and also Portland.

Bro. H. W. Glensor laid off a few days during the early part of January and took the bar examination at Sacramento, returning a full-fledged "attorney and counselor at law." All he now lacks is clients.

We were favored with a visit from Bro. Koppikus, secretary and treasurer of Division 53, a short time ago, who wrote several applications. There are now but four nons in the office, and we live in hopes. A. Murr.

#### *Shasta Division—*

Business is rather dull at present, owing to the several slides and washouts during the past month.

The weather is clearing and we have indications of an early spring. Oregon is generally noted for its heavy rains, but it cannot be compared to California this season.

The nons on this division are gradually thinning out and we are in hopes the few who are left will be with us in the near future.

Bro. J. E. Beale, first trick Kennet, is transferred to the Coast Division, relieved by Telegrapher Geo. Corby. We wish Bro. Beale success. Telegrapher Corby is a new man on this division, therefore I am unable to say whether a member or not.

Bro. W. R. Long received second trick at Kennet on last bulletin.

Bro. H. W. Woods is back to the old stand after a siege of illness.

Bro. L. S. Watts is relieving at Keswick. Smithson is now open for bid. Bro. Shutt is relieving at Smithson.

Bro. M. P. Jarvis, relief at Redding, is working second trick.

Bro. A. J. Foster was the successful applicant for the agency at Castella.

Bro. A. C. Kallstead is doing the owl stunt at Cottonwood.

Bro. Townes is relieving Bro. F. A. Reiser, agent at Montague. Bro. Reiser is enjoying a three weeks' layoff in Southern California. Bro. L. W. Meyers has succeeded in landing the second trick at Montague. Bro. West is doing the owl stunt.

Bro. Rudolph, third trick at Red Bluff, has gone east, owing to the illness of his mother.

Telegrapher Fender is relieving at Hornbrook, second trick. It is rumored he was appointed assistant superintendent of telegraph, under F. S. Rawlins, superintendent telegraph, Pacific System. Also understand Fender is going to superintend the installation of phones for train despatching between San Jose and San Francisco.

The agency at Hilt is still open for bid. Bro. U. L. Hakes is relieving at Hilt.

The following positions, shown in Bulletin No. 9, are now open for bids: Agency at Macdoel; second telegrapher at Redding; first telegrapher and clerk at Kennet; night telegrapher at Smithson; night telegrapher and clerk at Montague, and the agency at Hilt.

Bro. and Chairman F. E. Walters is nominated to act as local chairman of Shasta Division, also nominated to represent the Shasta and Sacramento Divisions. Owing to Bro. Walters' excellent work in the past, I, for one, wish to see him our future local chairman and our representative at the biennial convention, to be held at Atlanta, Georgia.

CERT. 2434, Div. 53.

### Oregon Short Line Ry.

Quite a number of our good brothers will be surprised to hear from the Oregon Short Line on account of our prolonged silence, but never fear, we will "bob up" occasionally.

Although the Oregon Short Line pays a minimum salary of \$70.00 per month, which compares favorably with other roads in the west, we are in need of a schedule, as we have no means of holding our rights and adjusting grievances.

W. G. Talcott, who has been working third trick at Kemmerer, is now doing the stunt as telegrapher and bill clerk at North Kemmerer (or Frontier) on account of Bro. C. V. Foster being quarantined. His wife and baby have the scarlet fever.

Bro. A. S. Hurley is away on a visit. His brother Frank, who did the second trick stunt at Cokeville, is now at Sage relieving him. We are unable to learn when "A. S." returns.

Why should we be termed "dead ones," when there are, I am sure, some real lively men on this division. With a little encouragement from

each other, and some effort, we can, within a short time, get everyone lined up and by pulling together, obtain the schedule, of which we are so much in need.

It is rumored that Bro. Tolle, agent at Pegram, is going to leave us in the spring. We cannot vouch for the truth of the report, but in case it is correct we wish him success in the future and it goes without saying we are sorry to see him go.

I am unable to furnish much of a write-up on account of the scarcity of news. I would request that each and every one on the division who hears anything of interest drop me a card advising relative to the same and I will see that it is incorporated in the news items and forwarded to the journal for publication. In this way only can we succeed in being nicely represented each month.

It is rumored that within a few days there will be an opening at Kemmerer. Openings at that office are of quite frequent occurrence, but they are usually filled by men from other roads. I am sure there are capable men on this line who would like the job, but on account of having no schedule they get no chance to bid it in. All positions should be bulletined when open, giving the older men a chance at the best positions, provided they are capable of handling them.

I should be more than pleased to hear from all brothers on the 1st District, Idaho Division, O. S. L., in time to furnish a nice write-up for the April TELEGRAPHER.

Let's all get in line now, and see what we can do for ourselves.

CERT. 6417.

### Northern Pacific Ry.

#### Lake Superior Division—

On a former occasion I promised to try my hand again if there were no kicks on the items sent in at that time. As no one has raised any objections, I will forward what I have gleaned since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER. I am willing to do my best, but in order to make our write-up interesting it will be necessary for the members to lend their assistance by sending in items. They should be in the hands of Chairman O'Sullivan at Hinckley not later than the 20th of each month.

By the way, Harry is in the race for delegate to the Atlanta convention.

What do you think about having a meeting in the near future? If you have any suggestions to make, let us have them.

About two weeks ago the safe in the depot at Mahtawa was blown open and the next night the same thing occurred at Barnum, but it is understood the cracksmen got but little loot at either place.

The third man at West Duluth was pulled off recently, and it is rumored that Mr. Fairchild went to Elevator station and thence to Central Ave. Bro. Carlson went from Central Ave. to Carlton, second trick, and Bro. Jacksie from second to third trick at Carlton. Mr. Fiola, who

held third trick, has gone to some point farther west on this road.

Mr. Abbott is night man at West Duluth at present.

Short Line Park has been closed, and Mr. Steele, third man there, went to his home in Duluth a few days, but is now night man at Gronigen.

Bro. Mason landed the second trick at Wyoming, and Bro. Ellwood Gray is now the only owl at Moose Lake, on account of a reduction in force.

Mr. Swanson was bumped from third at Wyoming and went to Gronigen nights, only to be bumped by Mr. Steele a few days later. He is now at his home in Stacy.

Mr. J. Carrol was bumped from Gronigen nights, by Mr. Swanson, and went to his home in Stillwater.

Bro. Remmey, third at Pine City, made a flying trip to White Bear on No. 101, the first of the month, and was the guest of Bro. Harry MacDonald, of the St. Paul Division, until 104 came along.

Telegrapher Joe O'Brien, who sustained an injury to his foot a short time ago, is now out and walks as well as ever, and is to be congratulated on his speedy recovery. He was in Duluth seeing the sights, this week, and incidentally spending his spare cash.

Bro. Russell, from Short Line Park, was down the line a few days ago.

Bro. Donald, third at Rush City, had the misfortune to fall and injure his arm about a month ago. He went to the Brainerd Hospital, where he is still confined. He was relieved by Bro. J. A. Schroeder, a man from the Second District.

Bro. O. E. Peterson is now doing third trick at Wyoming. "R."

Hinckley, Minn., Feb. 24, 1909.

To all Concerned:

Bro. R. W. E. Remmey, located at Pine City, Minn., has kindly volunteered to act as Division Correspondent. It is now up to every man on the first, second and third districts to lend a helping hand by contributing items of interest to us that may come to his notice. These should reach Bro. Remmey not later than the 18th of the month, in order to enable him to get article in Bro. Quick's hands on or not later than the 28th, or same cannot be sent to press in time to appear in following issue of journal.

By the way, I would like to call attention to the fact that using company stationery for correspondence relating to O. R. T. business and using the railroad business mail service for forwarding same should not be practiced under any circumstances. Using company mail service for business of above nature is illegal and one is liable to a heavy fine. By using company stationery one lays himself open to censure.

Another thing, I would like to have the co-operation of every member in trying to discover the parties who are guilty of using obscene and coarse language over the wire—especially No. 111.

Some nights the talk is absolutely disgusting. I trust I am right in believing that it is none of our worthy members who are guilty. They show such good sense in every way that it is hard to believe they would degrade themselves in this manner. Let us get together and endeavor to put a damper on this and the habit some have of breaking the circuit and interfering with and delaying business, which is frequently quite important. All those little things help to defeat our purpose of demonstrating to the officials that it is the members of our noble organization who are the most efficient, trustworthy and reliable employees they have in the telegraph service.

Trusting you will individually and collectively assist me in locating the persons guilty of the above practices, I remain, with best wishes,

Yours fraternally,

H. J. O'SULLIVAN,  
Local Chairman,  
Lake Superior Div.

#### Rocky Mountain Division—

Bro. R. E. Breed, third trick from Weed, bumped Bro. T. W. Hildemann, second trick at Birdseye, who took third trick at Weed.

Bro. A. Y. Tuel, third trick at Birdseye, put in a bid for M. C. Crossing, but after he discovered that it was a lever job cancelled his application.

Telegrapher Earl, of Big Bend, is in Missoula hospital, suffering with pneumonia. Relieved by Telegrapher Clymer, a new arrival.

The following positions were bulletined during the past month: Third tricks at Drummond, Arlee, Gold Creek, Iron Mountain and St. Regis Junction; second and third tricks at Frenchtown, Lathrop and Rivulet; first, second and third tricks at Pontus.

Larson on C. D. A. branch opened as an agency.

Local Chairman Rundue, of Philipsburg; Bro. Witter, of Schley, and Sister Westberg, of Perma, were Missoula visitors during the month.

On account of St. Regis Paradise cut off put in operation offices at Sada, Olive, McDonald and Nine Mile were closed.

Bro. T. Sheridan, from third to second. Bro. R. J. Dilley, from second to agent, at Austin, on account of Bro. L. B. Mowrey resigning.

Chief Dispatcher Showalter is taking a two months' vacation, and is spending his time in California. Assistant Chief Hazen acting as chief during his absence. Div. Cor.

#### Idaho Division—

Bro. Kirkpatrick, first trick at Trout Creek, is now working third trick at 7th Ave. At present Bro. Mansell is working first trick at Trout Creek; Bro. Rice, second, and Mr. Doles, third.

Bro. Brown, at Tuscor, is on a short vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Beske. Bro. Greene, of Tuscor, has resigned; relieved by Bro. Waugh, who has transferred to us from Division No. 7.

A new man at Kootenai, by the name of Barrett. We are unable to learn what became of Bro. Morrison.

Bro. Arndt, of Ramsey, laying off for a few days. Telegrapher Paula working third trick, and the other boys have moved up a notch.

Telegrapher Paterson from 7th Ave. to Plaza, as agent. Telegrapher Mason taking the agency at Greer, and Mr. Wagar returned to Peck.

Send your news items to Bro. Seward, at Trent, who will see that they reach me in time for the write-up.

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#### Minnesota Division—

Mr. Logue, who has been taking several weeks' vacation, is again at Hawley. Mr. Skorheim, who relieved him, transferred to Henning.

Bro. Ogrosky secured Winnipeg Junction telegraph position, on bulletin.

Mr. Mahar has been transferred to second trick at Glyndon.

Bro. Anderson has been doing relief agent's work, and is holding down Grafton at present. Do not know who will get Grafton permanently.

Bro. P. J. Lund is holding down Gary station.

Latest reports are that Mr. Johnson is to be transferred to Grafton, and Bro. Anderson goes to Voss in his stead.

Bro. Hanna, of Lake Park, was on sick list for a few days. We are glad to know that he has recovered, and has resumed duty.

Understand Mr. McKay, from Wahpeton, is going to set the Staples agency, and Bro. Moses, who has been agent at Henning for some time, is going to Wahpeton.

We are sorry to lose Mr. White, our genial traveling auditor, who has been transferred to other and better territory. Mr. Donely succeeds him.

All members of the Order who have not yet paid dues, are urgently requested to do so, as a list will be sent to all up-to-date members some time in April, and you will all want your name on the up-to-date list. Don't overlook your insurance.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

#### Pacific Division—

Line up between Portland and Goble.

North Portland, a new station recently opened, is a junction point with the Northern Pacific and the Spokane, Portland & Seattle R. R. Bros. C. R. Gillespie, P. Brandon, H. Sayer, are working first, second and third tricks, respectively; Bro. Shinn, who had been assigned to third trick at this point, had been working there recently, until he was relieved by Bro. J. H. Hempstead. Bro. Hempstead was in turn relieved by Bro. Sayer. Understand Bro. Hempstead is out of the service now. Bro. Sayer carries a card in Division No. 76, C. & N. W.

Bro. Shinn is working at Kelso; says he expects to be relieved there soon, as there will be a new office opened shortly between Ridgefield and Vancouver Junction, which he expects to take.

Account of severe weather conditions, which caused a number of landslides on the line between Kalama and Vancouver, it was found necessary to abandon this line until weather conditions moderated to some extent; the old ferry across

the Columbia River is being used again; the telegraphers who were working on the line between Kalama and Vancouver were removed to the stations on the old line between Goble and Portland, where they will remain until the former line is put into condition, which will probably be in the very near future.

Bro. E. C. Shirk, agent at Bucoda, who has been there for some few years, has grown tired of that job; Montesano agency being open was bulletined. Bro. Shirk signed for, and got it.

Bro. T. W. McNicle, who formerly worked in "WR" office, Tacoma, bid in the agency at Bucoda.

Bro. J. W. McKey, relief agent, who was at Montesano, is now working at Vancouver.

New agency opened at Wabash, a junction point with the Washington and Oregon R. R., and the Northern Pacific Ry., about two miles east of Centralia, was bulletined, signed for by Bro. H. D. Patterson, who got it, but was finally bumped by Mr. E. A. Freeman, a non. Bro. Patterson then took the agency at Dryad.

Bro. L. C. Thornton, who was working the second trick at Winlock, took the first trick there, when Bro. Patterson took the agency at Wabash. Mr. Joe Flobert is now working the second trick at Winlock.

Bro. Phares, who was working the telegrapher and ticket job at Hoquiam, has been assigned to the agency at Napavine. Bro. Joe Coughlin, regular agent, is laying off for a while.

Bro. H. D. Carstens, who has been East on a visit, is now at his old post as second trick telegrapher at Castle Rock.

Bro. L. E. Dike is now working the second trick at Tenino, he was formerly working the second trick at Kelso.

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#### Pasco Division—

Telegraphers put on at Wins Gravel Pit and Camp Four between Cheney and Marshall, while work trains raising track on Marshall Hill where S. P. & S. go under the N. P. tracks. Telegrapher Wilkinson at Camp Four, and McCarthy at Wins Gravel Pit; McCarty worked on N. P. years ago, and has just returned to service lately; is up-to-date in G. N. Division No. 70, but will be transferred to No. 54.

Telegraphers Wilkinson and McCarty sent to S. P. & S. Junction for a few days, and Bros. Voight and Mitchell sent to Vista and Ritzville. Bro. Voight came to Cheney the other day to see us, and incidentally to see his affinity.

During the work train service through Marshall, an extra telegrapher was put on, a Mr. Berger, from Umtanum. He was transferred to Fish Trap and later to S. P. & S. Junction. Bro. McCarty returned to Wins Gravel Pit.

Bro. Gore, from Fish Trap, visited the brothers at Cheney, lately. We regret to learn that he is on the sick list, and hope for his speedy recovery.

E. W. Blackstone, third trick at Tyler, traded with Telegrapher E. D. Myley, of Fish Trap. Bro. Windsor, from Providence, comes to Tyler, second trick, bumping Bro. Hunt to third trick.

J. D. Hormers, first trick at Fish Trap, on account of Bro. Gore being sick. Mr. Blackstone got nicely fixed at Fish Trap, for batching, then was bumped by W. F. Berger, from Marshall, Blackstone going to "GN," at Everett.

Bro. Spurgeon from Tyler agency, to agency at Sunnyside. Haney from Sunnyside to Toppenish. McDougal back to Mabton. Mr. Wood from Mabton to Keystone, and Bro. Evans from Keystone to Tyler.

C. F. Basset, agent at Lind, resigned to go into bank at Davenport. Sainsbury, from Cunningham, gets Lind, and Bro. Freeman made temporary agent at Cunningham, this position may be permanent, am not sure.

Bro. Dan Putnam, first trick at Sprague, took a few days' leave of absence; relieved by Schrader, from No. Yakima.

Bro. Uhlin and Mr. Larabee at Sprague, fixed up tricks a little different while Bro. Putnam was gone.

Am shy any notes from west end, and can not give anything for that territory. **CERT. 497.**

#### *East End, Montana Division—*

Billings Yard—Bro. Preston, from Foster, is on first trick; Telegrapher J. T. Luetke, from the Union Pacific, has the second trick and Telegrapher A. Gaylord, from the Burlington, is doing third.

Laurel—Bro. Brehmer has exchanged tricks with Bro. Meadows.

Park City—Commercial Bro. H. L. Grunell is on second trick, relieving Telegrapher Howard, who goes to Lombard, Mont. Telegrapher Luckey is the new man on third trick.

Rapids—Telegrapher Blackford, from the big office, Billings, copied first trick at this point; Bro. F. H. Loomis, from Rocky Mountain Div. is on second trick, and Bro. H. A. Dahl, from the C. M. & St. P., is holding down third.

Columbus—Agent Cook is back at work. Bro. Logan is doing first and Telegrapher Scott third tricks. Bro. Morrow is at Billings as a witness in Young's point case.

Merrill—Bro. Burnside has been transferred from second trick at Grey Cliff to first. Telegrapher Dedlake, from the Southern Pacific has second and Bro. Stephens from the U. C. & St. L. is on third.

Grey Cliff—Telegrapher Malekson, who has been with the C. & N.-W. at Chicago, is now on second trick, and Telegrapher Coey from Soo Line is on third.

Big Timber—Bro. Hannon, from Laurel, is on first trick.

Telegrapher Ogle has gone east on account of sickness of one of his children.

Springdell—Bro. Sweiger is relieving Bro. Van Ness as agent. Telegrapher Huntley, from "MU," transferred to third trick.

Mission—Bro. Hoover, from Hoppers, now has first trick at this point and two new men, whom I do not know are on second and third.

#### *West End—*

Bro. Jesse relieved a few days at Livingston, and was later placed at Whitehall.

Bro. Wintersteen, of Bozeman, is on the sick list. He is relieved by Telegrapher Medsker, from Wabash.

Bro. L. A. Nott, of Division 130, is the new man on third trick at Hoppers.

H. G. McMurphy, from the C. & N.-W., is working temporarily at "PP" Junction while Bro. Stewart goes to Missoula Hospital for treatment.

I understand that Bro. Woodruff at Butte is leaving the service and that Bro. English, of Townsend, gets the vacancy.

It is rumored that Bro. Fuller, third at Belgrade, has left there.

Thanks to Bro. Carpenter for his items. Come again. **LOCAL CHAIRMAN.**

#### *Yellowstone Division—*

Am writing this on the twenty-fourth, and have not, as yet, received a single contribution of items from anyone. This will account for Yellowstone Division being so meagerly represented this month. I shall make no more requests for assistance, as my pleading seems to be in vain, and unless the members come to my aid I fear the space taken up by the items of this division will be rather small.

Brothers Byrne and Youngs, from Belfield and Judson, made a trip to Huntley recently, to look over the position there with a view to making application for it when it is bulletined.

After an absence of six weeks Bro. Mosher has returned to the division, taking second trick at Belfield. He relieves Bro. Penberthy, who took third at Hebron.

Bro. Paul relieved Bro. Young at Judson while the latter went to Huntley.

Third trick at Terry is bulletined, and second trick at Hebron is to be. The outlook for a few of the men who were laid off a short time ago is good. **L. C.**

#### **Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry.**

The following is the result of the election held by Division 55: Bro. J. O. Peoples was elected delegate to the grand division convention; Bro. L. G. Haines was elected alternate to grand division convention; Bro. H. A. Niswanger elected local chairman, Toledo Division; Bro. E. F. Turner elected local chairman Cleveland Division; Bro. C. E. Baltzer elected local chairman Wheeling Division; Bro. A. H. Shabb elected local chairman W. P. T. and W. S. B. R. R.

**C. R. GUTHRIE,  
G. S. & T.**

#### *W. P. T., W. S. B., East End—*

Bro. J. W. Scott, agent at Hopedale, is off on ten days' vacation, visiting relatives at Zanesville, Ohio. Mr. Dorn is acting as agent during Bro. Scott's absence.

Bro. Weiss, agent at Brilliant, with the assistance of the town marshall, succeeded in rounding

up a gang of thieves who had broken into cars and stolen considerable freight. The guilty persons were all section men located at that point.

Bro. Dever, of Div. 107, was the successful bidder on the third trick at Mingo. We expect to have the brother transferred to Div. 55 ere this appears in print.

Bro. McKean, second trick at Hopedale, off for a few days, relieved by Mr. Ratenberger.

After a thirty-day vacation Bro. Shaff has resumed duty as agent at Avella. Cannot say where he spent his vacation.

No items have been received from the west end for several months. This doesn't look very encouraging, I am sure. There should be quite a write-up each month from Div. 55, but it doesn't look like a square deal to expect one person to furnish it. Each member having items for publication will please send them to Bro. Guthrie, Jewett, Ohio, or the local chairman on his division before the 25th of the month. Let us get busy and show a decided improvement in the future.

Business is very dull on the east end, and although prosperity has been promised, we have not as yet experienced it in these parts.

CERT. 93.

#### *West End—*

On account of extra 2306 east derailling several cars, Bro. R. Ream, at Monroeville, was required to work the 13-hour limit, after which he was relieved by Extra Telegrapher Bro. C. C. Lohr, who was rushed to the scene of the wreck via the electric line from Norwalk.

The boys at "V" office, Bellevue, are working in a brand new office. The Nickel Plate put in a second trick at that place and the old tower stood in their way. The new tower stands where Bill Ray's flag shanty stood, and on account of the small space, is not as large as the old one.

February 15th found us in the grip of one of the worst sleet storms in the history of this part of the country. Wires were down for a couple of days and the damage amounted to thousands of dollars.

Bro. C. C. Lohr relieved Telegrapher H. C. Fry, third trick at Norwalk yard for a few nights, while he was laying off on account of a death in the family.

Bro. C. C. Perry has vacated the third trick at Hartland and bid in the second trick at Adena. He was relieved by W. F. Forbes, a new man from the Erie.

Extra Telegrapher Bro. C. C. Lohr relieved at Coshocton for a few days and later was sent to Lodi to relieve Bro. Marvin.

The following positions were advertised during the month: Curtice, agency bid in by G. D. Ricketts; Limestone, night telegrapher bid in by M. F. Berry; Kingsway, agency, no bids received; Williston, agency, no bid; Hartland, third trick bid in by J. C. Robinson; Adena, second trick bid in by Bro. C. C. Perry; Carnegie, agency awarded to Ralph Allen; Lodi, second trick, bid

not closed; Miles Ave., third trick, bid not closed; Smithfield, agency, bid not closed.

Bro. Ed Drennen makes regular trips from Hartland to Norwalk to buy "grub." Ed has bought a mustang and expects to do a little farming on the side this summer.

Employees of the Huron Steel and Iron Co. now go to and from work on our Huron run. It keeps Bro. L. E. Brown at Norwalk depot busy in the morning selling them tickets.

CERT. 113.

#### **Georgia Southern & Florida Ry.**

The regular monthly meeting was held at Valdosta, February 14th, with a good attendance and some very important matters were handled. These meetings are held at Valdosta every second Sunday and the members will never regret having spent a day in the city. Those on the Jacksonville and Palatka Divisions have an extra good opportunity to attend. Let us all make a special effort to be present each month.

Bro. W. O. Wilson, of Vienna, was elected general chairman to succeed Bro. L. D. Hamilton, who has accepted a position with the A. C. L. at Valdosta.

Mr. Ivey has been transferred from Hampton, Fla. to Vienna as clerk and telegraphed.

Bro. Haslam has been transferred from Bonaire agency to Hampton as clerk and telegrapher.

Mr. E. Walton, formerly manager of the Western Union at Vienna, has taken the Bonaire agency.

Mr. Middlebrooks is now working nights at Findlay.

Mr. J. W. Clark, third trick at Cordele union ticket office has left for parts unknown. He is relieved by Mr. Collatt.

Bro. J. E. Johnson, from the Central of Georgia at Albany, who has been working car clerk's job in freight office at Tifton, goes to union ticket office, first trick. Mr. J. J. Duggan, one of the C. T. U. of A. boys, is working second at union ticket office.

Mr. Carr, from the Central of Georgia, is now working the second trick at Valdosta freight house.

Don't forget the meeting at Valdosta every second Sunday; come out and be with us.

Div. Cor.

#### **H. T. C. Ry.**

On January 4th, First Division train dispatcher's office moved from the old office in passenger station to the new building erected for that purpose, at the freight yards about a mile and a half north. This change was made to make more room for Superintendent Sheehan's office.

The first floor of the new building is occupied by Yard Master Mann, and his assistants and yard clerks. The second floor occupied by Assistant Superintendent Mr. J. F. Sugrue, and train dispatcher's office.

The above change abolished the yard (N. Y.) office, and created a telegraph office in Mr. Shee-

han's office. Bro. S. F. Hyde, from the yard, assigned to the new office. Bro. A. E. Laisure, from the yard, assigned to second trick, Corsicana, Texas. Bro. J. H. Barton, from yard office, assigned to third trick, Bremond, Texas. Abolishing the Ennis yard office, entitled the three men thrown out to bump the youngest men. Am unable to state who Bros. Laisure and Barton displaced.

Wires were cut into the ticket office at Ennis, and Ticket Agent, Bro. W. T. Turner is now handling train orders for passenger trains.

Bro. E. A. Tabler was assigned to second trick at Bremond, Texas, on the bulletin.

Bro. J. S. Brooks, agent at Kosse, Texas, has been off on leave, on account of sickness in his family; relieved by Bro. C. Lidsay.

Upon Bro. Daffans return from San Antonio he arranged with Bro. Bader, for the latter to go to Denison, Texas, for a month, thus allowing Bro. Daffan to work second trick at Dallas, where he can spend the time with his mother, sister and two brothers.

Bro. Haynie, an extra man, relieved Bro. Daffan at Denison, until he returned from San Antonio.

Bro. Mills was off about twenty days during the holidays, visiting relatives; relieved by Bro. B. C. Walker, an extra man.

Bro. Chris Earlander, doing the all-night stunt (Interlocker-telegrapher), was on leave a few days during the holidays; relieved by an extra man, Mr. Hinton.

E. C. Meredith, first trick dispatcher, north end, first division, has been on leave several days, accompanying his daughter, who was very ill, to the Infirmary, Llano, Texas. Relieved by Bro. A. E. Rawlings, regular first trick telegrapher. Bro. W. L. Snodgrass relieving Bro. Rawlings, Bro. Slagle relieving Bro. Snodgrass and Bro. C. H. Daffan, from Dallas, relieved Bro. Slagle. Bro. Barber, an extra man, relieved Bro. Daffan, at Dallas, and several days before Mr. Meredith returned Bro. Barber transferred to Ennis, and Bro. Daffan returned to Dallas.

We are glad to hear that Mr. Meredith's daughter reached Llano O. K., and is now rapidly recovering.

Bro. Ralston, agent at Kennedale, has been attending court at Ft. Worth, Texas; relieved by Relief Agent Mr. T. E. Hardaway.

Bro. B. H. Cooks is off on account of the serious illness of his daughter. We are sorry to hear of her illness, and truly hope she will have fully recovered before this reaches the press. Bro. Cooks relieved by T. E. Hardaway, who is relief agent.

Bro. W. D. Lindsay, relief agent, is holding down Thornton, Texas, until that station is bid in on next bulletin. Made vacant by Bro. Cabeen bidding in a day telegraph position at Van Alstyne, Texas.

Bro. Walker is holding down the agency at Benchley, Texas, until that station is bid in on next bulletin. This station was made vacant by the departure of Mr. Franklin.

Split trick in Ennis dispatcher's office has been pulled off on account of dull business.

Ballots have been issued for the purpose of electing chairmen for the year 1909. Following is list of the nominations:

For Local Chairman, main line and branches, south of Ennis, except Austin branch, or Second Division: Bro. W. W. Harris, day operator, Bryan, Texas; Bro. T. J. Ficklin, day operator at Bremond, Texas, for re-election.

For main line north of Ennis and Ft. Worth branch: Bro. S. S. Beene, day operator, Ft. Worth, Texas, for re-election; Bro. E. R. Inge, second trick operator, Sherman, Texas.

For Austin branch, or Second Division: Bro. R. P. Cabeen, operator at Elgin, Texas, for re-election; Bro. R. Fishbeck, operator at Llano, Texas.

For Representative to Grand Division: Bro. W. J. Burke, our worthy general chairman; Bro. S. S. Beene, our worthy local chairman.

For Alternate to Grand Division: Bro. J. A. McKey, our worthy general secretary and treasurer.

To all members of Local No. 57, including Second Division, or Austin branch. Mail all news concerning members and nons, and all changes, or any other news concerning the O. R. T., to Certificate 223, No. 460 South Walnut St., Sherman, Texas, and it will receive proper care. Remember a correspondent can not give you information through the journal without something to work on. Don't leave this for the other fellow to do.

Bro. Konenkamp, a member of the O. R. T. and President of the C. T. U. A., paid us a very pleasant visit while in Sherman.

On January 5th the Grim Reaper removed from our midst Mrs. C. H. Daffan, wife of our highly respected Bro. Chas. H. Daffan, first trick telegrapher at Denison, Texas. At 3 p. m., Bro. Daffan was notified his wife was sick. He was on duty, and quickly repaired to her bedside. She was considered very ill, but not dangerously so, however. About 6:20 p. m., Sister Daffan called her companion to her side, and stated that she could not recover, and requested him to allow her parents, Judge and Mrs. Bliss, of San Antonio, Texas, to take charge of and raise their two little sons, age 3 and 4 years, realizing, no doubt, that it is almost impossible to raise children without the tender care of a mother, and at 6:30 p. m. she expired.

Relatives had been notified and Mrs. L. A. Daffan, Sr., of Dallas, mother of Bro. Daffan, was on her way to Denison when she received the sad message, announcing the end.

Wednesday January 6th, the remains were conveyed by special interurban service to the residence of her sister, Mrs. W. K. Taylor, of Sherman, Texas.

Mrs. Daffan was reared and educated in Sherman, Texas, the former home of her parents, and the number of her friends is limited only by the number of her acquaintances.



The funeral services were conducted at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, January 7th, at 11 a. m., and were attended by the broken-hearted husband, two motherless children, other near relatives, and a large number of friends.

The remains were laid to rest in the family burying ground, West Hill Cemetery, Sherman, Texas.

Saturday, January 9th, Bro. Daffan accompanied by his two little sons left for San Antonio, Texas.

It is impossible for us to understand why our loved ones are taken from us, especially as in a case like that of Sister Daffan's, where her loving, tender care is so much needed by little ones.

We are well aware that words of kindness and sympathy can but slightly heal the broken heart, however, in extending sympathy to the bereaved ones, we are sure we voice the sentiments of each and every individual member of Division No. 57.

CENT. 223.

### Southern Ry.

#### *Knoxville Division—*

Saturday night, January 30th, the telegraphers of the Knoxville Division held a meeting in Knoxville, Tenn., and notwithstanding the extreme cold weather and the difficulty in obtaining relief there were some eighteen or twenty members present. Everybody seemed interested and promised their co-operation in arousing enthusiasm and getting the division thoroughly organized. We believe the meeting will bring good results as the members present were not the kind to make promises and then forget them.

Several resolutions were adopted. One providing that the necessary steps be taken to draw up our own seniority list, showing the ages of agents and telegraphers. When these men bid for positions, two copies of such list to be made, one to be forwarded to the chief dispatcher and the other to the local chairman. This will eliminate cause for contention, and be more satisfactory to all concerned.

It was also decided to call upon the membership of the Division for an assessment of 10 cents per capita, per month, for the purpose of creating an emergency fund from which to draw, thereby obviating the necessity of calling on the division to pay miscellaneous expenses, such as postage, cost of floral offerings, social functions, etc.

As soon as this matter can be arranged it will be taken up with the membership, and we do not believe there will be a dissenting voice. A local treasurer can be appointed to handle this fund, which should be deposited in some bank to be drawn out only upon approval of the local board.

For the benefit of all concerned, we give below the name and address of assistant local chairmen:

Bro. W. T. Roush, East Chattanooga, Tenn.

Bro. Jake Vaughan, Knoxville, Tenn.

Bro. W. T. Anderson, Russellville, Tenn.

Bro. T. J. Safford, Rankin Depot, Tenn.

You will note that we have an assistant on the east end between Knoxville and Bristol. An assistant between Asheville and Morristown, one located in

Chattanooga, and one in Knoxville. Grievances should be forwarded to them.

Several brothers came to Knoxville to attend the meeting January 30th, and failed to show up at the hall. Such business as this is discouraging, and shows lack of interest. If we are not going to take any more concern in the welfare of our division than this we might as well discontinue holding meetings. After securing transportation, and coming to Knoxville, it seems reasonable to suppose they would put in an appearance at the hall.

It has been decided to hold our monthly meetings at different points on the road. The next meeting will, probably, be held in Morristown, some time in March, the date to be decided later. This will give the boys between Morristown and Asheville, and Morristown and Bristol, an opportunity to attend. It will probably be decided to hold an occasional meeting in Bristol to accommodate the members in Bluff City, and in the vicinity of Bristol. A number of the N. & W. and V. & S. W. brothers would, no doubt, be glad to attend. It has been suggested that we hold joint meetings in Chattanooga with the members located on the Q. & C., A. G. S and other roads running out of that city.

There will probably be a social function, in the way of a spread, in connection with the meeting to be held at Knoxville, in April. This never fails to arouse interest, and seems to be about the only method of enticing some of our members to the meeting. Matters of importance are to be considered, and should not be postponed, therefore, we hope to have a good attendance.

If we hold this social in April, I see no reason why the brothers can not bring their wives and sweethearts, and we will have music in connection with the feast, and enjoy a social time. I would like the members to talk the matter over, and I think by contributing one dollar each we should be able to make a success of it. If a favorable decision is reached, I will appoint a committee, consisting of members located in Knoxville, to look after the matter. Other divisions indulge in these social functions, and we should be able to do so occasionally. Several of the brothers have suggested this, and I hope everybody will take an interest and co-operate in getting this up.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

#### *Knoxville Division, between Morristown and Bristol—*

After a thirty-day vacation Bro. Walker has resumed duty as second trick man at Morristown.

Several changes have been made on this end recently, as follows: Bro. Thompson bid in second trick at New Siding, Jonesboro: Bro. May, third trick at same place; Telegrapher Harmon, second trick at Midway; Telegrapher McFarland, third trick at Midway, and Bro. DeWald, first trick at Miller.

We were exceedingly glad to see such a good turnout from the east end at our meeting Saturday night, also we appreciate the way in which

other portions of the division were represented. All the boys seemed to enjoy themselves, and apparently were very much interested in the welfare of our Order.

There are two things we should keep in mind, each and every day: The upbuilding of our Order, and the interest and welfare of the company by which we are employed. Too many of us fail to appreciate our positions as we should. Many times we could do little things which would greatly aid and assist in the movement of trains, but for the fact that the rules do not embrace these little acts of accommodation to conductors, dispatchers, etc., we very often fail to do them. That's not my idea of railroading. Let's put forth every effort to make our service better and more valuable than that of the non. If we can not show some improvement over the non, there is very little inducement for union labor. I am a union man, because I believe union labor is more satisfactory to all concerned, and one of our chief objects should be to make our services more satisfactory.

Fall in line, and let's make Division No. 59 famous for loyalty to our Order and satisfactory service to the company. CERT. 1567.

#### *St. Louis Division, East End—*

Bro. B. B. Melton, made a trip to Crandale, recently, to see his father who is quite feeble.

Bro. A. W. Stroud, second trick man at Taswell, made a flying trip to New Albany.

Bro. O. D. Longest, agent at English, off duty on account of rheumatism.

Mr. Kemp is doing agent's work at English at present.

Mr. Eskew did agent's work at Taswell, while Bro. Melton was off duty.

Bro. Ellis, third trick man at Huntingburg, passed up the line not long ago.

Mr. Adam Tyler was recently called home on account of his father's death.

Bro. E. G. Stroud, third trick man at New Albany, was off one night; relieved by a new man.

Mr. J. M. Ausbrook has been doing the third trick work at Oakland City for a few nights.

Bro. Gibson will return to second trick at Milltown in a short time.

Mr. Tyler was relieved at Milltown by a new man named Cone. Mr. Cone is now working second trick at New Albany.

Bro. Ellis, from Huntingburg, made a trip over the west end, and was relieved by Mr. Head. CERT. 2011.

#### *North End Charlotte Division.*

Bro. J. J. Burns, formerly third trick at Greer, has been assigned to second trick at Wellford.

Bro. H. H. Savage has left the service of this company; "13" he's going to the N. & W.

H. M. Robbins has been assigned to third trick at Cowpens, permanently.

Bro. R. M. Allen worked second trick a few days at Charlotte "MR" office; he was relieved by Mr. J. R. Tyler, and Mr. W. B. Joyner.

Mr. W. T. Collins, formerly third trick man at Gaffney, has left the service of the company; "13" he is working for an advertising company. We wish him success. Mr. Collins was relieved by Mr. P. Poole, who has been assigned to Gaffney permanently.

Mr. J. N. Wallace has been assigned to second trick at Grover. Mr. A. L. Kluttz, third trick at Glass, has been assigned to second trick at Sumner, relieving Mr. Wallace.

Bro. L. L. Benson, third trick at Kings Mountain, after six weeks' hard labor trying to get relief, finally succeeded. He has taken unto himself a wife, and is back at his old post after spending several days on a honeymoon trip in the south.

Bro. Martin has been taken from his regular position and put in the chain gang service. He is at present on second trick at Blackburg.

Bro. J. R. Craig, formerly agent at Converse, has resigned and accepted a position in the freight office at Columbia.

Bro. C. H. Lynch, withdrawing his resignation after due consideration, has returned to service at Air Line Junction.

Bro. A. C. Poole accepted the agency at Wellford, but being unable to secure a house, will return to his old position March 1st.

Bro. Murdock has accepted a position with the Southern Bell Telephone Co. at Charlotte.

Mr. Newman, formerly third trick at Concord, has left the service of the company, Mr. B. Ashley relieving him.

Bro. H. M. Smith, second trick at Gaffney, enjoyed a visit of ten days with relatives at Gastonia. He was relieved by Mr. Robbins.

The meeting at Charlotte on the 24th, was not so well attended as it should have been. But ten members from the south end were present, and not one from north of Charlotte. I can see no excuse for the north end members remaining away, as they could come down on No. 7 and return on No. 40. Those who were present seemed very much in earnest, and anxious to better conditions on the Charlotte Division.

Let every man work for the good of the Order and see if we cannot place this division in the class to which it rightly belongs.

The north end has not been represented in the journal for some time, and if the members will advise the correspondent when changes along the line are made, or when anything of interest occurs, the favor will be greatly appreciated.

In conclusion I will say that there has been a committee appointed to get a line on all non-members on this division, and on the backsliders as well, which committee will make its report at the next regular meeting, to be held on the first Wednesday night following the 20th. If you are in arrears, get up to date and help bring the nons into the fold.

Our chief dispatcher, Mr. W. L. King, told one of the brothers that he had noticed a marked improvement in the service since the meeting in

January. This is encouraging, and we wish to co-operate with him in bringing it up to a standard of excellence that will prove conclusively to the officials that the man with an up-to-date card stands for good service. We assure him that we will keep this matter constantly before the members of the Order at all times.

Remember that regular meetings are now held on each Wednesday after the 20th, over Belk Bros. store, Charlotte, instead of every fourth Sunday.

"XO."

#### *Chattanooga Division—*

Brother McCart, from Sherman Heights, is relieving Mr. Shelton at Tyner.

Bro. Cobble, from Whitesburg, has been working at Sherman Heights the past few days.

How about the vacancy of agent-telegrapher at McDonald, Tenn. which was not bulletined? These positions are covered by the contract and should be advertised.

The first trick at Summitt has been vacant for some time and no bulletin has been issued to cover the position.

Bro. Shelton, formerly agent at Cleveland, has been promoted to agent at Jellicoe. Mr. Davis has accepted the place made vacant by Bro. Shelton.

It has been reported that Bro. Scott has a student at Lenoir City, Tenn., and without the necessary permission. The matter should be investigated.

Glancing over our write-up in the November, 1908, journal, we note that quite a number of brothers from the Knoxville Division attended a show at Asheville, N. C. It occurs to me that if they would take as much interest in meetings as they take in shows and other things that are of no particular benefit, our division room would be filled at each meeting. Of course, it is perfectly right to take in a show once in a while, in fact a man engaged in such mental strain as the telegrapher should have a change—recreation—diversion from the old monotony. But he should also come to meetings. We need his co-operation. Here he can express his views and hear the opinions of others on subjects of vital importance to us all. The division room is the place where we are supposed to air our grievances. If we neglect to attend meetings and fail to do so, there is no room for complaint if things do not go to suit us.

Understand that Mr. Witt has been assigned the agency at Tyner, Tenn.

Our local chairman received a letter from Bro. Berlin, at New Line, stating that any time the brothers desire a meeting at Morristown he will arrange it and be on hand to push the thing along.

There are quite a number of applicants for the Mohawk vacancy, but at this time we are unable to say who is the lucky man.

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#### *Birmingham Division—*

##### A CARD OF THANKS.

I desire, through the columns of THE TELEGRAPHER, to extend my heartfelt thanks to the local chairman of the Birmingham Division, who promoted the movement, and to all who so generously came to my financial aid during my recent illness. I sincerely hope, should occasion arise, to be in position to assist any brother as I have been assisted.

I assure each one individually that this kindness will never be forgotten.

C. R. TONEY.

#### **Queen & Crescent Route (North).**

#### *Cincinnati Division—*

Bro. C. E. Gardner, agent at Wilmore, spent one day, recently, with his parents at Erlanger.

We appreciate the little certificates given us by the chief, when we were all called in recently, and in acknowledgment it is hoped that each one will strive to give the efficient service expected of us.

It is desired that a meeting be held at Lexington, near the first of March, in order that we may install those elected at the biennial election, soon to be held. Or, if it is more suitable it can be held elsewhere, to suit the convenience of the membership. In case you should get a notice of convention before this is out, it is hoped that you will get in readiness to attend this meeting, as this should be attended by all to insure an impressive installation, and show our appreciation of the efforts of the outgoing officers.

It is earnestly requested that those who have become delinquent in the M. B. D., will remit to cover this to insure their good standing. We should all carry some insurance, and you will not find a more secure insurance than this; and, then, it was organized for the benefit of you and every telegrapher. So why not patronize our own interests?

I made an appeal to several brothers for notes, intending to give you a thorough write-up this month, but I have not received a single response, as yet, therefore this communication will be very brief. I regret this, however, and I hope you will not feel slighted if you fail to see an account of yourself here.

Bro. M. W. Witt, formerly second trick at Lexington, has bid in third trick at Sadieville; relieving Bro. W. C. Nelson, extra man.

To the brothers who are at present employed on this line, I wish to say that we would be glad to transfer you to Division No. 62, which will be done if you will forward Bro. Gardner your certificate and division number. It is of vital importance that you should hold membership and come under the jurisdiction of the division that covers the line on which you work, in order to enable us to better look after your interests.

Beyond what I have already said, I have scarcely another idea, except the one that seems

of paramount interest as regards the future advancement in pursuance of further concessions, and maintenance of those already secured. This is a question that we have threshed out, more or less, in our minds and through these columns for years; in fact, it seems to me almost an imposition to revive this subject incessantly. Though our familiarity with this does not detract a particle of interest and importance, for it is vital in its importance, and prevalence, is this great evil in our ranks, that of delinquency and the waywardness of the nons. I use the word prevalence, because there seems to prevail a profound disinclination towards unionism among a great many men who have been the most devout union men, and, of course, the same feeling prevails among the non element.

After years of earnest argument and submission of evidence in an effort to demonstrate the necessity for complete organization, it seems preposterous that not even a dent had been made on some of those hardened and obstinate nons. And it seems more absurd to our minds and sense of justice that the men who have made the avowals of support and recognition of our fraternity should become delinquent, unfaithful, and uninterested. These men who once stood so gallantly within our ranks, side by side with us, through victory and defeat, have calmly deserted us, leaving us the responsibility and burden of maintaining their rights and protecting them from imposition. The man who allows himself to become delinquent, and remains so, deserves a flogging more severe than the non who will not lend his support and co-operation in the first place.

As to the non, we are perfectly familiar with his many pleas and excuses. He must advance more plausible excuses before we can accept them. A man does not have to be reminded when he is hungry or sleepy. Inherent qualities of mental power tell him these things. They should also remind him of his fraternal duty.

After all, as we view the wonderful success we have achieved, the altitude of our present conditions and the bright prospects of the future, with its many promising opportunities, we must feel confident, for truly all these combine to inspire within us a feeling of hopefulness and encouragement.

SKYGACK (from Mars).

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased almighty God to remove from our midst, our highly esteemed and beloved Bro. George W. Gooch; be it

*Resolved*, That we express our high appreciation of his long service to the cause of truth and right, his sterling manhood and kindly disposition, that endeared him to all who knew him; and be it

*Resolved*, That we extend to his bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of sorrow, and point them to the true source of comfort, our Divine Creator, as their strength and refuge; and be it further

*Resolved*, By Q. & C. Division, No. 62 (north), Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that a copy of this memorial be spread on the minutes, a copy given the bereaved family, and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

C. C. SINGLETON,  
G. F. DUNGAN,  
B. P. SHEWMAKER,  
W. B. COMPTON,

*Committee.*

#### A. G. S. Division—

Work for the year of 1909 is at hand.

Let us turn a new leaf, and endeavor to make the present year one of profit and prosperity.

We must not forget that it depends largely on ourselves whether the current year is profitable. It will be what we make it.

It is hoped that you will not only support your organization, but that you will at the same time discharge your duty faithfully.

Notwithstanding the fact that we have been handicapped by nons, we have gradually advanced from \$25.00 to \$50.00 and \$75.00 per month. Mr. Non, where have you been while these raises were being obtained? How much have you put in the contribution box to defray the expenses of the committees? You were at your place of business enjoying the anticipation of promotion. Have you secured the promotion? If so, did you get it before the O. R. Ts. sent their committee before the officials? You worked from 7 a. m. to 7. p. m., and longer if necessary, without further compensation. Do you do this since the telegraphers with backbone and manhood about them identified themselves with the O. R. T., and sent their committee before the management? Think this over, and if your sense of justice is not dead, you surely will join the movement, and endeavor to improve your condition, and the condition of your fellow craftsmen.

The object of this organization is to strengthen the profession, better working conditions and protect its members from injustice from any source.

It is an excellent idea for each brother who has a friend or acquaintance on the line, if a non-member, to write a personal letter. A word from an acquaintance would influence him more perhaps, than any thing any one else could say or do. Keep these things in mind, and speak a good word for the O. R. T. at every opportunity.

When a new man comes to work at your office, request him to show his card. It is not enough that he says, "I am an Order man," or that he wears a button. Show him your card, and make him produce the goods, or treat him as a non. No cards, no favors, is our motto, and now is the time we observe it.

It is possible these items will not reach the journal until after the election, but in case they do, I want to caution the boys to be very careful for whom they vote. It is imperative that some one represent us who has the ability to

handle our grievances in a satisfactory manner, and who will take an interest in the upbuilding of our organization.

Several changes have been made on the A. G. S., recently, but am unable to say just what they are, on account of the members not keeping me informed.

Div. Cor.

### Queen & Crescent Route (South).

We haven't had a write-up in some time.

Every one seems to be depending on some one else.

A regular correspondent should be appointed.

Mr. Weems is at Hattiesburg, relieving Bro. J. C. Bostick.

Bro. J. B. Dyess is working second trick at Laurel, at present.

Bro. A. A. Currie, at Poplarville, off on a three months' vacation.

Bro. Price is working second trick at Poplarville. New man working third trick.

Can not keep up with Eastabuchie lately, as they change men there every few nights.

The night office at Pachuta is closed.

Night offices have been opened at Enterprise and Vossburg.

Bro. J. B. and E. E. Read are back on the "spot," after a couple of weeks' vacation. They report having had a fine time. They were relieved by Bros. H. H. and S. E. Bilbe.

Bro. Hickman is back from a vacation; relieved by Bro. H. C. Dearman.

Bro. Punch, at Picayune, contemplating on a two weeks' vacation in February, says he is going to see the home folks.

Bro. H. H. Bilbe relieved Mr. Singleton, agent at Pearl River, for a day.

We are glad to see Bro. Hollowman has returned to work at Purvis, after a short illness.

Bro. W. O. Bilbe, of the N. O. G. N., is running a store at Picayune. We wish him success in his new business.

CERTS. 57, 109.

### Great Northern Railway.

#### Kalispell Division—

The Kalispell Division for the past few months has apparently dropped out of existence. Wake up, fellows, and get out of the brush.

Although we have many loyal brothers on this division, we seem to have no official head. We have no meetings, and I fail to see how we can accomplish much under existing circumstances.

Why not all add our little mite by sending in fraternal items? Where there is so small an opportunity for members to come in contact other than by wire, coupled with a lack of interest, as seems to be the case on this division, it is almost impossible to procure items for a good write-up.

Will do the best we can, trusting that our worthy brothers will aid us in a good cause by giving such information as will enable us to give a complete account of the changes in next months' TELEGRAPHER.

Have you paid your dues? If not, why not?

Get in touch with the nons; every little bit helps.

Bro. McDougal is working third trick at Troy.

Bro. Olson is doing the owl stunt at Rexford.

Bro. Barry is holding down Fernie.

Bro. Barter, agent at Baynes, has resigned.

We understand he goes to Mexico.

Bro. Davidson, "WX," Whitefish, has taken to train service. Bro. Connant is now holding down Whitefish.

Bro. Bryan, of Essex, has been spending his vacation in the east.

Have you got the price? If so, be generous and buy a card.

Let's hear from others on this division.

Div. Cor.

#### Marcus Division—

There is not much doing in the news line this month, but we should be represented in the journal, so I will send in what items are available.

By keeping steadily at it we should be able to secure some new members. I have not heard a word from any of the brothers as to what they are doing towards getting the division lined up solid.

Understand Bro. S. T. Moore, of Northport, goes to Kalispell as agent.

D. W. Williams, of Republic, goes to Northport.

We understand that Bro. W. E. Ketchum, of Waneta, is slated for Republic.

Mr. Snyder, at Clayton, is laid up with pleurisy. His son from Deer Park is relieving him during his illness.

Mr. Igo, of Orient, failed to pass the physical examination. Mr. J. Ingram has the agency there now.

Please send us any items of interest you have at your disposal. We should be represented in the journal every month. Wake up and get in the game.

The steel is moving for the V. V. & E. This means more work for all concerned, and we should get lined up to get the advantages arising from the change in conditions.

CERT. 1038.

#### Butte Division, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Districts—

Mr. J. E. Reeve has been transferred from third trick at Rimrock to second trick at Judith Gap, relieving Mr. F. K. Barrett, who in turn relieved Mr. B. B. Reece, recently from New York State.

Mr. Reece had previously relieved Fred Manley, who was discharged. After being relieved by Mr. Barrett he went to Cascade.

Bro. A. Frelick, agent at Broadview, spent a few hours in Billings one day during the early part of the month.

It is rumored that Mrs. J. A. Craig, until recently agent at Craig, contemplates taking up ranch life and hen culture.

Bro. Yahnke returned to work at Conrad the first of the month, relieving W. A. Golden, who in turn relieved Bro. A. T. Farmer at Belt, while the latter spent a few days in Great Falls.

This is rather a short write-up for a division of this size, but who is to blame? I am sure it isn't Bros. Smith, Yahnke, Mr. Golden or me. We made an effort to get the news and if others had done the same we would have made a much better showing. What about the other three districts of this division? Poke your assistant local chairman in the ribs and tell him to get busy.

Don't forget to place your TELEGRAPHER each month in the hands of a non. If a man's heart is in the right place, the reading of a few numbers will bring him in out of the cold.

Before me is a subscription list which is being circulated among the telegraphers on different roads out of Butte asking for a small contribution to help defray the medical and funeral expenses of a well-known telegrapher who died in Butte last July. The Mutual Benefit Department of the Order makes such as the above unnecessary. If a member is in good standing at the time of death, his friends can rest assured that he will be given a decent burial at least, and that there will still remain a few dollars for the ones left behind. Don't overlook this very important part of the Order.

In looking over the subscription list referred to above I note with pleasure that the brothers are showing the right principle. Invariably when you find a man who cannot spare twenty-five cents to help bury an old-time telegrapher, he is a non. For the sake of charity at least, we should all contribute something. COR.

### The Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Ry.

On Thursday, February 16th, a joint meeting was held at the Dennison Hotel, Cincinnati. Considering the weather a very good crowd turned out. Considerable business was transacted and a number of vital points discussed, the most important one was "Is Your Neighbor a Non?" After business was dispensed with Bro. Fryburger, as sponsor for the division, presented Bro. Peck with a slight token of appreciation of his untiring efforts in behalf of Division 74.

Those present were: J. M. Peck, A. Fryburger, V. B. Turner and T. E. Fitch of the general committee, and Brothers Frank Leckner, W. S. Snyder, L. F. Roller, Perry Kerr, O. D. Schooley, John Mather, Alfred Huntington, W. Nixon, C. E. McKay, E. L. Carrico, H. Davis, J. M. Huffington, E. M. Fitzgibbon, E. C. Harper, O. G. Harper, A. J. Romine, W. W. Wires, L. W. Miller, W. Wilson, O. W. Ferris, O. E. Marsh, J. J. McGinnis, A. R. Huber, H. F. Howard, A. W. Sutton and R. K. Sheets.

A few regulars did not show up; possibly they were sick or detained at home for other reasons.

A few days ago L. H. Berthisel, without any apparent reason, mysteriously disappeared. Four days later he was heard from in Wyoming, Okla.

Bro. Droege was off duty two days on account of sickness. CALAMITY HAP.

### Chicago & Northwestern Ry.

#### Madison Division—

In our last write-up we mentioned that January was exceptionally mild, and so it was until Thursday, the 28th, when it commenced to rain and turned cold.

The telegraph wires were soon coated with ice and by morning they were all dead on the south end. A great many of the poles were broken down on account of the heavy weight of ice and snow.

Mr. G. B. Vilas, our assistant superintendent and Mr. J. W. Herrington, with a crew of line men, were early at work clearing the tracks of wires and poles.

By numerous patches connection was made between Milwaukee and Madison, also Madison and Galena, and trains were dispatched from Madison. Mr. A. F. Boehm, F. E. Warner and Bro. C. B. Adams worked first, second and third tricks, respectively.

A division meeting was held Saturday evening, February 6th. We were to have elected local officers, but did not do so as Bro. James Troy, our general chairman, was present, and those in attendance decided that it was more important to hear what he had to say. When called upon by our local chairman, Bro. L. F. Schneider, he chose for his discourse the subject of telephones as applied to railroad service, and explained his opinion in a forcible and lucid manner, which was to the effect that even though they supplanted the telegraph, the change would not materially affect our organization.

Bro. T. A. Corcoran, second trick at Caledonia, has been enjoying a two weeks' vacation. He was relieved by J. H. Starry, who hails from the Illinois Central.

When the late storm cut wire connections with Baraboo office, Bro. C. B. Adams made a dispatcher's office at Caledonia and dispatched trains Afton to Harvard, between which points wires were working. When a wire was run through he was taken to Madison, and later to Baraboo, where he is at present working the cross-line trick. Bro. Adams was relieved first trick by Bro. Lewis, a new man on this division.

Two new telephone men at Brooklyn. Mr. T. Kreklow works first trick and Arthur Tuttle the last trick.

Mr. E. P. Wright, of the train dispatcher's force, has been entertaining an attack of the mumps for some time past.

Mr. E. T. Boehm is working his old trick on the north end during E. P. Wright's absence.

Continuous offices are to be established at all stations between Janesville and Elroy for train order and blocking service. This means that there will be several new positions open for bulletin by the time this appears in print.

B. S. Mitchell, of Leyden, has been transferred to West Salem.

Bro. A. G. Elsner is holding down Jefferson Junction, days, during Bro. W. H. Hansen's absence.

The Trainmen's annual ball was held at Baraboo, February 22d, and, as usual, there was a very large attendance. The boys certainly get up fine decorations on these occasions. The Madison Division should give a ball or some other social function. There's enough of us to make it a success, and it could be held either at Baraboo or Madison.

Bro. S. W. Stephens, agent at Cuba City, was off a couple of weeks on account of an injury received by a casting falling off a truck.

Bro. H. L. Lippold resumed work at Cuba City on February 1st. His leg, which was broken, is now well. Bro. Cottingham, who relieved him, went to Whitson Junction and relieved Bro. Sengpiel, the agent.

Assignments made on Bulletin No. 10 as follows: North Freedom, C. G. Partor; Benton, Bro. F. H. Main; Dane, Bro. P. W. Avery; Tower "EA," J. H. Meier.

Bro. W. A. Browne, agent at Cobb, is on the sick list, and is being relieved by his son, N. A. Browne.

Bro. H. L. Reeves, agent at Waunakee, has just returned from visiting his sister, who resides in New Orleans, La. Bro. J. H. Meiers was acting agent at Waunakee during Bro. Reeves' absence.

Bro. Meiers was relieved second trick at tower "EA" by Bro. C. W. Wahlquist, an old-timer, fresh from the "Omaha line." Later he was transferred to first trick at Elroy, relieving Bro. Grimshaw, who took a couple of weeks' vacation and is visiting at Milwaukee and Madison.

Telegrapher C. Willis relieved Bro. Wahlquist at Tower "EA" and worked there until Bro. Meiers resumed duty.

Telegrapher Adams is still working second trick at Elroy during the absence of Bro. Tomlin.

Bro. Jordan has resumed work at Reedsburg.

Telegrapher M. Hendrickson is working second trick at Dane.

Bro. A. Anderson, second trick at Monona yard, "M," is visiting Evanston, Ill., and is being relieved by Bro. Wahlquist.

Bro. C. N. Schleck, of Madison, was off one day to rest up; relieved by Bro. P. M. Keefe. Bro. Keefe had been relieving F. E. Warner on the "B" job at Baraboo. F. E. Warner has resumed duty at the yard.

W. Holden relieved Bro. Keefe, second trick at Madison. Div. Cor.

#### East Iowa Division—

Cert. 6, in the last issue, broke the silence of several months' duration. Why this utter lack of interest in a write-up from the best division of the road? Each month a large percentage of the membership looks eagerly for at least a few words in THE TELEGRAPHER from the home division, only to be disappointed.

F. C. Lowe landed Otis, second trick.

Several good agencies have been open lately, including the telegraphers "roast," at Mo. Valley, 7 a. m. to 5 p. m.

We understand Bro. Story, formerly agent at Fairfax, is making good in a bank at that point. Success to him.

It looks as though the double track would be completed this summer, between Cedar Rapids and Otis.

Have heard our superintendent has recommended that the staff system be installed between Cedar Rapids and Beverly.

Was unable to attend our last meeting, so am not informed as to what occurred.

We have a splendid meeting hall in the Acme Insurance Building, Second Ave. and Sixth St., Cedar Rapids, and should have large meetings. Now, altogether! No card, no favors.

"NEWCOMER."

#### Minnesota Division—

My small write-up for the month of January will be found just ahead of the heading "C. & N. W. Ry.," and was evidently placed there in error.

It is hoped that this wintry weather will soon cease, as everything is in such shape that it is impossible to tell much about the train service. The last storm tied everything up. Trains are stuck in from 5 to 10 feet of snow.

J. J. Schlekau, agent at Meriden, off duty a few days in February; relieved by Telegrapher Kranz.

R. H. Krause, agent at St. Peter, off a few days; relieved by T. C. Ferris, who in turn was relieved at Owatonna by Telegrapher Kranz.

Telegrapher Kohlhas, who has been second trick at Sy Eye for some time, has resigned, and entered the service of the Western Union at Calumet, Mich. Relieved at Sy Eye by F. C. Evans, who later secured this position by bulletin.

Telegrapher Green at his post at Dodge Center after a few weeks' vacation.

G. W. Cotton is holding second trick at the Winona dispatcher's side wire for a few weeks, during the snow blockades.

W. E. Skeels secured first trick at Tracy, on bulletin. Telegrapher Wood getting the second trick in the same manner.

G. B. Zepp, who has been working third trick at Tracy, was recently taken to the hospital at Winona to undergo an operation, which, we are pleased to state, was successful. Geo. is now working second trick at St. Peter Junction, "CK."

C. D. Roach is working third trick at St. Peter Junction, for a few weeks.

The meeting held at Mankato, January 23d and 24th, was not very well attended. Good talks were given by several of the boys. Our local secretary and treasurer made a very able speech, and those who failed to attend the meeting missed a great treat.

C. G. Porter was appointed agent at Tracy last month. This is one of the "stiffest propositions" on the division, and Porter is one of the best men that could have been selected to handle it. Div. Cor.

*Black Hills Division—*

As a bit of news for the boys who have come and gone during the past year, I will mention the appointment of Mr. F. W. Saxton to the position of chief dispatcher at Chadron, Neb., succeeding Mr. W. M. Kleber, resigned. Mr. Saxton comes to us from the Eastern Division. That Mr. Saxton intends to live up to the schedule, there can be no doubt. I feel quite certain that we can expect a square deal from our chief, and any telegrapher who does not in turn give Mr. Saxton a square deal, in the way of reliable and competent service is not only doing an injustice to that gentleman, but to himself and the profession as well.

The past year has, without doubt, been marked by wonderful advancement and great achievements, on the part of our organization and the great cause of labor generally. The strongest powers in the universe have concentrated their efforts, and still the grand cause of God and humanity has more than held its own, which beautifully exemplifies the fact that "right, not might, must prevail." It is very gratifying to know that never in the history of our organization has it been in such a healthy condition from every standpoint as it is at the present time.

It is the duty of every member to pay his dues promptly, and be in good standing all the time. If you know of a non-member, it is your duty to try and bring him in, and show him the error of his ways. It is your duty to attend every meeting that you possibly can, and don't be afraid to make a little sacrifice at times to do so; if not convenient for you to attend, make an effort to let some other brother go. Our meetings during the past year, although few, have been the one source of benefit in assisting our personal interests, as well as the organization in general. You need the assistance of the Order, and the Order needs your assistance in this respect. Even if you have nothing to say, your presence is encouraging to those who are trying to protect your interests. Where any infringement of our schedule comes to your notice, it should be made known at once to your local chairman, as it is only in this way, by the hearty co-operation of all, that our interests can be properly looked after.

H. E. Brown drew third trick at Long Pine, on bulletin.

Bro. Lewin, who recently accepted the agency of the Colorado & Southern, at Fort Russell, Wyo., was operated on, a short time ago, for appendicitis. We are glad to note he is rapidly recovering, and will soon be back to work.

Bro. Thomas VonDruska, of Crawford, spent Sunday in Lusk, with friends.

Bro. C. H. Cook, of Orin, made a short visit in Casper, last week. CERT. 679.

*Galena Division—*

J. A. Crotty, from Chicago, gets agency at Gilberts.

Bro. Starks, at East Elgin, attended the ball at West Chicago; relieved by H. E. Saumby.

K. M. Jarrett, telegrapher at Carpentersville, days.

Bro. Hilliker, of Mango, off for a few days, visiting his old home at Lake Mills; relieved by Lester Acox.

Bro. Kehoe, of Belvidere, was off one day, attending the funeral of his aunt; relieved by Bro. Dillingham, from "BJ" tower.

Bro. Swarner, of Akron, has bought a farm in Kansas, and will leave for there this spring.

L. D. Agnew bid in agency at Rock Island Junction.

The sad case of Bro. Twiggs, of Rockford, was brought up at the January meeting, and it was decided to raise a fund by subscription, to aid in sending him to a sanitarium for treatment. Recently he suffered a nervous breakdown from overwork, and it was feared the result might be serious unless he was given skillful medical treatment. He was the support of a mother and sister, and of course could not be in the best of shape financially. In case the list did not reach some of the brothers, it is hoped they will remit direct to Chairman E. H. Webster, at Dixon, Ill.

Those who attended the February meeting at Dixon, February 20th, were pleasantly surprised to meet Bro. Manton, of Maywood, who with his wife and child recently recovered from typhoid fever.

Officers for the ensuing term were elected unanimously at the February meeting: Bro. E. H. Webster was elected delegate to the convention, and Bro. J. E. Agnew, alternate. We wish to lay plans for future meetings, and would like to see a large crowd in attendance at the next meeting to talk matters over. I understand, of course, that it is sometimes inconvenient to attend, but this is your organization, your business is to be transacted, and you should be there.

The man who neglects the organization of which he is a member is apt to be the kind of an agent who files his tariffs in the stove.

Get out to local division meetings, and keep your card up-to-date.

The books of treasurer H. E. Aye were audited at the February meeting and found to be correct, and in excellent shape. CERT. 154.

*North Wisconsin Division—*

Bro. Heinzelmann, of Watertown, was off duty for a week on account of sickness. He was relieved by Bro. Hildebrand, formerly local chairman on Wisconsin Central, who is at present relieving Bro. Zuehlke at Appleton Junction.

Local Chairman Hackbert was off duty a few days on account of a touch of the gripe.

The members of Division 76 sympathize with Bro. Wolverton in the loss of his wife, who died on February 16th, at their home in Jefferson.

LOCAL COR.



## IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to take from us the wife of our loyal brother and co-worker, Bro. Wolverton, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the North Wisconsin Division, O. R. T. extend to the bereaved brother its heartfelt sympathy and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this resolution be spread on the records of our division and a copy sent to the bereaved brother and one to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

C. M. BOLLER,  
J. B. COOK,  
P. L. HACKBERT,  
*Committee.*

## IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to take from us the father of our loyal brother and co-worker, J. B. Cook, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the North Wisconsin Division, O. R. T. extend to the bereaved brother its heartfelt sympathy, and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this resolution be spread on the records of our division, a copy sent to the bereaved brother and one to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

C. M. BOLLER,  
J. H. GILBERT,  
P. L. HACKBERT,  
*Committee.*

## A CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank the brothers for their kindly consideration in sending the beautiful floral offering—a token of their sympathy—in my hour of sorrow.

I little thought when contributing to others for the same purpose that I would be the recipient of this expression of love so soon. It touches a very tender chord in my breast and will ever be held in grateful remembrance.

Sincerely yours,  
S. M. WOLVERTON.

*Chicago Terminals, Wisconsin Division—*

Here are a few items from the terminals. We have been keeping quiet on account of the rush of work.

Whoever heard of a negro running a tower? We had one on the Terminals named Fred Gales, and on the night of February 10th, through his inattention and negligence, the electric tower at River Junction burned to the ground. While he was asleep the stove became overheated and caused the conflagration. All the passenger trains were detoured via Ravenswood the morning following. At this writing Nos. 52, 90 and 86 are still going via Ravenswood.

Bro. Ray Stanford, of Waukegan, third trick, has been transferred to Ohio street tower, Chi-

cago, third trick. Mullaney got third trick at Waukegan on bid.

Mr. Hennessy resigned third trick at Central street, Evanston, to become a fireman on the Chicago Fire Department. He was relieved by a Mr. Frusher, who is now working at South Janesville yard. Bro. Kaspari, of Lake Bluff, third trick, got Central street, third, on bid. Mr. I. R. Jackman, former interlocking repairman at Lake Bluff, is working third trick extra, while it is up on bid.

Bro. Anholt, of Highland Park, first trick, has been very sick for the past three weeks. Latest reports are to the effect that he is not improving very rapidly and may be confined to his bed for months. We all sympathize with him, and more especially those of us who have gone through the same experience. Bro. Anholt is being relieved by Bro. Williams, of North Chicago.

Mr. Thomas Brazell, formerly of Wood street block tower, died Saturday, February 6th, from a carbuncle.

On February 2d the new freight house at Evanston was opened. We understand it was not dedicated until pay day, February 16th.

Is it not about time for the committee to go up for a revision of the schedule? The C. M. & St. P. and C. R. I. & P. secured revisions during the panic and the C. B. & Q. committee is in Chicago now. The Chicago terminals should have a minimum of \$100, but we will not even get a \$75.00 minimum if we make no effort.

We have just heard that Bro. G. R. Brandt has received the third trick position at Lake Bluff.

BUM HARMONY.

*Peninsula Division—*

Chief Telegrapher Little being absent on account of sickness, the division meeting was called to order by Bro. J. W. Murray, local chairman. After disposing of ordinary business the election of officers for the ensuing year was in order and the result of the election reflects credit upon the members.

Bro. W. J. Murray was elected chief telegrapher; Bro. F. W. Phillips, 1st vice-chief telegrapher; Bro. C. O. Peterson, 2d vice-chief telegrapher; Bro. Schuette, secretary and treasurer and correspondent. The marshal and inside and outside sentinels will be appointed by the chief telegrapher when the installation of officers takes place, which will be at the next meeting.

Bro. Kennelly takes Ishpeming on bulletin; understand Bro. Baiken is going after the third trick.

Bro. Peterson resumed his manifold duties of "slinging lightning" and moving the "old loads," after a brief vacation.

Bro. J. Murray drew Menominee on bulletin and Bro. Sullivan is going to Little Lake in his place.

Bro. Raymile drew Loretto agency on bulletin.

Bro. Simon is leaving the railroad service, having taken a position as bookkeeper with the mining people of Loretto. We wish him success.

Bro. Crikelair, relief agent, is at present relieving Mr. Rochon at Nadeau.

Third tricks at Little Suamico and Stephenson are bulletined; as yet cannot say who drew the positions.

The next meeting will probably be at Menominee, where the installation of officers will take place, and I understand General Chairman Troy will be with us. Brothers, turn out and make this a record-breaking meeting. Cor.

#### *Lake Shore Division—*

P. C. Dedrick is again working for the C. & N.-W. He allowed himself to become delinquent while away, but promises to make good on the first pay day.

The positions of first and third tricks at Duck Creek have been advertised since the last issue.

Mr. C. E. Reynolds secured third trick at Montrose Junction on bid and Bro. Von Roy secured third at Calumet yard.

Mr. C. E. Reynolds is on a vacation and he writes that he is undecided as to when he will resume work.

There was not a very large crowd at our last meeting; cause unknown. It seems that the boys should turn out better than they do.

Bro. Brewer is at present working third trick at Montrose Junction, and Bro. Early has relieved Mr. P. C. Dedrick as second, on account of being older in service.

Understand there will be quite a number of night offices opened up soon, which will make easier work for all concerned.

Bro. Nelson, at Mountain as second, but up to date, have failed to see bulletin of this position.

CORNER.

#### *Northern Iowa Division—*

This division has been in the throes of an old-time blizzard on several occasions during the months of January and February. Passenger and freight trains were abandoned at terminals and business practically suspended.

Bro. Lane has been assigned to the agency at Laurens, we understand.

P. M. Laux died at his home in Eagle Grove, Sunday, February 14th, after an illness extending over a year. He was a victim of that dreaded disease dropsy. "Pete, as he was familiarly called, will be remembered as a trick and later night chief dispatcher on this division. He was obliged to give up railroad work on account of his health, and lately has been engaged in the news and confectionery business. He leaves a wife and three children to mourn his loss.

Bro. Cheever and "family," of Jewell Junction, are occupying the new depot, the old one having burned.

Bro. Smith, of Laurens, assigned to Orange City station.

Mr. Meeker and Bro. Miner, of Orange City, have resigned and gone to Idaho to engage in the telephone business, we understand.

Mike Winkel, of Algona, is in the southwest, on leave of absence.

Bro. O. R. Harrold, of Webster City, is temporarily acting as agent at Algona.

Mr. Art Steffler, night clerk at Eagle Grove, is relieving Harrold, of Webster City.

Bro. LeBlanc, of Renwick, has enjoyed a much-needed vacation.

Bro. Ralph Tremaine, of Alton, is on the dispatcher's force, being assigned the "graveyard" shift.

Mr. Burke, an old-time Western Union pressman, has been working at various points on this division for several weeks.

Mr. Welch, of Jewell Junction, is a recent addition to the dispatcher's force.

Mr. Ensey, cashier at Eagle Grove, has taken a leave of absence and is traveling out of Minneapolis for a shirt company.

Business on the North Iowa Division was never better during recent years and the prospects are fine for a continuation of good times.

Bro. H. P. Fagan, an old-timer on this division, has returned from his wanderings, and is at present filling the cashier's job at Eagle Grove.

The rotary snow plow has been called into service recently on this and the Iowa Division.

An employees' meeting was held in the Masonic Temple at Eagle Grove, February 8th. The attendance was slight on account of the bad weather.

We chanced upon an issue of the Fireman's Magazine for the year 1905—nearly four years ago. In it was an able article relative to the telephone system of train dispatching, about which we are reminded from day to day. It reveals the fact that several roads were using the system with more or less success and the prophecy at that time as to its extended uses is about in line with what we have today. Many of you no doubt are laboring under the impression that within a very short time our beloved key and sounder will be relegated to oblivion. Anyone thus afflicted should read Mr. Dailey's article in the September Northwestern Bulletin and learn the truth. The telephone is a fine thing when used in connection with the telegraph. RAIN-IN-THE-FACE.

#### *Dakota Division—*

Bro. R. J. Holmes was relieved as cashier at Aberdeen for a few days.

Bro. O. J. Breen has decided to leave the telegraph service and has purchased a hardware store in Henry, S. D. Otto is still holding the station until the bulletin is settled. There is no doubt that he will make a success in his new undertaking, as he is a progressive man and will keep up with the times, which is the essential thing in the business world of today. If he should return to the Dakota Division he will find the glad hand extended because he is a good man and a strong supporter of the Order.

Please do not send O. R. T. business by railroad mail. Three letters were received by me this month and each one had been opened. This is not the only reason for not using the railroad

mail service; it is not business-like, and it is said to be unlawful.

Hicks guessed too close for the month of February. Although he did not have his dates booked just right, at the same time he had the "dope" straight on the quality of the weather, and two of the worst blizzards since '88 tied things up until the rotary cleared the way.

Preparations are being made to gravel the south end this spring and summer. It is reported that a tract of land has been purchased near Salem and the pit will be opened there.

Bro. E. H. Zollar is now copying 318 in an elevator. The depot at Northville burned to the ground on February 1st, only a small part being saved. All the station books, etc., were lost, including about \$175 worth of Bro. Zollar's personal property. A new depot will be built at once on the same site.

The 2-cent rate bill, that caused so much "rag chewing," was passed by the State Legislature and signed by the governor, but the opposition was waiting with an axe and immediately swore out an injunction. The State had also taken action and the courts at Pierre and Sioux Falls made their decisions at exactly the same time, 3:50 p. m. The 3-cent fare is still in effect until the courts decide the tie.

The last two bulletins contained a good assortment of stations, which should give many of the younger agents a chance to better themselves. Bro. John Carl, who has received Clark, has but five years' rights. The brothers with two or three years to their credit should grab some of these.

Bro. Bert Laity spent a few days at his home in Manchester, Iowa.

Bro. J. M. Stockwell, who received Hetland on bulletin, took up his work at that station, relieving Bro. E. L. Klingelhofer, who relieved Bro. J. C. Meyer at Henry, until that station is bulletined. Bro. Meyer took Ferney on the bulletin.

Bro. Price, of Athol, expects to leave the service of the North-Western for a while, at least, and go into business for himself. He will go about March 1st.

On account of the snow the train crews and mail clerks on the passengers had a hard time keeping their runs. No. 514 left Pierre with a mail car with the usual amount of mail but without a clerk. At Blunt the train crew smelled smoke, but thought it was hot box. Upon investigation they found all boxes in good condition and proceeded east. At Harrold smoke was seen issuing from around the doors and windows of the mail car. An axe was procured and the door broken down when it was found that the whole interior was on fire. The train crew carried water and succeeded in saving the car, which was taken to Huron in the train. A large quantity of mail was destroyed, most of it being printed matter.

Bro. L. J. Kendall laid off a few days to attend the funeral of a relative. Bro. Bert Laity relieved him.

Bro. Mahoney, of Waseca, second trick, passed through De Smet on his way to Pierre, where he is visiting a few weeks with friends. Bro. Mahoney was day telegrapher at Doland about four years ago, and is well known by a number of the boys on this division.

Bro. T. A. Yates has accepted the agency at Pleasant Prairie, Wis., where his family resides.

Bro. R. E. Holbrook took a few days' vacation. Mr. Cross relieved him at Verdon.

Bro. Schlekau, of Aberdeen, was called to St. Peter, Minn., on account of the sickness of a relative.

There is considerable misunderstanding relative to the handling of grievances. If you have a case strong enough to warrant a kick, it is strong enough to be handled as a grievance. If you work overtime and are not properly compensated, if you lose out on a bulletin when you think you are entitled to the position or if for any other reason you have a complaint to make, be sure and take the matter up before you knock the Order. First bring it to the attention of the chief train dispatcher, then the superintendent, then the local chairman, and, as a last resort, the general chairman. We have unusually good officers on this division, and a person who can't get a square deal here will have to quit looking for one. Bro. Troy is one of the best general chairmen in the West and he has oftentimes squared up things that looked hopeless. He is an old-timer and knows all the ins and outs of the telegraph business. When you write him be sure and tell the truth and he will do the rest.

L. P. Von Arx, agent at Aberdeen, has been appointed traveling passenger agent for the C. & N.W. at Portland, Oregon.

The traveling salesman of the National Office Supply Co., of Zion City, Ill., is an old telegrapher and has made application for membership in the Order.

Bro. O. C. Hunter, of Van Meter, had the misfortune to lose a child. The exact cause of death is unknown, but it is supposed to have been heart trouble, as it was apparently in the best of health.

Bro. Vern Postal has taken his regular position at Elkton, nights, bumping Bro. T. C. Connelly. A Mr. Warren relieved him at Brookings, third trick.

I wish to thank the brothers with whom I had the pleasure of visiting for their many courtesies and accommodations. During my trip over the division my expenses were next to nothing, and at all times my money seemed to be "wooden." I had very good luck in securing new members. Bro. R. J. Holmes relieved me at De Smet, second trick.

H. A. SIMMONS,  
De Smet, S. D.

#### *Sioux City Division—*

Those who were not present at the meeting held at Sioux City on February 14th missed a chance to see and hear our general chairman, Bro. Troy.

Mr. Hansicker, agent at Mapleton, has left the service, purchasing the ice cream plant at that

place. It is rumored that Bro. Nokes is to return there as agent.

Bro. Trumer has been laying off for a few days on account of a fall he received while pulling a truck. Bro. M. Christopherson is relieving him at Carnarvon.

Mr. L. W. Hills, for several years agent at Wall Lake, and now night ticket agent at Sioux City, after undergoing a severe operation at St. Joseph's Hospital, is taking a few weeks' lay-off, and is visiting in Los Angeles, Calif. He intends to visit points in Oregon and Washington before returning. Understand that the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe has been asked by the Federal government to explain its action in disregarding the purpose of the nine-hour law by splitting the tricks of the telegraphers.

Bro. Riddell, agent at River Sioux, has resigned, and is going to farm this summer for a change.

Bro. Ketterer, agent at Arthur, has been transferred to the agency at Herring. Mr. Clifford is now holding down Arthur.

Bro. Haymond is laying off for a few days to assist in checking over Bro. Kempkes' books at Nevada. CERT. 231.

### C. St. P. M. & O. Ry.

#### Nebraska Division—

Another month of snow and blizzards has rolled around, and we have been getting our share. The Norfolk and Bloomfield lines, and everything on the north end, north and west of Emerson was snowbound completely for four days. Many post-card pictures have been made and sold of the different scenes showing trains and engines in the drifts, one being an engine standing almost on end in a huge drift. Another shows three large engines buried in a drift so that only the tops of the stacks show above the snow. These drifts were in cuts where the high wind had a good chance to pack the snow in.

Bro. Foutts made a short visit at Carroll, after relieving Agent Reed at Lyons. Mr. Reed made another trip to California, to see his wife and little boy.

Bro. Ed. Johnson, days, at Oakland, relieved Mr. McDonald, agent at Randolph, for a couple of weeks, while the latter was visiting Eastern Iowa, occasioned by the severe illness of both his parents. Bro. "Carrie" Wilson, who is one of the old-timers here, relieved Bro. Johnson at Oakland.

Bro. Wassum has returned from a vacation of three weeks, and again takes up the reins at Ponca. Bro. Jones, who relieved him, went to Thurston to relieve Mr. Ayers, for two days. After relieving Bro. Ayers, Bro. Jones went to Newcastle and relieved Bro. Whitaker, who had business in Omaha.

Bro. Buchanan, of Coburn, was surprised recently, when, upon opening the station in the morning he found that during the night robbers had entered and appropriated what valuables they could find. Rumor has it that Bro. B. sustained some loss, as the burglars did not stop to ask who the money belonged to. About \$50.00

was secured. The same night both the Omaha and Burlington stations at Dakota City were burglarized, but nothing of much value was taken.

Bro. Schruppf, agent at Laurel, made a trip Omaha, recently, for examination; relieved by Bro. Jones.

There are always a few telegraphers on a division who would not assist in maintaining improved conditions, even if they had the money at hand. They had rather others would do the work, and bear all the expenses, while they sit back, draw the increase in salary and laugh in their sleeve, with the extreme satisfaction of knowing that they are getting something for nothing.

Telegrapher Jerry Crepper, recently from the Burlington, is at present holding down the morning trick at Wakefield.

Telegrapher C. J. Hutton has left the service, and we understand is in the neighborhood of Denver.

Bro. L. S. Wise, agent at Fordyce, is off for a few days, on account of his baby being sick at Blair. Relieved by Bro. Foutts.

We desire to thank Bro. Hedges, at Wakefield, and Bro. Jones, who were so kind as to help out in the matter of items for this month's offering.

Div. Cor.

#### Eastern District, Wisconsin Division—

There has been a plentitude of blizzards in this vicinity during the past month. We had three in succession. The snow plows and flangers were kept busy for several days.

Bro. A. R. Chase, agent at Knapp, recently had a miraculous escape from death. He was caught in a shafting of the engine, at the pump house, and whirled through the air several times. When found on the floor he was unconscious and covered with cuts and bruises. He was taken to St. Luke's Hospital in St. Paul, where he remained for two weeks. At present he is at Blossmer, visiting relatives until he is able to resume duty. While at the hospital he was shown every attention by the brothers in East St. Paul.

Mr. Fletcher has left Millston, and we understand is now relieving the agent at Stanton. He was relieved at Millston by Bro. J. O. Kneer.

Bro. M. J. Horpold made a trip over the east end recently, spreading the gospel of unionism among the benighted nons. Div. Cor.

#### Minnesota and Iowa Division—

Not in twenty years has this country been visited by so severe a snow storm as the one just passed. On the 28th of January a light rain set in, which later turned to sleet. About midnight the temperature dropped and a blinding snow storm, accompanied by a light wind, came from the Northeast, completely putting telegraph, telephone and electric light wires out of commission. For three days not a wheel turned on the M. & I. Division, and telegraphic and telephone communications were entirely cut off. A gang of over 100 linemen soon had one wire working,

and two weeks later were able to get six through wires, which we understand is all that will be repaired until spring.

As a result of the recent storm many of the boys have forgotten that there is such a thing as a nine-hour law. The storm is over and conditions have almost assumed a normal aspect, yet a number of the telegraphers are being required to work twelve and thirteen and even sixteen hours a day, and not in emergency cases either.

Bro. Jamieson, of Beaver Creek, is off duty, taking a trip for his health.

Bro. R. A. Westbrook, who has been acting agent at Beaver Creek, vice Bro. Jamieson, was called to Goldfield, Ia., recently, on account of the serious illness of his father, his wife accompanying him. His father's condition being much improved, he returned on the 19th inst., and relieved Bro. Miles, at Doon, for a few days, later returning to Beaver Creek.

Bro. and Mrs. Ollie Miles had the misfortune to lose a child recently. They have our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

Bro. E. E. Stolte, is being relieved at Mendota by Bro. F. E. Anderson, the regularly assigned man, visited a few days with his parents at Elmore, and on the 19th opened the night office at Windom.

On account of the recent snow storm a night office was opened at Grogan, Bro. C. R. Williams in charge; from there he was transferred to Org, where a temporary night office was opened, and later sent to Mitchell to relieve Bro. J. M. Locke, who was called to Beldenville, Wis., on account of his father's illness.

Bro. A. M. Kehrner is taking a few days off on account of sickness; was relieved by Bro. Funk, who in turn was relieved by Mr. G. O. Dauffenbach.

As we frame up these items there is another blizzard raging, which promises to tie things up for some days to come. CART. 251.

#### *Northern District, Wisconsin Division—*

The members are rather negligent when it comes to furnishing news items, leaving all to the correspondent, probably thinking he has an eye like a hawk, and can keep "blinkers" on their movements. This is not the case, so kindly wake up and furnish items for next month's communication.

In the January TELEGRAPHER the suggestion was made by our local chairman that a meeting be held at some point in his territory, but have heard no further suggestions relative to the matter. We should hold meetings by all means, and I would suggest Spooner as a meeting point, it being located conveniently, and connections being good. Let us hear from the brothers, and get a good thing started.

The election of local chairmen of the various divisions, and delegates and alternates to the next session of the Grand Division Convention is over, and everybody seems to be well satisfied.

Bro. S. S. Brodt, agent at Clear Lake, is off duty for a few weeks. He was relieved by Bro. Brandt, who was in turn relieved by Mr. Reid. Duluth freight office is now open, with Bro. Gus Anderson in charge.

Bro. Marquette writes of a visit from Bro. C. W. Berends, of Division No. 23, who is a comedian, with the Dakor Medc. Co.

Bro. Norman is the agent at Minong, and Bro. Clock is agent at Sarena.

Results of January bulletin, is as follows: Chili, agent and telegrapher, A. W. Wendorf; Minong, agent and telegrapher, A. G. Norman; Sarena, agent and telegrapher, A. B. Clock; Prince St., day telegrapher, T. F. Hurst.

If any of you have not remitted dues or assessments, do so at once and get up-to-date.

We are sorry to state that there is a non on this division, who can never again hold an O. R. T. card. He used to hold membership, but is now a disgruntled office-seeker in the Order. He is enjoying the benefits of our work of years, and not only refuses to bear his share of the expense, but is trying to influence others to stay out of the Order. He bites the hand that feeds him, and is a thousand times worse than a common non, who stays out and keeps his mouth shut. He spends his spare time in manufacturing untruths, and repeating them to others for the purpose of injuring our members. Every man in the Order, and on the Omaha especially, should remember this man who works first trick at Turtle Lake, Wis., and if ever they have the opportunity of hearing "His Would-be Oily Tongue" pass him up as a "knocker." DIV. COA.

#### **Gulf & Ship Island Ry.**

As I have been looking in journal after journal for a write-up from the G. & S. I. Ry., and have failed to see anything, I will take upon myself the responsibility of sending in a few items.

Not many changes being made at present.

Extra Telegrapher Bro. P. A. Warren went to Florence, Miss., to work for a few days.

Notice Mendenhall, third trick is now open for bid.

If you have anything of interest to send in, let me have it, and I will send it to THE TELEGRAPHER, and continue to act as correspondent.

A. M. BULLOCK.

Box 361, Gulfport, Miss.

#### **Mobile, Jackson & Kansas City Ry.**

##### *Mobile and Louisville Divisions—*

The last two issues of THE TELEGRAPHER have contained nothing from our division, much to the disappointment of our members, no doubt.

We beg to thank Bro. Cobb, of Louisville; Bro. Spivey, of Merrill, and our brother at High Point, for contributions to the Fraternal Department, which were received and incorporated in this communication.

Bro. W. E. Price, agent at Overt, leaves the service, to accept a position as bookkeeper with

the Cudabac Lumber Co. of that place. He was relieved by Bro. Newbill, from Deemer, Miss.

Bro. Blake, from McCallum bid in Deemer, and was relieved by Bro. A. C. Trest. Bro. Trest was formerly employed as helper under Bro. Price at Overtt.

On the 19th, Telegrapher Burden, first trick at Louisville, left the service, going North. He was relieved by Bro. Cobb. Mr. Fowler, from the M. & O. Ry., secured second trick at Louisville.

Bro. H. D. Evans spent a couple of weeks during the latter part of last month visiting friends at Overtt, Laurel and New Orleans. He was relieved by Relief Agent Murray.

Bro. Goff, late agent at Houlka, is now at Houston, having exchanged agencies with Mr. Kernodle.

Dispatcher Holland, of the north end, was off a few days this month, occasioned by the death of his father, but is again working regular trick. He has the sympathy of the division.

Lately we notice students working on the north end Postal wire. Who is guilty? Cut it out!  
Div. Cor.

### Western Maryland Ry.

#### Main Line—

Dispatchers Koontz and McCubbin were off a few days, on account of sickness. Bro. J. E. McClain worked as dispatcher during their illness.

Bro. V. B. Young is holding the job at "BY" tower.

Bro. W. I. Krichton was slightly injured about a week ago, pulling levers, but will resume duty in a few days.

Bro. Arnsparger has been placed regularly at Walbrook.

Telegrapher A. J. Barnes has returned to his old job at Hancock.

Telegrapher N. H. Crouse is working among the owls at "XS" tower.

Mr. Rhyland, at Westminster, was off two days; relieved by Bro. Breighner, the B. & H. extra man.

Mr. J. T. Clark, storekeeper at Union Bridge, was injured by a keg of spikes falling on him, at this point, and died at the hospital Friday, 12:30 p. m.

Mr. Barnhart, a well-known railroad carpenter, has been seriously ill, but has recovered, and is again able to be about.

Bro. Jewell, at "BY" tower, resigned December 19th, and went back to his home in Roanoke, Va.

Bro. W. T. Harbaugh, now at Highfield, is going to take the agency at Pen Mar this summer.

Bro. Shepherd has been removed from "BY" tower, and placed at "GU" tower.

The special meeting called at Hanover, February 12th, was well attended. I hope we can hold meetings at least once a month at some point on the B. & H. Division.

There are a few who have not yet paid dues for the current term. They should keep along with the rest by carrying an up-to-date card.

Bro. Morrison, at Thurmont, was relieved for three days by Bro. Breighner, while on a visit.

Bro. Chas. Flickinger, first trick at York, off one day, visiting Baltimore; relieved by Bro. Breighner.

Bro. Shepherd, second trick at Guilford, relieved one night by Bro. Breighner.

Bro. Young, second trick at Bayles tower, relieved at that place, and Mr. Sterner fills the vacancy.

Bro. Forster, second trick at Hillen, off duty, on account of sickness; relieved by Mr. Barnes.

Bro. Perrin, at Lawndale, was off one day last month, on a business trip to Westminster; relieved by Bro. Breighner.

What is the matter with the West Virginia Division? It has not been heard from for a long time.

Send us items for next month's journal.

Div. Cor.

### Bangor & Aroostook Ry.

#### Southern Division—

Since the last write-up our general committee convened at Bangor, and went before the management, adjusted several grievances, revised the seniority list, and secured a small advance in salary at a number of places.

Bro. Stewart, of Milo, recently took a day off, and went to Stockton to look the place over, preparatory to bidding on the agency.

Bro. Thorpe landed South LaGrange agency, on bulletin.

Bro. Hamilton secured assistant's position at Patten.

Bro. R. H. Clark, from Sherman, nights, to Fort Fairfield as telegrapher.

Mr. M. W. Mosher, freight clerk at Brownville, returned recently from a three weeks' trip to Washington, D. C.

We have lately secured three or four new members on this division, and hope to "rope in" two or three more before many moons.

Why doesn't some brother on the Grierville branch furnish a few items for THE TELEGRAPHER. With the co-operation of the members, the correspondent could have our write-up teeming with notes that would be interesting to all.

CERT. 90.

#### Northern Division—

It is about time there was something in the fraternal columns from the Northern Division, as it has been several months since we were represented in THE TELEGRAPHER. When last I wrote, I requested that the members send a few notes to aid in keeping the Northern Division represented, but as yet the spirit has moved no one to comply with the request. Of course, I am aware that it is a very uncommon occurrence for the division correspondent to get assistance from his division. When THE TELEGRAPHER comes out each month, we naturally look for division notes, and if none are to be found, blame the correspondent. I will make one more request. If

any member is in possession of items of interest to the membership, send them to the correspondent, who will be very grateful and gladly incorporate them in the division write-up.

Our committee has just returned from Bangor, having secured an amendment to the schedule of 1907. This is very gratifying, and I think it is as much as could be expected at the present time.

Under the amendment just secured, the positions of assistant agent at Patten, assistant agent at Limestone and telegrapher at Ft. Fairfield, which for some reason have not heretofore been advertised, have been bulletined. The names of train dispatchers have also been placed on the seniority list, and they now have the privilege of bidding on station jobs if they desire to do so.

Mr. W. J. Bartlett, third trick at Ashland Junction, bid in position of assistant at Limestone.

Mr. A. E. Bedford, telegrapher at Ft. Fairfield, secured position as assistant at Bridgewater, on bulletin.

Mr. C. R. Thistle, assistant at Ashland, got Caribou, nights, on bulletin.

R. H. Clark, a Southern Division man, got position of telegrapher at Ft. Fairfield.

Bro. Johnson has returned to Houlton.

There are two new men on the division. Mr. C. A. Campbell, at Caribou, and Mr. H. A. Austin, at Bridgewater.

Position of assistant at Ashland is now up for bid.

This is a good time to get after the few nons remaining on this division. Some of these are of the hard-boiled variety, and are hopeless cases, but there is still enough material to work on outside of them. We have more than the average percentage of members, but the percentages of nons could be lessened if members working in the same offices would get busy.

Div. Con.

### Illinois Central Railroad.

Anna, Ill., March 3d, 1909.

To all Concerned:

In accordance with my circular letter February 11th, 1909, the ballots cast for the election of officers of Division No. 93 were opened and counted by Brothers Akin, Alexander, Allen, Godfrey, Cameron, Lynch, Robertson and Waggoner, who were appointed by Bro. Mulhall for that purpose. The following having received the highest number of votes, were declared elected:

Chicago Terminal: Local chairman, F. A. Thomas, 3506 Lake Ave., Chicago, Ill.; delegate, none.

Chicago Division: Local chairman, W. H. Morrison, Peotone, Ill.; delegate, W. H. Morrison, Peotone, Ill.; alternate, C. O. Stone, Paxton, Ill.

St. Louis Division: Local chairman, G. E. Chance, Mounds, Ill.; delegate, G. E. Chance, Mounds, Ill.; alternate, R. L. Shannon, Anna, Ill.

Springfield Division: Local chairman, B. W. Tilbury, Weldon, Ill.; delegate, Ned Warrick, Kenney, Ill.; alternate, S. Messinger, Mt. Pleasant, Ill.

Peoria Division: Local chairman, C. J. Walker, Newton, Ill.; delegate, C. J. Walker, Newton, Ill.; alternate, F. A. McGinnis, Latham, Ill.

Freeport Division: Local chairman, Walter Kelly, Rutland, Ill.; delegate, R. C. Eiser, No. 1 Arcade Ave., Freeport, Ill.; alternate, L. J. Bartle, Argyle, Wis.

Dubuque Division: Local chairman, F. W. Lacy, Gladstone Flats, Dubuque, Iowa; delegate, J. H. Wells, No. 1027 Clay St., Dubuque, Iowa; alternate, B. W. Pierson, Manchester, Iowa.

Omaha-Cherokee Division: Local chairman, E. W. Hill, Aurelia, Iowa; delegate, M. A. Penney, Denison, Iowa; alternate, E. W. Cooper, Parkersburg, Iowa.

Louisville Division: Local chairman, C. A. Mulhall, Clarkson, Ky.; delegate, C. A. Mulhall, Clarkson, Ky.; alternate, R. L. Pulliam, Clarkson, Ky.

Tennessee Division: Local chairman, E. Cosgrove, Fulton, Ky.; delegate, E. L. Mathis, Greenfield, Tenn.; alternate, W. B. Romine, Fulton, Ky.

Mississippi Division: Local chairman, J. E. Bull, Grenada, Miss.; delegate, J. E. Bull, Grenada, Miss.; alternate, H. R. Weston, Starksville, Miss.

Louisiana Division: Local chairman, J. W. Miller, Union Station, New Orleans, La.; delegate, F. E. Rehorst, Ponchatoula, La.; alternate, C. A. Head, Jr., Jackson, Miss.

Birmingham Division: Local chairman, O. M. Wood, Red Bay, Ala.; delegate, none.

Memphis Division: Local chairman, W. P. Moore, Lula, Miss.; delegate, W. P. Moore, Lula, Miss.; alternate, W. M. Furlong, Clarksdale, Miss.

Vicksburg Division: Local chairman, R. P. Walt, Cleveland, Miss.; delegate, R. P. Walt, Cleveland, Miss.; alternate, none.

New Orleans Division: Local chairman, R. L. Montgomery, Hermanville, Miss.; delegate, R. L. Montgomery, Hermanville, Miss.; alternate, W. E. Daugherty, Gloster, Miss.

Indianapolis Southern Ry.: Local chairman, G. B. Calvert, Sullivan, Ind.; delegate, F. B. Fox, Stoy, Ill.; alternate, G. B. Calvert, Sullivan, Ind.

In accordance with Sec. 71, of the Constitution, the officers elected will assume their respective duties immediately. The newly elected local chairmen should call on those retiring for what stationery, files and unfinished business they may have so there may be no delay in conducting the affairs of the division. They should also advise Bro. Mulhall whether or not they will serve in the capacity they were elected for, so he may secure the necessary transportation. With best wishes I am,

Yours fraternally,

R. L. SHANNON.

*Dubuque Division—*

The write-up for last month did not appear in the journal for the reason that the contributors failed to get their notes in early enough, and consequently the scribe could not get the manuscript to St. Louis within the time limit. All notes should reach us not later than the 25th of the month.

Agent E. L. Hamblin has returned to Glenville, and Mr. F. Davis, who relieved him during his vacation, is now relieving Bro. H. G. Farley on second trick at Glenville, while Bro. Farley relieves Mr. E. Pankhurst as agent at Lyle, Minn. Mr. Pankhurst is enjoying a short vacation.

Bro. J. D. Vanderburg withdrew his application for position as day telegrapher at Osage, and has decided to remain at Myrtle.

Bro. L. E. Loeffler, third trick man at "CW," Waterloo, secured day telegrapher's position at Osage on bulletin and was relieved at Waterloo by Bro. C. O. Butler until bulletin bids are filed.

Bro. A. V. Hillary, first trick man at "CW," Waterloo, has left the service and was relieved by Mr. C. A. Heath. Mr. Heath, by the way, seems to think that the O. R. T. can do nothing more for him, or at least, it would appear that way, as he has joined the "backslider's" club and won't give any reason for not paying his dues. Remember the slogan, "No card, etc."

Bro. S. V. Braden, formerly first trick man at "EE," Independence, secured first trick at Waterloo "CW," on bulletin.

Bro. E. E. Truitt has returned from his vacation and resumed work on second trick at Independence.

Mr. M. B. Norman is relieving Bro. R. D. Brown temporarily on third trick at Independence.

Bro. J. J. Duffy, of Masonville, secured Dyersville station on bulletin and was relieved at Masonville by Bro. O. O. Kilgore, until bulletin bid filed.

Bro. I. N. Swain, of Warren, Ill., was the oldest applicant for Dyersville, but afterwards changed his mind and withdrew his application in favor of Bro. Duffy. Bro. Art Miller has resumed work as first trick telegrapher at Dyersville.

Bro. B. H. Clark has resigned as local chairman of the Dubuque Division, he not having time to properly look after the work connected with that office and attend to his many duties as agent. Bro. Clark while in office put forth his best efforts toward the upbuilding of the Order, and has the thanks of the division for his services. Bro. M. P. Gallagher, of East Dubuque, accepted the local chairmanship and will no doubt be an aggressive champion for the cause.

Bro. H. F. Weimer, second trick man at Portage interlocker, had the misfortune to freeze his ears quite badly during the recent zero weather, and was obliged to lay off while receiving medical attention. He now wears a cap with earlaps. He was relieved by Bro. W. G. Orstendorf, who later went to Dyersville to accept second trick on bulletin bid.

Bro. E. H. Lacy, of Galena, attended the meeting on January 23d. It's a shame the way some of the brothers on the east end miss these good things. We hope they will be present at our next meeting and find out what's doing.

Now a word in regard to the Key City Telegraphers' Club. This club was organized for the purpose of holding regular monthly meetings at Dubuque, jointly with the three other roads that run into Dubuque and as a method of getting the brothers more closely together, creating an interest in the work of thorough organization. At every meeting we expect to have one of the general chairman, or general secretary of one of the roads present and it is a fact that the boys hate to leave after the meetings are adjourned. Last meeting we brought in three new members. Bro. G. E. Soyster, of Division No. 23, was present, and treated us with the best talk for the "good of the Order" that the scribe ever had the good fortune to hear. Brothers from all roads entering Dubuque were present and everybody conceded that it was the most enthusiastic meeting of its kind ever held in Dubuque. The meeting adjourned after midnight and even then there were many subjects left to talk about. Next month we expect to have Bro. M. J. Johnson, of Division 130, and Bro. O. W. Renshaw, of Division 23, with us, and a large attendance is looked forward to. Everybody come.

Keep after the nons. Try every honorable method to bring them into the fold and at the same time remember the backsliders in connection with "no card, no favors."

HOOK AND EYE.

*Tennessee Division—*

Everything is seemingly quiet, and no special changes are taking place.

I notice the boys are getting new cards promptly and by the time this goes to press no doubt this division will be 90 or 95 per cent paid up. This shows that we are not dead ones.

Bro. C. R. Collins, formerly from the ticket agency at Fulton, Ky., has been promoted to the agency at Covington, Tenn. The vacancy was caused by the death of our worthy Brother Maloney. Bro. Collins was succeeded by Bro. W. H. Norman as ticket agent at Fulton. This leaves the position of second trick telegrapher and assistant ticket agent open for permanent appointment, which is on bulletin now.

Bro. Dye, of Ballard Junction, was off a few days, recently, attending court, Marion, Ill.

"13" Bro. Starkweather bid in second trick at Cairo, Ill., ticket office.

Bro. J. C. Mills, of Greenfield, Tenn., who has recently been suffering from la grippe and fever, is much improved and will soon return to work. He was relieved by Bro. Roy Scott, who, having two artificial limbs, fell on the ice and injured himself very badly. Bro. W. B. Midgett, from Rives freight house, relieved Bro. Scott.

Bro. Bob Wooldridge, of Holly Springs, has been off duty a few days, relieved by a Mr. Matthews.



Bro. C. W. Stockdale, of Frogmoor, better known as "Jackson, Tenn., Yards," has been visiting home folks and friends at Big Sandy, Tenn., for a few days.

Bro. Warner Maxwell, of Jackson, Tenn., yards, has been visiting in Memphis. Both he and Bro. Stockdale were relieved by Mr. Jim McPiggott, a new man.

I have noticed quite an improvement in the service since the 9-hour law went into effect. The men seem to have more energy, answer calls more promptly and endeavor to do their work better than when they remained on duty for twelve hours at a stretch. We should continue to give first-class service, thus proving to the company that it is to the interest of all concerned not to overwork us.

CERT. 1099.

#### *Freeport Division—*

H. W. O'Toole was successful applicant for Freeport yard office, second trick, but withdrew his application. Bro. R. C. Eiser, the next oldest applicant, also withdrew his application, which gave Bro. John Hayes the position permanently.

Bro. Scott Bellows, of Bloomington, is enjoying a few weeks' vacation. Bro. James Davis is relieving him. Bro. Davis but recently returned to the service of the I. C.

Bro. B. E. Melloan relieved Bro. John Funk at East Junction one night, account of sickness.

Bro. B. E. Melloan is at present doing the extra stunt on third trick at Coleman.

You will all be glad to hear that Bro. W. R. Keister has returned to his trick at East Junction, the company having reinstated him with all his rights.

Bro. J. Funk, who was holding down Bro. Keister's place regular, is now on the extra list.

Bro. C. E. Harrington is at present doing the extra stunt at Burlington on the second trick. Conners has been taken out of the service.

Bro. John Funk relieved Bro. Granger at Freeport yard, first trick, for a few days.

Bro. A. H. Brodeaur was successful applicant for Cloverdale agency, relieving Bro. C. W. Knapp, who has been doing the extra stunt there for the past few weeks.

Mr. C. G. Garner, who is at present working at Double Track Junction, on the Chicago Terminal, second trick, was married recently.

Bro. John Funk relieved Bro. G. Cox at Freeport yard office, third trick for two nights.

Bros. Walter Kelly, R. C. Eiser and L. J. Bartle are the only candidates for local chairman, representative and alternate on this division, so it is an easy matter to guess who will be elected.

Bro. J. M. McGowen was the successful applicant for Coleman, third trick.

Among the most recent bulletins we have Haldane, nights, and Dixon, first trick.

Bro. E. B. Lund is at present taking a 30 days' leave of absence. I '13" he has not decided whether he will return to the telegraph service again.

Bro. C. Peterson was successful applicant for first trick at C. G. W. Crossing.

Bro. W. C. Boldt is at present doing the extra stunt on third trick, Peterson's old trick. "13" Bro. R. J. Steele, who is at present on the second trick, C. G. W. Crossing, gets the third trick on the recent bulletin.

Bro. James Davis worked a few days on first trick, Freeport yard office.

Bro. Granger, of first trick, Freeport yard office, has been on relief several times during the month, as telegrapher in the dispatcher's office.

We have a few men on this division who are in the habit of taking out cards when the committee is expected to go to Chicago and dropping out again as soon as a raise is secured or some concession granted. It is high time they were getting in for good or at least stop posing as O. R. T. men.

Mrs. M. M. Gossard, mother of Bro. Wm. Gossard, of El Paso, died at her home in Wapella, February 10th. Bro. Gossard was relieved by Bro. McGowen. The members of Freeport Division extend to the bereaved family their heartfelt sympathy in this hour of sorrow.

Bros. Mulhall and Kelly were in Chicago in conference with General Superintendent Ewing some time ago in connection with a few grievance cases, most of which were adjusted satisfactorily.

Bro. Kelly was relieved by Mr. Guthrie, who closed up shop one morning about 2 a. m. and Bro. J. Davis was sent to the rescue.

Bro. Shepard and family, of Rutland, attended the auto show in Chicago.

Bro. Renfro, of La Salle, who has been trying for some time to get relief, has at last succeeded and is now visiting in the neighborhood of St. Louis.

Bro. Sam Davis is laying off, having been in the Southwest for some time.

Bros. B. C. Barber and John Funk are relieving.

SHORTY.

#### *St. Louis Division—*

It has been some time since items from the St. Louis Division appeared in the journal. Let us each and every one lend a helping hand, and make the correspondence from this division interesting.

Bro. Arter, first trick at "KT," Cairo, is off for a few days, and is being relieved by Bro. B. F. Elsey.

John Mulvehill, second trick "KT" office, Cairo, has left the service. This cleans up the nons on the Cairo Terminal, with the exception of one, the oldest man on the pike.

Bro. Starkweather bid in second trick at "KT" office, Cairo.

Bro. Dye was off duty several days, attending court at Marion, in the interest of the company, and was relieved by Extra Telegraphers Bros. Haggard, Calhoun and Nesmith.

Bro. Peart got second trick at Cache, on bid.

Two quad sets and two repeater half-sets with three high voltage motor generators for same, and in addition two small machines to furnish local battery doing away with the blue stone battery, have recently been installed in the yard office at Mounds. With the twenty wires now working in that office, Mounds ranks as an important office. An additional position, nights, for this place is on bulletin.

Bro. W. M. Sawrey, of Herrin, bid in third trick at Illinois Junction.

Bro. E. T. Etling secured Ballard Junction, third trick, on bulletin.

Makanda open days again, with Bro. Mulcaster on first trick; Bro. D. M. Hartman, of Illinois Junction, second trick, and Mr. Briggs, third trick.

Jobs out on bulletin at present, as follows: Third trick "UN" office, Mounds; third trick "DA" office, Carbondale; second trick, Cache.

Bro. W. H. Milo was recently assigned to third trick at Branch Junction. Div. Cor.

#### *Memphis Division—*

Several changes have been made in agencies on the Memphis Division.

Bro. J. J. Burns, formerly at Hollywood, is now at Minter City.

Bro. Atkins has gone to farming.

Bro. Stevens, formerly at Parchman, has resigned, to act as traveling salesman. He is selling some sort of patent horse collar.

Bro. W. T. Dungan, agent at Charleston, had the misfortune to lose his baby by fire. We extend our deepest sympathy.

Bro. R. R. Green has returned from Hot Springs, and will now be found at Doddsville, doing the stunt as agent.

Bro. R. L. Harris, formerly agent at Banks, is at present agent at Lake View. Mr. Everett having been dismissed from the service.

Bro. R. E. Rhew, former agent at Rome, was appointed agent at Merigold, succeeding Mr. R. A. Tribble, resigned.

Bro. F. A. Brown is agent at Tutwiler, having relieved Mr. W. H. Moore, who is holding down the agency at Hollywood. Mr. Moore, I understand, made application to the O. R. T. for membership, but same was turned down for cause.

Bro. A. S. James, who was agent at Money for some time two years, is now located at Webb. The agency at Money is filled by one Mr. E. R. Hudson.

Bro. F. A. Brewer is holding the agency at Dublin.

Bro. S. F. Johnson who has been doing the "owl act" at "MS" for some time, is out of the service at present. Understand his case is being investigated, and we hope to see him back on his old stand at "MS" soon. His place is now being filled by Mr. Smith, who I understand is an extra dispatcher from the Southern Ry. It seems a little queer that some of the telegraphers on this division, who are capable of filling this position with entire satisfaction, did not get a chance to do so, as this is one of the positions which should have been bulletined.

Bro. B. F. Parrish is at West Junction.

Bro. Tucker, formerly at Shelby, is at Lake View. He being relieved by Bro. Schmullen, of Coahoma.

Bro. Walker is now holding the second trick at Greenwood.

Bro. R. O. Burns is at Minter-City, assisting his brother with the agency.

Bros. Holliday and Lindsey doing the second and third tricks at Coahoma.

There have been several changes made on this division within the past month, and I am sorry to say that the majority of them have been filled by nons. It is time for us to get after these people. Those who are desirable should be approached and gotten into the Order as soon as possible.

By the time this is in print the election of local chairman will be verified, and let us hope that our worthy Chairman Bro. W. P. Moore has been elected by a large majority, which will assure him that the boys of the Memphis Division have not gone back on him.

There has been quite a little dissatisfaction among the brothers of the Memphis Division, on account of positions not being bulletined, as per our contract, and they would like to have it remedied at the earliest opportunity. Bro. W. P. Moore has taken the matter up with General Superintendent W. S. King for adjustment to have these positions not only bulletined, but filled from the ranks.

There are quite a number of the brothers who are not up-to-date. It is about time that all worthy members should show an up-to-date card. So those who can not, had better get busy.

Our lately deceased Bro. W. E. White was one of the oldest members, and one of the "Old Guard" who went to Chicago and obtained for us our first schedule. He was always an enthusiastic member, and we could always find him at our meetings. He only survived his beloved wife one month, which seems to us who knew him well that he was a beloved husband as well as father, and could not stand the separation from the one who went before him.

Div. Cor.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Almighty Ruler of the Universe in His infinite wisdom has deemed it wise to remove from our midst our worthy Bro. W. E. White; be it

*Resolved*, That while we bow in humble submission to Him, who called our beloved brother before Him, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to those who will miss his presence most, be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy forwarded to the family of our deceased brother.

H. O. SHELLMAN,  
W. M. FURLONG,  
J. H. ARRINGTON,

*Committee.*

## IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Almighty Ruler of the Universe in His infinite wisdom has deemed it wise to remove from our midst Mrs. W. E. White, beloved wife of our late deceased Bro. W. E. White and mother of Sister Gertrude White, be it

*Resolved*, That while we bow with humble submission to Him, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to Sister White, and those who will miss her presence, be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy sent to Sister White.

H. O. SHEELMAN,  
W. M. FURLONG,  
J. H. ARRINGTON,  
*Committee.*

*Louisiana Division—*

The members on this division are very much interested at the present time, in the result of the election now being held, to determine who is to be our next local chairman, and also to ascertain who we are to send to Atlanta as representative and alternate to the Grand Convention.

By the time this appears in the March TELEGRAPHER, the result will be known. In view of the fact that we have a 90 per cent membership, that our meetings are enthusiastic and largely attended, and our members wide-awake, it is only natural that we should take much interest in the election. It is to be hoped that the most capable men will be placed in office.

The following are candidates for local chairman: F. E. Rehorst, J. R. Youngblood and J. W. Miller. For representative to Grand Division: F. E. Rehorst and W. B. Sanders. For alternate: S. C. Turner, W. B. Sanders and C. A. Head. As all the candidates are extremely popular on the division, the contest will be quite spirited, although friendly. All ballots must be in the hands of General Secretary and Treasurer Shannon by February 28th, and on March 2d, at Fulton, Ky., where an O. R. T. meeting will be held, the ballots will be counted, and the winners announced.

Our regular monthly meeting was held at McComb, Sunday night, February 14th. On account of the inclement weather, the attendance was not as large as usually, although we had a red hot meeting, and the enthusiasm made up for the shortage. All three of the candidates for local chairman were present, and the "candidate handshake" was very much in evidence. Several applications for membership were balloted upon; one of the applicants proved to be a scab who worked at Knoxville, Tenn., during the last commercial strike; of course, his application was summarily rejected. The superintendent, chief dispatcher and the division agent had been invited to be present and address the boys on several important subjects for the good of the service, but owing to the special train of President Hara-han and Mr. E. H. Harriman being on the division they were unable to be present, but promised to be on hand next meeting.

No more postal card notices will be sent out for the meetings at McComb; these meetings will be held every second Sunday night in each month, and the members are urged to be on hand, and not to forget the date. It is the intention to have meetings at Jackson, Miss., in conjunction with the Y. & M. V. after March. This will give the boys on the Yazoo District, and some on the Canton District, an opportunity to attend meetings, also those on the Y. & M. V., who heretofore have been unable to attend on account of train service.

We are sorry to announce that Bro. Chas. Galvani, agent at Manchac, La., is seriously ill at his home in Magnolia, Miss.

Bro. J. W. Ecker, first trick at Yazoo City, has resumed work after having been confined to his bed for some time; also Bro. W. D. Stanley, who was seriously shot in the foot accidentally some time ago, has resumed work at Manchac, La.

Several of the brothers are complaining of the telegraph school at "HO," Tangipahoa, La. It is alleged there are three students at this place, and unless the necessary permission is obtained from the president, or the students dispensed with, something will have to be done.

Bro. W. R. Davis, conductor on the Burlington, and his wife and two children, have returned to their home in St. Joseph, Mo., after a pleasant visit to his brother-in-law, Bro. J. G. Hayes, agent at Chatawa, Miss.

Jim Magee, agent at Osyka, Miss., has invited several of his friends to accompany him on a big fishing trip, on the beautiful Tangipahoa. The lucky ones are: H. W. Fitzgerald, Stewart Gant and Ed. Dunning.

Mr. A. J. Drane, agent at Wesson, Miss., has shown his capacity for increased responsibilities, by getting an O. R. T. card. There are only three exclusive agents left who are eligible for membership, and who are shown on our seniority list. Mr. E. R. Radford, ticket agent at Yazoo City; Mr. P. H. Moody, agent at Kentwood, and Mr. A. P. Guntharp, agent at Hammond, La., and it is hoped they will soon follow Bro. Drane's example.

Since our last write-up, Bro. Geo. Gouldman at McComb, Miss., who allowed himself to become delinquent, has paid up-to-date.

Bro. Barney Bee, formerly agent at Osyka, Miss., for a number of years, has accepted the agency at Tylertown, Miss., for the Fernwood and Gulf R. R.

An extra telegrapher was put on at "BD," New Orleans, during the Mardi-Gras festivities. Bro. Bob Servat, from McComb, did the stunt, and at the same time enjoyed a short stay at home.

Bro. L. H. Witherspoon has again accepted employment with the I. C., and is carrying the "hod" at Canton, Miss.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. J. A. Wolf, one of our oldest passenger conductors, who was buried at Amite, La., February 21st.

Among the recent arrivals who are working extra on this division are: Bros. F. C. Hipsch, J. V. Haffmaster, J. S. Wilkinson.

Bro. S. N. West, who has been "slaving" at Hammond, La., for several months, has been assigned to third trick at Gwin, on bulletin, relieving Bro. W. I. McFatter, who is sick and off duty. Div. Con.

#### *Springfield Division—*

Mrs. Bowman, mother of Bro. C. E. Bowman, agent at Toronto, Ill., died at her home at Wagoner, Ill., February 3d. We extend heartfelt sympathy.

Bro. X. B. Holland is relieving Bro. S. Miller at Farmersville. Bro. Miller has been granted sixty to ninety days' leave of absence. Understand Shuey is going to try the chief clerkship at the new mine at that point.

Mr. R. C. Fortman relieved Bro. C. E. Bowman at Toronto, Ill., a few days first week in February, on account of the serious illness and death of Bro. Bowman's mother.

Mr. J. A. Vallow, of "CO," Clinton, did some extra work in dispatcher's office. He was relieved by Mr. R. E. Lewis, of East Grand Ave. Mr. Lewis relieved by Mr. Tobin.

Bro. Stone, of Marine, and Bro. Farlow, of Barclay, have both been taking vacations, are you on?—Married.—Prosperity must have returned to the Springfield Division. J. C. W.

#### *A CARD.*

This will acknowledge receipt of your remittance presented by members of the Springfield District, compliments of my friends, of which you are one. I have no words at my command that will express my appreciation for your kindness, and I assure you same will not soon be forgotten. Yours fraternally,

A. LANKFORD.

#### *Peoria Division—*

Bro. Caster is working New Harmony agency for sixty days, relieving Bro. Boyer, who is off on vacation.

Bro. Manion, first trick man at Evansville "FS" office, was sick a few days in January; relieved by Bro. Wilson.

Bro. Endicott, on extra board, relieved by Mr. Webb at Harwood, a few nights, on account of sickness.

At the last meeting of the O. R. T. held at Newton Bro. R. E. Bayles was elected local division treasurer and Bro. Boyer elected secretary.

Bro. Lynn, car distributor in "CM" office, Mattoon, was off a few days in January visiting friends at Evansville; relieved by Bro. Wilson.

While the last O. R. T. meeting was the best in the history of the Order on the Peoria Division, we missed several faces who should have been present. Let us all do our best to make the next meeting a rousing success and all be present.

Our local chairman, Bro. C. J. Walker, spent a day or two in Anna, the second week in February, conferring with Bro. Shannon on business matters of the division, Bro. Wilson relieving him on first trick at Newton.

Bro. Ben Knight, on the extra list, worked a few days at Poseyville, relieving Bro. Pleasants.

W. R. Phillips, ticket clerk at Newton, and Bro. C. J. Walker, first trick telegrapher, "NE," Newton, left for New Orleans, February 15th, to attend Mardi-Gras. They expect to visit several other places of interest on their way home.

Bro. Wilson is working second trick at Pekin, relieving Bro. Perry, who, we understand, is off looking after his chicken interests.

Bro. Andrews is relieving Bro. Walker on first trick at Newton and Bro. Kennet is relieving Mr. Phillips as ticket clerk, he in turn being relieved by Bro. Knight on third trick.

The Order of Railway Telegraphers, Peoria Div. No. 93, held a meeting at Woodmen Hall, Newton, Ill., Sunday, Jan. 24th. About twenty-eight of the boys were present, and they say it was one of the most interesting meetings Peoria Division ever held. The following officers were present and presided at their respective stations: C. J. Walker, Newton, chief telegrapher; E. E. Bayer, New Harmony, secretary; H. J. Rothrock, West Salem, 1st vice-chief telegrapher; W. A. McClure, Bone Gap, 2d vice-chief telegrapher; H. A. Bolinger, Newton, marshal; W. W. Rothrock, Greenup, inside sentinel; F. A. McGinnis, Latham, past chief; R. E. Bayles, Newton, treasurer.

Other telegraphers present were: W. S. Hall, Lerna, Ill., C. R. Pleasants, Poseyville, Ind., O. L. Bridges, Mattoon, Ill., J. T. Carter, New Harmony, Ind., J. H. Gallagher, Olney, Ill., J. M. Endicott, New Harmony, Ind., W. E. Gladville, Stewartsville, Ind., B. F. Riley, Parkersburg, Ill., F. S. Wilson, Calhoun, Ill., R. F. Short, Hartsburg, Ill., O. D. Greenfield, Grayville, Ill., J. W. Jones, Browns, Ill., H. P. Steppins, West Liberty, Ill., R. Hocking, Hidalgo, B. B. Knight, Pekin, Ill., J. C. Clark, Sullivan, Ill., B. E. Johnson, Rose Hill, Ill., and Earl Kennett, Newton, Ill.

Telegrapher Clements, of Bloomfield, Ind., local chairman of the Indianapolis Southern Division, and Telegrapher Calvert, of Sullivan, Ind., were visitors at the meeting.

At the morning session the regular routine of business was handled after which the knights of the key adjourned to do justice to what Uncle Joe had in store for them at the New American.

At the afternoon session the time was mostly taken up in making speeches for the good of the Order and a general social good time, after which the meeting was closed, and the boys left for their respective homes. CERT. 1315.

#### *Chicago Division—*

Twenty brothers were present at our meeting in Kankakee, February 12th. The meeting was called to order at 8 p. m., and a few matters of business handled. At 8:30 p. m., the door-

keeper admitted the visitors, who attended on special invitation.

Those present were Mr. D. J. Higgins and Mr. W. G. Tiley, of Champaign and Mr. W. J. Hevron and Mr. C. G. Richmond, of Kankakee. Mr. G. E. Patterson was unable to meet with us on account of sickness in his family.

These gentlemen favored us with short speeches, after which we had a general discussion relative to various subjects which were suggested. Mr. Hevron, having a switch board in the room, gave us some very valuable information with regard to the use of the board.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 p. m., in order that the boys from the south could catch train No. 21. A vote of thanks was tendered the local officials who so kindly consented to spare their time to meet with us.

Such meetings are a benefit to all, and tend to show the friendly feeling existing on the Chicago Division between the local officials and the telegraphers.

Bro. Munson, of Gibson, relieved five days by Telegrapher Fitzpatrick.

Bro. G. McNabney has been assigned to the agency at Harpster.

Bro. C. C. Jewel has accepted third trick at Otto.

Bro. Barr, of Roberts, has returned to work after fifteen days' leave of absence. Bro. Phelps relieved him.

Third trick at Kankakee Junction is bulletined on account of Bro. McNabney having bid in the Harpster agency.

About thirty agents were in attendance at the staff meeting in Chicago, February 6th, in response to the invitation from Superintendent H. Battisfore. Many very important subjects were discussed, and all voted it a day well spent.

If you have not yet done so, please pay your dues for present term so the local chairman will not have to write you about it.

Brothers, I think we should in some way show our appreciation to our local chairman, Bro. Morrison, who has so faithfully executed his part. Undoubtedly he has made sacrifices for us in his work of the past year. Div. Cor.

### Chicago Great Western Railway.

#### Eastern Division—

If the members on this end will take the trouble to send what news they can glean, the writer will be pleased to have them inserted in the journal, and in this way the Eastern Division can be well represented each month.

Bro. L. L. Sheckler drew agency at South Freeport, on bulletin.

Bro. C. F. Koehn has been transferred to the Syracuse agency, and Bro. Roy Hulett to the agency at Stockton.

Bro. Downey drew third trick at Syracuse, on bulletin.

Mr. O. A. Quigley is relieving at Stockton.

Wm. Marr, a C. T. U. A. man, drew the Esmond agency.

Bro. Pentscoff drew third trick at Stockton, and is now doing the agent's "stunt" there, while Bro. Hulett is on the sick list.

Quite a number of the boys seem to be quitting the C. G. W., and several positions are on bulletin. Among them the following: Agency at Oneida; second trick and agency at Aurora; third trick at Dyersville.

It is rumored that Bro. R. F. Nelson, agent at Lombard, has become a benedict. If such is the case we wish the happy couple much joy.

Bro. R. E. Lamb, of South Elmhurst, recently took a ten days' vacation which he spent attending to business in the West. He was relieved by Bro. Geo. Tiezona, who later went to Sycamore, third trick.

Mr. J. E. McNully resigned at Bellwood, to accept a position on the C. T. T., at 12th St. Station, Chicago.

The second trick at Bellwood is now on bulletin.

The station at Fox, Ill., has been closed. Bro. Caustine, the agent, went to St. Charles, first trick.

Bro. R. J. Steele, was the successful applicant for "CX."

Address all communications to your local chairman, who will see that same reaches St. Louis in time for publication. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

#### Northwest Division—

The northwest division is still "moving," although traffic was somewhat impeded for a few days. Train service was entirely suspended on two occasions.

In last month's issue we neglected to mention the return of Bro. P. Stenstrom, to Randolph, second trick. He had been spending several months at his home in Iowa.

Bro. F. J. Donovan, second trick at South St. Paul, was recently laid up a few days, on account of sickness.

Telegrapher Luscomb, who has been at Skybury for the past two months, has been dismissed from the service.

Bro. J. E. Jenny, first trick at South St. Paul, was absent a few days, on account of sickness.

We have to thank Bro. F. R. Mills, agent at Vlasaty, for a large contribution to this write-up.

Bro. H. R. Grannis has resigned as local chairman of the Northwest Division.

Telegrapher L. J. Green has second trick at Skyburg at present.

Word reaches us from General Chairman Albrecht that our committee will be convened early in March, to negotiate for a revision of our present schedule. Bro. Albrecht can be found at the Foley Hotel, St. Paul.

Our semi-annual election is at hand, and by the time this reaches you a new force of local chairmen will have been installed. There are two can-

didates in the field for the Northwest Division, and General Chairman Albrecht says, from personal acquaintance, that each man is "equal to the emergency, and a good worker."

Keep an eye on the non working in the office with you, and never neglect an opportunity to point out to him the benefits of Unionism. You can do more toward winning him over, than brothers who are miles away. Div. Cor.

### Seaboard Air Line Railway.

#### Second Division—

By the time this is in print the new local chairman will be elected, and we shall know who are to be the delegates to the convention.

Business, in general, is improving, and through passenger traffic is good.

Bro. Weathers, at Raleigh, is working the third trick.

Telegrapher Livester has been relieved by Mr. Allison.

W. G. Parker, at Cary, has been relieved by Bro. Cancome.

Northam, from Southern Pines discharged, but reinstated as extra man.

Bro. Herring is working third trick at Vass.

Mr. Kirkman has been visiting his folks.

Carl Sauls has resumed duty.

Hamlet has been flooded with telegraphers and trainmen, standing examination on the N. & W. rules.

All who have notes for the R. & R. write-up, should send them in by the 20th of each month.

R. & R. Cor.

#### Richmond District, South End—

As I have seen nothing in THE TELEGRAPHER from this district for quite a while, will try and furnish a few items.

Having a joint agency here, I have but little opportunity to get a line on the boys.

Trestle No. 225, this side of Parkton, caught fire recently, but was extinguished by the crew on 2nd No. 85, delaying them for a short time.

Second and third trick at Pembroke, second trick at "FV" office, Fayetteville; second at "FY" tower, Florence, and first and third at Elm City, "A," are on bulletin—assignments to be made the 12th.

Judging from the number of messages sent out from the superintendent's office within the last few weeks, calling for empty boxes to fill a shortage on the Second Division, business must be picking up.

The two sets of dispatchers taken off at Rocky Mount, have been replaced, which also indicates that business is increasing.

Bro. R. H. Merchant, agent at Pembroke, has tendered his resignation, but has not yet been relieved, as there are few men who care to take that agency.

#### Fifth Division—

The outlook seems good for a 95 per cent line up on this division at no distant date. The members are working with renewed activity, and applications are coming in, in an encouraging manner.

The commercial fertilizer business is again upon us, and each member will be afforded an excellent opportunity to fraternize with the "wool hat boys." Perhaps, if you will rush out and help them load their wagons they will bring you a nice rotten ended watermelon later in the season.

The biennial convention will soon be upon us, and it is understood that quite a number of the boys from this division will attend.

No doubt Bro. W. L. Tidwell, agent at Vidalia, will be our next local chairman. Though we dislike for the present incumbent, Bro. Smith, to relinquish the office, we believe that Bro. Tidwell will handle the business satisfactorily. Each member is requested to assist him in every way possible.

There were very few transfers made during the past thirty days. Every man seems to be "saying nothing, and sawing wood."

If you have not already done so, 'tis high time you were paying semi-annual dues and assessments in the Mutual Benefit Department for current term. Don't overlook this important matter, but do it now.

We thought so; the first thing you looked for on receiving the journal was a write-up from your division. Then why not assist in getting up a respectable collection of interesting items, each month? Very likely you know a few things that would prove of interest to the membership. Send 'em in any time before the 25th of each month.

Don't overlook making arrangements to attend the monthly meetings. Your presence is needed. They will make a better union man of you, to say nothing of improving your service to the company. Let our next meeting be the largest we have ever held. It will be easy if we all attend.

CERT. 147.

### T. & O. C. Ry.

After dispatching trains at Bucyrus for ten days, Extra Dispatcher A. L. Bearns returned to Columbus as copier on Corning Division. This change places Telegrapher Ebert, on Western Division, as copier; Bro. Amburg, at Broad St., first trick, and Bro. Forrest, at Thurston, third trick.

Telegrapher Burke, of Fulton, bid in second trick at Clemons, and Telegrapher Eiseman, of Woodside, third trick.

The position of telegrapher and clerk at Bellefontaine, bulletined.

Mt. Gilead and Rushville agencies, bulletined.

Bros. Cox and Wiseman at Whitmore, first and second tricks, have gone into the clothing business, and are doing fairly well.

Agent G. F. Cox, of Spore, was visiting relatives at Toledo, January 24th.

Bro. Link, formerly of Charleston, W. Va., now working for the Pa. Co., is visiting in Bucyrus, for a few days.

Telegrapher O'Brien, second trick at Thurston, and Telegrapher Burke, second trick at Clemons, made flying trips to Columbus, a few days ago.

Earl Marshall, the student who robbed the cash drawer at the T. & O. C. depot, in Mt. Gilead, entered a plea of guilty before Judge Campbell, January 27th. The judge imposed a fine of \$25.00, and a sentence of ninety days in the work house. Agent Wright says he will never take another student.

Dispatchers Houston, Corey and Williams, each had three days off in the month of January, to learn the road more thoroughly.

Mr. Rinehart is relieving the agent at New Riegel for a few days.

Mr. Lockhart, third trick at Fostoria, has purchased a fine dwelling at that place.

Bro. Shelhouse, second trick at Fostoria, took dinner with Telegrapher Lockhart and wife, at Berwick, January 29th.

Would request that some of the brothers at Corning send in notes, as the writer is so located that he can not hear the news on Corning Division.

Business on T. & O. C. was almost paralyzed February 15th and 16th, on account of the heavy sleet storm. All wires were down between Bucyrus and Toledo, on Eastern Division and between Columbus and Cygnet, on Western Division.

Bro. Simon, night man at Findlay, off sick; relieved by Extra Telegrapher Beightler, of Columbus.

Bro. Gordon, second trick at Bowling Green, off duty February 20th; relieved by Extra Telegrapher Beightler. CERT. 64.

### Lehigh Valley Ry.

Division No. 124—

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our highly esteemed and beloved Brother Albert W. Palmateer, be it

*Resolved*, That we thus express our high appreciation of his long service to the cause of truth and right, his sterling manhood and kindly disposition, qualities that endear him to all, and be it

*Resolved*, That we extend to his bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this, their hour of sorrow, and point them the true source of comfort in affliction, our Divine Creator, as their strength and refuge, and be it further

*Resolved*, By Lehigh Valley Railroad System, Division No. 124, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that a copy of this memorial be spread upon the minutes, a copy sent to the bereaved family, and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

WM. DAY,  
J. S. STRADLING,  
J. C. NILLEGAN,

Committee.

### Kanawha & Michigan Ry.

Division 118—

Bro. Allen, second trick at Dickinson, was off duty for several days, on account of sickness.

Bro. Joe McLaughlin, second trick at Black Betsey, relieved the agent at Raymond City for a few days, recently.

Bro. McKnight, of Middleport, who has been working extra since the job at Doty was abolished, made a flying trip to Toledo and other points on the T. & O. C. and K. & M. about the middle of February.

Telegrapher Stalder, copier in dispatcher's office at Hobson, was in Corning, recently, on business.

Bro. Romine, second trick at Chauncey, was off February 15th, attending court at Athens. He was relieved by Telegrapher Davis, who worked for awhile at Dunbar, W. Va.

Bro. Johnson, agent at Albany, was at Trimble, recently, looking over his old stand.

Business on the K. & M. is at rather a low ebb at the present time, but will be on the boom again as soon as the lake season opens up.

Brothers, if you want to see the K. & M. write-up in THE TELEGRAPHER each month, send me what notes you can and I will try and get them in. I haven't had a single note for two months.

CERT. 337.

### M. St. P. & S. S. M. Ry.

Missouri River Division, Bismarck Line—

Bro. E. C. Stocker is again the head mogul at Wilton, relieving Bro. Harris, resigned. Bro. Stocker was agent at Wilton some time ago; and is well known to most of the boys. "13" Bro. Harris goes back to the east end.

Bro. Stevens is again doing business at Merri-court. He had a serious attack of typhoid, and the boys are glad to know that he has fully regained his health.

Bro. E. C. Butler has a new depot to work in, of which he is very proud.

Bro. Donnewer, who recently underwent a very serious operation at Rochester, is back at Lidgerwood again. The boys are all glad to see "Donne" back and to know that he is in good health once more.

Bro. J. H. McGoggy, at Ashley, is laying off. He has gone to spend the winter in the sunny South. Here's hoping he enjoys himself. Mr. C. M. Huhn is relieving him.

This division is in first-class condition, which shows good work on the part of our local chairman. We should render him every assistance, for we want to stay in good shape. CERT. 70.

Minnesota Division—

Bro. Tomlinson, formerly at "NP," Valley City, relieved Telegrapher Stevens, third trick at Drake. He will transfer soon.

Bro. J. S. Lawson, of Portal, has decided to leave us, having accepted a position with a Brazilian railway.

Bro. Rusk, also of Portal, has resigned and intends to become a real farmer. He is going up into the wilds of Saskatchewan on a homestead.

Bro. B. J. Thorn, late first trick at Minot, is now acting as ticket clerk at that point.

Understand that Bro. Holliday, of Kenmare, like Bro. Rusk, has intentions of removing to a farm.

Telegrapher Reid is relieving Agent Fessenden. Some one had better get after him.

Bro. E. O. Park has returned from his vacation, and is working third trick at Carrington.

Several of the boys ask when we are going to have another meeting, and why it couldn't be arranged to hold it at Minot, so as some of the boys at the extreme west end of the line can attend.

Div. Cor.

### Wisconsin Central Ry.

#### Fourth District—

While splitting wood Bro. Carlson had the misfortune to cut his foot. He is able to be around, and at last report was improving.

On January 23d Bro. Kotas had the misfortune to lose his house and part of his furniture by fire. This was quite a severe blow, especially in zero weather. We are glad to learn that he carried insurance, and that his claim was settled promptly.

C. Leighty, chief train dispatcher from the Southern Division, accompanied by his wife, visited at Phillips with friends and relatives, lately.

Bro. Semerea visited with folks at Butternut between trains.

Bro. Kotas sent his wife and family to Auburndale until such time as he can arrange to go house-keeping again, Auburndale being their former home.

Business is picking up all along the line. At Park Falls they have an assistant. We should secure all the business possible. If the company reaps a good harvest we may reasonably expect something better later on.

Dispatcher Whittenbach is taking a vacation for a couple of months, visiting his parents in Canada. Mr. Hunt is working his trick while he is absent.

Some of the boys are in the habit of asking a few minutes off, and then staying an unreasonable length of time. When we promise to return at a certain time, we should make it a point to do so. No dispatcher will refuse to let one off for a few minutes if he gets back when he promises.

Cor.

### C. R. I. & P. Ry.

#### Arkansas Division—

Business is fairly good, but the force has been slightly reduced.

We are almost solid on this division between Little Rock and Booneville; hope the balance will come into the fold before long. "In union there is strength."

Mr. J. R. Jones is again at Magazine, his home.

Bro. J. W. Allen is again on the Rock Island, and is holding the Des Arc agency, for which position his bid is in. Bro. Allen worked at Roland a few days, relieving Mr. Lee, who was granted a vacation.

Bro. D. H. Nelms has bid in Adona agency.

It is rumored that the night man has been pulled off at Danville.

Boys, if you will give me the news, I will see that we have a write-up in the journal each month.

We are soon to have a new seniority list. I suppose our local chairman, Bro. Nelms, is having this done.

#### Hot Springs Branch—

I will again endeavor to write without the assistance of anyone this side of Biddle.

Bro. J. C. Allen, at Belleville, has kept me informed as to the west end. He has about as heavy a station as most of you, and I can't understand why if he can spare the time to ask what is going on some of the rest of us cannot show the spirit of unionism by taking enough interest to forward items to the correspondent.

Mr. McLaughlin, agent at Bauxite, got Benton on bid and staid there but a few days.

Now that we have two pay days a month, we will get a better "whack" at the nons; it will either cause them to tell more falsehoods or come across with the price. I have never yet approached one of them that he didn't begin to whine about "no money" or that he would "come across" with the price next pay day. They are either up and gone to some other road by "next pay day," or have been sick or bought a home. These are old excuses, worn perfectly threadbare.

I am sorry to see Bro. C. L. Foster, in "RK" office at Little Rock, misunderstood my article in December journal as applying to everyone in that office. I didn't intend it that way. Bro. Foster is well worthy the prefix brother.

Bro. A. T. Holland has returned from North Carolina, where he has been visiting his grandparents, and is back at his old stand, nights at Germania.

Mr. McLaughlin has returned to Bauxite on account of the heavy work at Benton, and no help.

Bro. Kisner, at Lonoke, has been helping to advance our interest on the east end by giving us a line-up and getting after the nons.

Bro. L. R. Cotney, Duvalls Bluff, has been appointed division correspondent. Let us keep him informed as to what takes place on this division, so that he can give us a write-up in the journal each month.

I have not had to take up a grievance since I have been elected to the local chairmanship, as all grievances were settled by the brothers themselves. Don't think that I want to shirk my duty, for I don't. Any time you have a grievance I am willing to see you through as far as I can go with it.



Bro. Brown will be with us in a short time and we hope to get thoroughly organized while he is down here.

Mr. U. S. Rea, is our chief dispatcher for the third time in one year. Mr. J. P. Quigley has been transferred and promoted to train master of the Louisiana Division. I understand that Mr. Rea will assume his duties as train master as soon as he recovers from injuries received in a motor car wreck last fall. It is hard to tell who will be our chief then.

The boys at Haskell all had to take a trip to Little Rock, a few days ago, to take an examination on wire tests.

L. C.

#### *El Paso Division—*

Mrs. Ralph Stokes, wife of the agent at Callison, is reported to have been very sick with typhoid fever, and was taken to the hospital at Hutchinson, Kan. We are glad to learn that she is getting along nicely at this date.

O. R. Powers has been off for a few days on account of a company lawsuit at Abilene.

Bro. T. O'Connell is spending a few days in Logan, account night man taken off at Texoma, and day man taken from Stratford. We understand that a night clerk was put on at Texoma, and a helper given the agent at Stratford.

Bro. E. E. Johnson, of Naravisa, has been transferred to first trick at Liberal.

C. M. Pierce, who worked first trick at Liberal, went to Naravisa nights.

Day telegrapher at Naravisa has been taken off, and Agent Patterson is doing the nine hours' telegraph trick, with the assistance of a helper.

The night telegrapher at Hooker has been taken off and the day clerk put on as night clerk.

H. Hollingsworth, agent at Tampa, has returned to work after a short vacation. He was relieved by Bro. V. P. Chase.

Brothers H. B. Chambers and G. C. Sparks are working the tricks at McPherson, relieving Wilson and Smith. Understand that Wilson and Smith will engage in other business.

Bro. A. H. Maytum, agent at Fowler, is off on a vacation; being relieved by Bro. V. P. Chase.

Bro. A. H. Bryden, of Topeka, is working in the dispatcher's office at Pratt.

Bro. R. E. Clasby, member of the C. T. U. A. No. 98, of Kansas City, is working second trick at Arkalon. He has promised to line up with the O. R. T. soon.

On account of not being able to give the office of local chairman on this division the proper attention, I have tendered my resignation to Bro. Brown, who, no doubt, will arrange for an election or appoint some one to fill the place, of which you will be advised in due time. I wish to thank the brothers who have given me their assistance during my term as local chairman, and I hope that they will continue their efforts and lend all the assistance possible to the next man who fills the place. With best wishes to all, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

E. L. MERRILL.

#### *Sixth, Seventh, Eighth Districts, Missouri Div.—*

Bro. R. Linsenby, Buffalo, has returned to duty after a few months' vacation. Unable to say where Bro. Slaughter went.

Bro. E. O. Schribber, Harvard nights, worked "RN," Trenton, extra, then went to Columbus Junction, third trick extra.

Agent O. M. Calvin, Columbus Junction, has been promoted to traveling division agent, a new office created lately. First Trick Telegrapher Bro. E. M. Smith takes the agency until bulletined. Bro. J. T. Barrett, third trick, has taken first trick until bulletined, being relieved by Bro. E. O. Schribber, extra.

Mr. J. L. Stewart, Columbus Junction, second trick, has left the service. He was relieved by Bro. B. H. Carson.

Bro. C. F. Fisher, agent County Line, has returned to work after a short visit in Kansas. He was relieved by Bro. Carson.

Bro. C. W. Hollis, who has been laying off for a few months, is working at Mercer nights, relieving Mrs. M. O. Madsen.

Agent H. A. Mohler, of Fairfield, has been promoted to traveling auditor, with office at Ester-ville, Iowa. Bro. T. F. McNew, first trick telegrapher, is relieving Mr. Mohler until regular man is appointed. Mr. F. A. Brown, third trick telegrapher, is relieving Bro. McNew, and a Mr. Carter is relieving Mr. Brown. Don't know how Mr. Carter stands.

Bro. S. E. Miller, Seymour, third trick, had the misfortune to fall on the ice and cut his right wrist. He also dislocated a finger. No extra telegrapher being available, Mr. Haines and Bro. Briggs, first and second trick men, had to double.

The following from the Chicago Inter-Ocean: "The A. T. & S. F. Ry. was made defendant in a suit brought by Dist. Atty. Sims for violation of the Federal law regulating the hours of service of train dispatchers. This is the first suit of this nature brought against any railroad by the Government and if won, will stick the Santa Fe on seven violation charges of \$500 each. Mr. Sims says: 'Nine hours is long enough service for any man employed at train dispatching. The Santa Fe is not, in our opinion, complying with the law when it breaks a nine-hour shift in any twenty-four-hour period.'"

Bricklayers and Stone Masons' Union No. 1, of Grand Rapids, Mich., is the happy possessor of a lady member. Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth was obliged to take out a membership card before she could participate in the exercises of laying the corner stone for the new Grand Rapids Federal building. Next.

The Bricklayers' Union's schedule for the ensuing year is 75c, with no drawback. Heads of local unions say they see a dollar flat for 1911 or 1912. Shall we go on for \$55 per forever?

Owing to my "game" wrist and finger, I will have to quit with the hope to be in the ring again by next month.

"73" "TM."

*Colorado Division—*

The meeting held at Goodland, February 7th, was well attended, and a number of important subjects were brought up for discussion. First an open session was held, in order that our officials might meet with us. We were addressed by Mr. Ellis, Chief Dispatcher, Mr. J. S. Jones and Mr. W. H. Cheighton, first and third trick dispatchers. Each of these gentlemen gave us a nice talk, and informed us that the service was good; stated that they had no complaints whatever to make.

The open meeting was called to order at 8:45 p. m., and closed at 10:30 p. m., after which the closed session was called. On account of lack of time we could not consider as many subjects as we had intended, although we all feel that we were well repaid for our time.

The following members were present: Bros. Widmoyer, Brown, Garber, Connors, Allen, Koonts, Raborn, Harold, Fletcher, McKee, Franklin, O'Brien, Annuson, Winnegar, Strain and Cuthbert.

Bro. Potts, who is located at Jennings, was sick during the first of the month, and was relieved for a few days by Mr. MacDermody, night man at that point. Mr. MacDermody was relieved by Mr. Cook, third trick, from Norton.

Bro. Sarvis, third trick at Norton, off duty for two weeks; relieved by Mr. Cook, from the Big Four.

Bro. Rathbun, at Selden, was sick and unable to work for a few days, and the boys at Selden doubled until relief arrived.

Bro. Barry, who has been absent for some time, on account of the sickness of his father, has returned to Rexford. Mr. Allen is spending a few days with his family at Colorado Springs until something turns up.

Mr. Cook has been assigned to Selden, third trick, in place of Bro. Fugate, who resigned. We are unable to say where Bro. Fugate goes.

Dispatcher J. S. Jones off duty for a week, while visiting in the East, and attending Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., at Wichita; relieved by Dispatcher Moore.

Bro. Riggs, at Flagler, resigned, and was relieved by Mr. Hough. Bro. Riggs going East.

Mr. Holmes assigned to second trick at Limon, relieving Bros. McGrath and Sievert, who were doubling.

We did not notice many of the brothers from the nine-hour offices at the meeting. We have six such offices on this division, from which there was but one attendant. This shows unconcern and lack of interest, and we hope to see a better showing made at the next meeting.

Bros. Cuthbert, Strain, Winnegar and Widmoyer are at one-man stations and had to almost double the distance it would have been necessary for others to travel if in evidence. We wish to thank all for their presence at the meeting, and especially thank Messrs. Ellis, Jones and Cheighton for their remarks. C.R.T. 186.

*Oklahoma Division—*

The year 1909 is passing swiftly, two months have almost gone; are we improving the passing moments by benefiting the Order and our fellow men? If not, there is something wrong. Let me urge upon every member the importance of getting right down to business and making the year 1909 the record breaker.

News is very scarce this month, but I will give what little I have gathered, with the assistance of one good live brother.

Bro. Winger has landed the agency at Okarche, being promoted to that position from day telegrapher at same place. He was relieved by Bro. Hoopingarner, from Concho Box Car. Can not say who relieved Bro. Hoopingarner.

Bro. Meador, of Anadarko, has taken unto himself a better half; he says the Rock Island bunch around there pounded holes in all the old tinware they could find, celebrating the occasion.

Bro. Harry (Pinkie) Cavin, telegrapher at Lawton, was hunting a few days last month; being relieved by a Mr. J. Turner.

Inez Dudley was relieved at Anadarko, second trick, by Mr. H. E. Ogle.

Operator Joice laid off a few days in December, being relieved by Bro. Meador and Telegrapher Berry.

Bro. Higgins is again at Carnegie.

Bro. Meador, of Anadarko, was off four days in January; relieved by Telegrapher Berry.

Mr. Berry has accepted Box Car Powers.

The new standard train order signals are being installed on the main line of the Oklahoma Division, and they are a great improvement over the old ones. Ye scribe has one at his office, and it's "fine biz," only he would like to have some cheap boy to climb it and put up the light on a windy, icy night. It makes a "feller" feel "kinder" weak on the backside of his knees when he gets down from the first trip; they are 31 feet high.

Haven't heard a word from any one in regard to holding division meetings; suppose by this that no one wants them. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

*Nebraska Division—*

Bro. Williams is again with us after an extended visit with friends and relatives in Missouri. He was relieved by Mr. C. H. Fuller.

Bro. G. D. Lee, of Formoso, has returned from an extended visit through Oklahoma, Arkansas and Missouri, and is ready to give us a good write-up each month, if the brothers on the west end will render him assistance.

Our last meeting, at Belleville, was poorly attended. We all should avail ourselves of the opportunity to get together. Bro. Merrill gives sufficient notice of these meetings, and we have ample time to request our superintendent for transportation.

Mr. Fred. A. Lee, agent for the Rock Island at Roland, Ark., visited his brother, G. D. Lee, at Formoso, a few days recently, after an extended visit with his parents at New Madrid, Mo.

Bro. Blauvelt, of Fairview, our assistant correspondent, reports that the boys on Morton line are making but few changes.

Bro. John Henry of Powhattan is getting tired of the branch line, and we understand he is trying for one of the nine-hour jobs.

Bro. Blauvelt, of Fairview, expects to spend several weeks at Hodgenville, Ky., as soon as he can secure relief.

Bro. H. Moore is again with us, working at Berwick until this station is filled by bulletin. Mr. W. A. Young leaves the service.

Mr. Lucas, of Lewiston, has resigned, and we understand is to try fruit farming in Colorado.

Bro. Couch, of Ellis, has bid in Montrose. We understand he is to be relieved by Mr. Geo. Manion, of "MU," Omaha.

Bro. Ray Manion has bid in third trick at Jansen; relieved, nights, at Scandia, by Mr. C. H. Fuller.

Bro. I. Leavitt has resigned the agency at Clanton, to engage in other work. Have not heard who gets this station.

Bro. Ray Wells resigned first trick at Lincoln, to accept position as O. S. & D. clerk in Superintendent Brown's office, with a substantial increase in salary. First trick at Lincoln is bulletined, but at present writing have not heard who holds the lucky number. Mr. Goodlander, regular second trick man, is holding first trick until the place is filled. Mr. Goodlander, in turn, relieved Mr. A. R. Corwin.

The depot at Albright burned during the recent blizzard. Understand the boys saved all station records, and their personal belongings. They are using a box car until new depot is built.

I wish to thank Bro. Lee, on the west end, and Bro. Bauvelt, of the Horton line, for rendering assistance in this write-up. More of the brothers should come across with news, as it is next to impossible for the correspondent to do the job justice without help. If you have but one news item send it along, as it will be very thankfully received.

E. M.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father has deemed it wise to remove from this earth the beloved mother of our worthy Bro. C. E. Ingram; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That we, the members of C. R. I. & P. Division, No. 126, extend to Bro. Ingram our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of affliction; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, a copy forwarded to Bro. Ingram, and one to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. A. MERRILL,  
E. C. GREEN,  
W. E. SLEEPER,

Committee.

#### Chicago Terminal & Illinois Division—

We held no meeting in Chicago, February 13th, on account of poor attendance, and the annual election of officers had to be postponed. Every member was notified in ample time to have been present. We must do better than this. The meetings are for the sole benefit of the members, and they should at least be interested enough in their own welfare to attend.

Train Dispatcher Hicks, first trick, Peoria branch, is on the sick list. Extra Dispatcher Teeters is holding down the trick, while "Bro." L. C. Albright is filling in on Teeter's trick in "RK" message room.

Mr. H. Hanson, second trick at De Pue, is holding down 20th St. Rock Island, in place of Mr. J. H. Meehan, who was appointed depot ticket agent at 31st St., Rock Island, some time ago. The position was formerly filled by Bro. F. J. Meehan, from Davenport freight station, but understand he has returned to Davenport.

Telegrapher J. W. Nolan, an extra man from "MD," Morris, is holding down the second trick at De Pue.

We regret very much to hear of the death, at Peoria, of the mother of Telegrapher Wilson. He has our sincere sympathy.

The following are candidates for representative and alternate to represent us at the session of the Grand Division, soon to be held in Atlanta, Ga. Representative, C. D. Wagoner; alternate, W. F. Kay, of the Illinois Division, against J. F. Stewart and J. H. Wilson, of the Missouri Division. They are hustling for the honor.

The first trick at Washington Heights; second tricks at South Chicago, Morris, Depue and Bureau, were up for bids from February 1st to 10th. We have not learned to whom they were assigned.

We are sorry to learn that Bro. Eastman, at Peoria, is off duty suffering with nasal trouble, which necessitated a surgical operation. Last reports are that he is at his home in Galesburg, and getting along fine.

We would like to hear from some of the brothers on the Peoria line, and will ask them to send items to the local chairman in time for them to reach him before the 25th of each month.

CERT. 1310.

#### Cedar Rapids Division—

We were certainly pleased to see the Minnesota Division come to the front with two newsy write-ups in the February TELEGRAPHER. They are starting the new year right.

We are sorry to report the critical condition of C. S. Stebbins, agent for United States Express Co., Independence, Ia., who at this writing is on his way to Arizona for his health. Mr. Stebbins has been agent at several different places on the Cedar Rapids and Dakota Divisions. We wish for his ultimate recovery.

Bro. D. C. Sterrett, of Riverside, was absent for a few days this month, attending the funeral of his step-mother, which occurred at Morning Sun. We extend our sympathy.

Bro. G. W. Hunter, of Barnes City, took in the sights at Cedar Rapids, the 20th, and on the 21st went to Iowa City for treatment for his eyes, returning to work the following Monday. He was relieved by an extra W. U. T. man.

Bro. Orin Jenkins, at Elmira, has been transferred to our division.

Bro. McDonald, at West Branch, reports L. G. Owens as third trick man at that station.

We are very thankful to Bro. McDonald, of West Branch, for the assistance rendered in our write-up this issue, and hope that more brothers will take an interest and furnish at least one item for publication, which would help out materially.

CERT. 197.

### L. S. & M. S. Ry.

#### *Eastern Division—*

On account of Division 129 having been poorly represented in THE TELEGRAPHER for the past few months, the writer is taking the liberty of "butting in," and hopes this action may induce others, who are more capable, to do likewise.

It is not for want of news nor for lack of capable writers that our division does not take up more space in THE TELEGRAPHER, but we are in the habit of waiting for the other fellow to do what we should attend to ourselves and while we know that we have neglected our duty in this respect, the first thing we do after receiving THE TELEGRAPHER is to go through it in search of L. S. & M. S. news.

The saddest event that has occurred in some time was the death of the wife and infant daughter of our local correspondent, Bro. C. P. Kane, of Dunkirk, N. Y., which occurred Thursday, February 4th. The remains were taken to Mrs. Kane's former home in Titusville the following evening. The brothers were unable to attend the funeral or to see Bro. Kane, but their hearts went out to him and he has the sympathy of one and all.

On February 4th, at Angola, N. Y., occurred the death of Mr. Walker, father of Bro. J. H. Walker, of Hillsdale, Mich., local chairman for the Michigan Division. Bro. Walker has the sympathy of all.

Bro. G. F. Lansill, of Buffalo, who has not been able to work since April, 1907, is steadily improving in health, and the doctors have prophesied he will recover. Bro. Lansill's trouble is curvature of the spine, causing partial paralysis. He wishes to thank the boys, one and all, for their help, although the subscription list was not started at his solicitation.

Bro. W. E. Wakely, of Athol Springs, N. Y., acted as treasurer for this fund, and at last accounts he had received in the neighborhood of \$200, all of which has been turned over to Bro. Lansill. Bro. Wakely requests that those whose names appear on said list and who have not paid, to do so at once in order that the matter can be closed.

Bro. Kipp, of Blaisdell, N. Y., reports that Mrs. Kipp is able to be around, and that his son

has also recovered after a week's illness; Mrs. Kipp was on the sick list about five weeks.

Bro. J. G. Frawley reports that Mrs. Frawley's health is greatly improved. Mrs. Frawley has had a long siege of it, and, sorry to say, a heavy blow in the loss of her mother, who died a short time ago. They have our sympathy, and we wish them health and better luck in the future.

The dispatchers' telephone is doing battle and the new test panels are being put into all the offices.

We understand that two or three night offices have been closed and telephones put up on the outside for the trainmen.

No doubt when business increases it will pay the railroads to have men where they can reach them rather than wait for trainmen to get in trouble and then "fone" the dispatcher about it.

There was a time a few years ago when there was no eight or nine hour law for telegraphers, and no O. R. T. Telegraphers were drawing \$40 per month, and when business fell off, telegraph offices were closed, just as readily as they are closed today; the only difference, I'm told, being in the fact that there was no O. R. T. on whose shoulders they could lay the blame. Some of the old-timers, who have been here a number of years, say they have seen the dispatchers work twelve-hour tricks when expenses were being curtailed. Too bad all of us don't know all about these things.

UNKNOWN.

### CARD OF THANKS.

#### *Members of Division 129:*

I desire to extend my sincere thanks to members of Division 129 for the beautiful floral piece and for sympathy extended during my recent great bereavement.

CHAS. P. KANE.

#### *Michigan Division—*

Telegrapher Guy Cunningham relieved at Holland during the absence of Mr. Lewis.

Mr. Snyder, at Wauseon, was off a few days, relieved by Telegrapher Kline.

Bro. Rudy Mecklenberg, second trick at Kendallville, is doing extra work at Three Rivers. It seems as though what extra men are on the list are incompetent, and they are having to call on regular men to fill in.

Telegrapher H. A. Beck is working at Kendallville during Bro. Mecklenberg's absence.

"13" Mike McGuire's "ham factory" is for sale. This is not intended for free advertising. It seems as though he has not met with success as an instructor, but for getting the money he's an expert. It seems to me telegraph schools are more of a benefit to us than a detriment; they turn out very few telegraphers, and discourage hundreds by taking their money and giving nothing in return.

Bro. Phibbs, of Three Rivers, has taken a short lay-off, and "13" he is taking in the sights of our western country.

CERT. 358.

**C. B. & Q. Ry.***Burlington Division—*

If any of the brothers are kicking because there has been no news from our division in the last few issues of the journal, please do not blame the division correspondent, but send him items and keep quiet.

Bro. E. M. Stout has tendered his resignation, to take effect March 1st, and will accept a position as assistant cashier of the Birmingham bank. This will, of course, put Birmingham on the bulletin soon.

I wonder what has become of the big drove of operators that the company was figuring on when they started this telephone scheme? Right at the present time if some of us were to be called away from duty, I do not know how we would get relief, as there is not an extra man on the Burlington Division.

Some time ago a circular was received addressed to all agents reading as follows: "Please give name and age of student, if you have one, and say when he will be ready to go to work." Signed by the chief dispatcher. This would look as though they were in need of more men, but where can they expect to get them under existing conditions?

One year ago I had a standing offer from three young men, of this place, to set my price for teaching the art of telegraphy. At this time it would be words wasted to try and interest them in learning it. This is because the railroads have nothing worth while to offer them in return for their efforts and money spent in learning it.

We have a new man at Des Moines by the name of Lynn.

Mr. L. Leeper, of Geneva, Iowa, on the Iowa Central Railroad, was in Martinsburg, a few days ago, and made a call on the writer. He was once a member, but for some reason dropped out. I think with some work on the part of hustling brothers on his division, he could be persuaded to reconsider. If we drop out of the Order now, we are only nibbling at the bait on the companies' line, and will soon be found strung up like so many fish, on the "bank" line. (Please don't be a fish.)

In closing I wish to request all of you to send a few items each month if possible. Let us see if we cannot have as good a write-up as the rest of the Burlington divisions. I was ashamed of our division when, upon looking through *THE TELEGRAPHER* this month, I found all of the other lines well represented and our portion not included. Address all items to Martinsburg, Iowa, and don't forget to mail them. Div. Cor.

*Wymore Division—*

It has been ruled by the railroad officials that all grievances must first be handled with the chief dispatcher and division superintendent by the local chairman, before being carried up to the general managers. Any brother having a grievance should be governed accordingly. Don't hunt for trouble,

but if you should have a grievance do not hesitate to have it straightened out, as we have been assured that all would receive a square deal.

Have you paid your dues for the present term? If not, why not?

Bro. Cook, days at Syracuse, has been relieving Bro. Skinkle, agent at Palmyra, as Bro. Skinkle is on the sick list. A Mr. Stewart, from Rulo, relieved Bro. Cook.

"13" the phone men between Atchison and Rulo received an extra ten on their January pay checks.

F. C. Johnson, Humboldt, took a vacation recently. He was relieved by Bro. Harper.

Mr. E. S. Dunn, who has been traveling auditor for some time, has been made agent at McCook.

Bro. Zettle, who has been doing the heavy stunt at Cuba, is enjoying a two weeks' vacation.

Mr. Harris, for a number of years freight man at Superior, relieved Mr. F. B. Fuller as agent at Hanover. Mr. Fuller is going to farm.

Bro. Jessup, agent at Johnson, has been enjoying a 30 days' leave of absence, visiting in Salt Lake City. He was relieved by Bro. Hartzell.

Paul Blankenship, phoner-agent at Blue Springs, recently caused quite a bunch of excitement by leaving his station between two suns. At first foul play was feared, but later a telegram announced his safe arrival at Ogden, and that he would not return.

Mr. A. G. Smart, who has been on this division a number of years, and chief dispatcher for the past four or five years, has been appointed train master at McCook. Mr. L. O. Murdock has been promoted to position of chief dispatcher at Wymore, Mr. Jackson filling the night chief's chair.

Mr. Hadsell, nights at Fortescue, recently enjoyed a two weeks' vacation. He was relieved by Bro. Harper.

Bro. P. C. Jones was recently transferred from days at Concordia to agent at Morrow. He was relieved by Mr. Skyrme, a "fone" man from Hollis.

We have a number of nons on this division; in fact, they are too numerous. Cannot the brothers make a hard try to line some of them up? The Wymore Division is one of the best organized divisions on the system, but there is still room for improvement. Let us all get busy. If you want the names write to the local chairman.

No card, no favors.

Div. Cor.

*Sheridan Division—*

Bro. Bradley, of Frannie, has resigned, and returned to Indiana. We understand he was relieved by Bro. Robt. Butler, recently from the C. N.

A telegrapher has been put on at Kirby, days, to assist the Agent Bro. Stall.

Bro. J. F. Mills, formerly of Sheridan relay offices, to Kirby, days, relieving Bro. Stall. Don't know where Stall goes.

Mr. Geo. Taylor, formerly helper at Newcastle, relieved Local Chairman Meehan for a day, while Bro. Meehan went to Sheridan to transact business. Upon Bro. Meehan's return Mr. Taylor

went to Manderson, in the place of Mr. W. Mallison, who has been relieving Bro. Sipe. Bro. Sipe is on the sick list. Mr. W. Mallison went to Lovell to relieve Bro. Mangrum, while he is on a few weeks' vacation.

Bro. Hinman, one of the genial assistants from Toluca, third trick, has gone to Newcastle, third trick, relieving Mr. Brindley. Mr. Brindley goes to Ballantine to relieve Mr. Chillson, who has resigned.

Bro. Butler transferred from Frannie, nights, to Toluca, second trick. Frannie has been closed nights.

Mr. Burton takes third trick at Toluca. He has been working second trick at that point.

Mr. M. J. Fox goes from Moorcroft, third trick, to Arvada, second trick, on bulletin; relieving Bro. Smith, who goes to Moorcroft.

The night office at Dewey has been closed. Bro. Powers goes to Clifton as night man, relieving Cliff Thomas, who has been working temporarily.

Bro. Jacobs, from the Union Pacific, relieved A. P. Brown, at Clearmont, third trick. Mr. Brown left the service.

Mr. C. C. Vaughn, cashier at Newcastle, is taking a vacation.

Bro. Carl Kugland, formerly agent at Cambria, is holding down the county assessor's job, having been elected to that position some time ago.

Bro. Smith, at Moorecroft, third trick, resigned, and was relieved by Bro. Kesinger, from Rozet, on account Rozet closed. Rozet re-opened and Bro. Kesinger was sent there to resume duty. He was relieved at Moorecroft by Bro. Federick, from Osage. Mrs. Federick is holding Osage, having relieved her husband at that place.

Bro. E. E. Law is holding a job in the freight house at Sheridan, and expects soon to be transferred to an agency.

A brother requested me to ask the opinion of the members on the division, relative to holding a meeting and entertainment in Sheridan, some time in May. I believe we could depend on our superintendent and chief to assist us, by arranging to let the members off to attend such a meeting, where possible. Let us have your opinion.

Before this issue of the journal reaches you, you will have elected a local chairman and delegate together with an alternate for the Grand Convention in May, held at Atlanta, Ga.

I have been honored with the nomination for the position I now hold, and if re-elected will continue to work for the good of the Order, as I have been trying to do in the past. Let me thank one and all for the able support given me while holding the chairmanship, and should some other brother be elected to supersede me, I trust you will give him your hearty support. Every brother and sister has done his duty toward building up the division which ranks as high, if not higher, than any other on the system. Bros. Kesinger and Hinman, my two able assistants, have certainly done their share, and they can not be too highly commended.

J. P. MEEHAN, L. C.

#### *Sterling Division—*

Bro. W. M. Feary transferred from Curtis to Mitchell; being relieved by a Mr. Booth, from the C. & S.

Bro. H. P. Schroeder has returned to Scotts Bluff, after a few days' vacation. He was relieved by Bro. B. O. Jordan, who has been with Uncle Sam for the past year.

Bro. F. A. Bullock, formerly at Wellfleet, is now located at Brush, as cashier.

The station name of Mercer, Colo., has been changed to Peetz, Colo., to agree with the name of the Post Office. There being another Mercer in the State.

Bro. S. J. O'Connor writes a cheerful line from his new location at Elsie, Neb., where he is cashier in the Commercial State Bank.

Diphtheria is said to have invaded the home of Bro. Broughton, at Venango, carrying away one of his little ones, but we have failed to learn any definite news as to this misfortune. Understand the station has been quarantined.

We are up for re-election as local chairman, and whether elected or not, we wish to thank one and all for the interest taken in the affairs of the organization during the past.

If you have a grievance take it up with the local chairman, instead of the general chairman, and when you start to have a grievance adjusted, don't spoil it by resigning your position. Our Chief Dispatcher Mr. J. C. Coughlin now bulletins all vacancies by telegraph. This is appreciated by all concerned.

Bro. B. O. Jordan, who joined the signal corps about a year ago is again with us, being at this writing located at Bridgeport, handling third trick.

J. T. MADDOX.

#### *St. Joseph Division—*

We hope to see St. Joe Division the strongest on the Q., and if we get busy it will be but a matter of a very short time until we reach that point.

In the January journal reference was made to Bro. R. R. Field as a non-member; this was simply an oversight, as Bro. Field is one of our staunchest members.

J. D. Morgan, at Forbes, was off for a few days; relieved by E. C. Baird. Bro. H. E. Millen working Mr. Baird's place.

Fairfax bulletined; Bro. Newlon having bid in Weston.

Bro. Henderson, second trick at Nishuabotua, filling vacancy at Nebraska City Junction, until bulletin closes.

Nishuabotua has been closed indefinitely as a night office.

Bro. W. E. Atherton, second trick at Hamburg, sick and off duty one night; relieved by Telegrapher T. L. York.

Bro. W. L. Harper, first trick at Council Bluffs, enjoyed a few days' vacation; relieved by Mr. York, third trick man at Council Bluffs. Mr. York relieved by Mr. J. Hayes.

Bro. G. W. Courier, night man at Nishna, has traded positions with Bro. W. M. Henderson,

night man at Bigelow. Nishna has been closed as a night office, and Bro. Henderson has gone to Nebraska City Junction, nights.

Telegrapher York, of Council Bluffs, off duty for a few days, on account of the death of his mother, at Watson. This left Telegraphers Hayes and Huartson to work twelve-hour tricks at Council Bluffs for several days.

Bro. F. A. Arnold and wife spent Sunday in Council Bluffs. COR.

#### *Brookfield Division—*

The following offices have been opened on bulletin: Agency, Anabel; second trick, Woodland; third tricks, Kearney and Stewartville; first trick, Meadville, and third trick, Bucklin.

We look for a number of desirable offices to open in March, but there has not been much interest taken in the bulletins lately. Is every one satisfied?

I wish the brothers would make it a practice to forward the division correspondent an account of what takes place on the division, and not expect him to gather the news without assistance.

Bro. G. E. Chipman, of Monroe, off duty a few days, on his honeymoon. We extend our heartiest congratulations.

Mr. E. S. Hamm has resumed duty at Withers Mill. Bro. Withers has returned to Hunnewell.

"YD" office, at Brookfield, has been closed temporarily. Bro. Rightmire has gone to Meadville, extra, first trick, and Bro. Leaton to Shelbyna. We are unable to learn where the other brother went.

Bro. R. E. Leake is working at Moody, second trick.

Bro. Stevens, of Hunnewell, is contemplating a trip to California, in the near future.

Bro. W. I. Ritter secured Anabel agency on bulletin, and began duty there the 18th.

The general committee will meet in Chicago, the first week in March, to elect officers, and finish negotiations with the railroad officials for the revised schedule.

Mr. Wm. McCue off duty one night, attending a hop; relieved by Bro. Shackelford.

Bro. R. K. Sturgis secured first trick at Meadville, on bulletin.

Bro. Sprague is working second trick, and Mr. H. L. Clark is working third trick at Lathrop, until the second trick is bulletined and awarded.

Bro. Wood at Kearney, retains third trick there. The hours at Clarence did not suit his taste.

Bro. C. A. Bittleston secured second trick at Woodland, on bulletin.

Mr. B. W. Welch bid in third trick at Stewartsville.

Bro. Nolan, of the "YD" office, is back at Bucklin, second trick, and R. E. O'Neil goes back from second trick to third at Bucklin.

Bro. Weatherly secured third trick at Clarence, on bulletin.

Bro. Deems is off a few days, on account sickness, and is relieved by Bro. O. Smith, the regular second trick man. Bro. Yount is filling

second place, while Bro. Smith is doing the extra stunt.

Bro. Pierron off a few days, visiting in St. Louis; relieved by Bro. Yount, the regular relief telegrapher for Osborn station. ASST. L. C.

#### *La Crosse Division—*

George P. Lyman, assistant general freight agent, with headquarters at St. Paul, was in La Crosse a week ago on business.

J. O. Schelvan, a car repairer at Grand Crossing yards, was run down and instantly killed by a switch engine a couple of weeks ago.

An extra going south on the evening of February 7th, got a car off the track about two miles north of Prairie du Chien, and delayed trains Nos. 48 and 50 a couple of hours, waiting for track to be cleared.

Mr. Judson and our Superintendent Mr. D. Cunningham came down from St. Paul several weeks ago and spent the night at La Crosse, and the next morning continued their trip South on a special.

Telegrapher Hastings, of Charme, attended court at La Crosse this month, and also visited many of his friends.

Business has begun to pick up within the last couple of weeks.

There is a great deal of coal passing through for points west.

Bro. Krueger, of South Junction, has been visiting at East Dubuque for a couple of weeks. He intends to leave the service this spring, and go into the poultry business.

Bro. J. E. Flanagan was sick the early part of this month, but has recovered and is at his key again.

Bro. C. E. Dyer, of De Soto, has been transferred to Grand Crossing depot, second trick.

Mr. Gus Simonson, freight conductor on this division for several years, has been promoted to the position as freight car inspector.

There has been a great deal of talk of putting the phones in on this division, and cutting the wages when they are in. Don't get frightened, talk is cheap.

The ice dealers of La Crosse are shipping a great deal of ice from La Crosse over our line to points south. COR.

#### *Alliance & Sheridan Division—*

Telegrapher S. S. Parkison, who has been working third trick at Anselmo, for the past six weeks, has returned to his old trick at Whitman.

Bro. Alstadt has been transferred from the agency at Dunning to second trick at Anselmo. Understand the change was made on account of ill-health.

Bro. W. H. Zobole, from second trick to third trick, Anselmo.

Bro. W. H. Prettyman is off a few days, relieved by Bro. Thompson, an extra agent.

Bro. Fox has left the service; understand he has gone to California.

Telegrapher W. O. Marcy is working third trick at Whitman.

Bro. McKinnie is working second at Ellsworth. Bro. L. A. Nott has left the service and gone west.

Telegrapher A. J. Nelson has been transferred to Deadwood as wire chief.

I understand the "fone" is giving very poor satisfaction on the high line; it is in trouble about half the time and it is almost impossible to receive common messages over it, on account of so many words sounding alike. In some instances they use the number of the letter in the alphabet; for example, they would spell the word "and" thus: "1-14-4." This seems as though the "fone" was making very short strides toward success.

B. L. Livingston bid in the agency at Hill City, recently.

E. A. Chambers has returned to Custer after his vacation.

Bro. L. D. Parrin, at Mystic, seems to be the lucky one, he being allowed to keep his instruments in on account of the "Windy and Dusty" getting so many messages.

Bro. A. F. Dagaard is working third trick at Seneca.

Dispatcher Helpbringer is taking a vacation. He is relieved by Extra Dispatcher Coleman.

Bro. Broich and Bro. Williams are working second and third tricks at Crawford.

Bro. Fountain, at Whitman, has the pleasure of looking through a bay window, but he claims he experienced some cold weather before it was completed.

Telegrapher Miller is working third trick at Ellsworth.

Mr. McCarthy has at last made a fortune and says no more railroading in his for awhile. Understand he has bought a hotel at Hemmingford, and intends running it. CERT. 1307.

#### *Ottumwa Division—*

Bro. F. G. Graham, first trick at Biggsville Cabin, is off duty a few days, relieved by Bro. L. A. White.

Bro. I. A. Sharon, of Biggsville Station, absent from his post about a week or so, relieved by Bro. L. A. White. Understand he spent some of his time visiting relatives and friends in Iowa.

Mr. J. L. Stafford has moved back to Cameron, and is now second trick telegrapher at that place.

Bro. L. S. Grabow relieved Mr. Stafford at Biggsville Cabin. Bro. Grabow has just returned from a visit with home folks.

Mr. C. D. Wynne, recently agent at Avery, resigned and has accepted a joint position with Wells-Fargo and Rock Island Southern R. R. at Monmouth.

J. W. Booth has been transferred from third trick at Melrose to second trick at Woodburn. He was relieved by Bro. J. M. Carr, from Tower 307.

Mr. L. A. Mitchell relieved Bro. Carr, second trick at Tower 307.

Bro. G. R. Goorrough has resigned second trick at Maxon to go west. Understand he will locate in the Big Horn basin.

Bro. C. A. Johnson, third trick at Maxon, is filling second while third trick is bulletined. Think he will draw it permanently.

Bro. A. G. Straley has the small-pox, and is quarantined. The Glendale station was closed for several days. Bro. Mat Hayes, of Beckwith, is relieving Bro. Straley.

Beckwith has been made a twelve-hour trick. Suppose this is only in effect while Bro. Hayes is at Glendale.

Mr. G. E. Van Meter is agent at Avery at present.

Bro. I. G. Miller, third trick at Mt. Pleasant, is on vacation. He is relieved by Bro. Bartlett, a new man. Bro. Miller is viewing sights in the East, and will attend the inauguration of Mr. Taft at Washington, D. C., before returning.

Mr. J. H. Baldwin, a new man, is working third trick at Batavia.

Bro. W. A. Littleton, third trick, New London, has been to Maxon looking over the ground there. Did not learn whether he decided to bid for the third trick or not.

Bro. M. B. Ambercrombie, second trick, Albia, has just returned from a 30-day vacation, taking in California and other Western States, and reports a general good time. He was relieved by Mr. J. L. Graham.

Bro. B. C. Roberts, agent at Beckwith, was off duty about two weeks, on account of having to take his wife to Fairfield to have an operation performed for appendicitis. Getting along very well at last report. Bro. Roberts was relieved by Bro. O. E. McBride.

Bro. F. A. Sense, of Fairfield, second trick, off a few days, and relieved by Bro. L. J. White, recently from the Santa Fe.

Bro. O. E. McBride, after relieving at Beckwith went to Woodburn.

Let us make the Ottumwa Division solid from one end to the other. We have a good start and the nons are getting scarce. We have one of the best divisions on the system, and it is only through hard work that it has been put in that condition. Let us not fail to keep it so. If you have a non working with you or at the next station where you can get at him handy, do not let up on him until you have his application. We certainly made a good showing here, and now let us see if we can not make it better and stronger than ever.

By the time this appears in print the Ottumwa Division will have a new local chairman and I feel sure that we will find in Bro. Walters one who will do the business. He is a hard worker and none can excel him at securing new members. Owing to individual effort the division is in far better shape than ever before; practically every member on the division is taking an interest and getting every non in sight. We have several applications on hand, with promises of money March pay day.



Only three "foners" on this division and they all have up-to-date cards.

Some parts of the division look especially good, especially Cameron to Agency, inclusive.

It makes us feel good to see such old-timers as J. B. McKenna, J. L. Stafford, John Collins and J. W. Walsh with us. These are the kind that stick when they do come.

It is hard for me close this, my first attempt, without saying something about the men on this division who have received the greatest benefits from the organization and are not willing to give one cent in return. The first trick jobs at Chariton and Osceola have each received an increase of not less than \$12.00 per month for more than two years, due to the efforts of the organization, but still the men located at those places say they did not get what was coming to them. There is another case where Bro. Johnson, after a hard fight, succeeded in getting \$98.00 back pay for a certain telegrapher. In looking over some correspondence a few days ago I notice where he tells Bro. Johnson he is sending application and that he would never again be without a card. He paid up one term's dues after making that statement. If I had the postage I have wasted on him since I could go to Atlanta.

Bro. Walters will give you all the news in his write-up. I wish every member on this division would drop him a card about the 24th. He will do the rest.

Thanking you all for the support you have given me, I am  
Yours fraternally,

G. A. SHIELDS.

#### *Hannibal Division—*

We will again undertake to give the Hannibal Division a write-up, but as we have received nothing from the boys, we will have to do it partially by guess work.

Bro. G. W. Davis is doing the stunt at Patter-son.

Telegrapher N. T. Block is working at Viele, and Mr. D. L. Davis at Canton.

Bro. R. E. Ainge, of Saverton, was off a few days last month on account of the death of his uncle. He was relieved by Telegrapher Stratman.

Bro. T. A. Powell has landed third trick at Elsberry; did not learn who took his place at McIntosh.

Mr. W. T. Mitts, of Clarksville, was off duty a few days; relieved by Telegrapher Stratman.

We do not know who secured the agency at South Troy or Hawk Point, nights. Some brother would do us a favor by keeping us informed. We have plenty of work before us, so keep a stout heart and our cause can not fail. Great fortunes are standing evidences of small wages. Million-and distress are coming from every city in the aires are not uncommon, and stories of poverty land. The day of unorganized and individual job hunters is passing away; wise men organize and combine, foolish men compete and fight each other. Well knowing the value of organiza-

tion, capital combines and makes greater profits. Small or individual capital makes little profit, and the big combinations laugh at the chumps, and soon swallows them up.

Never in the world's history has there been so much organization as now, doctors, lawyers, manufacturers and farmers are organized.

The laboring class is awakening, and organizing more rapidly than ever before, and when we learn to vote together our "masters" will treat us with more respect.

Mr. James C. Ridpath, the famous historian, whose works have been used for years in the public schools, says "the privileged class has no conscience on the subject of privilege," and all the histories of the world do not show a single instance where the rights of labor have ever been restored without a struggle, after once they have been taken away. This means that it is absolutely essential that labor organize to maintain its rights. It is of vital importance that we get the facts instilled in the minds of our brother workers, which will arouse them to supreme efforts and cause our organization to grow by leaps and bounds. Each brother can help to some extent at least. Will you do it? We need volunteer workers, will you be one? These words are addressed to each and every one of you  
CERT. 436.

#### *Galesburg Division—*

Mr. T. R. Wray, of Augusta, is working at Plymouth, relieving Agent Heston, while he is on vacation.

Bro. V. H. Austin, of Camp Point, is at Augusta, relieving Mr. Wray.

Bro. J. E. Flack, of Colchester, off duty three days, taking a short rest; relieved by Bro. W. H. Harris, of Bardolph.

All will be pleased to learn that Bro. Harris's hand is getting along nicely, and he will soon be able to use it again.

Bro. Farrell, of Fowler, is working extra as agent at St. Augustine, while Mr. Haden is sick. We hope Mr. Haden will soon be able to resume duty.

Bro. C. E. Brown and wife were visiting in Quincy, between trains, January 31st.

Bro. Waldron, of "QD," Quincy, visiting between trains at Bushnell, January 31st.

Bro. A. A. Graves is building a fine residence at Camp Point, to cost between \$3,000.00 and \$3,500.00. We are all well pleased to know that Bro. Graves is able to afford this fine home.

Most all the delinquents are paying up, and I wish to thank them for their prompt replies to letters sent them. Such service is appreciated.

Bro. Roy Ward, of Augusta, has landed the evening trick at Rock Island depot, relieving Mr. Rector; can not say where Mr. Rector is going.

Mr. Florence, of "GT" relay office, spent a Sunday with Bro. F. S. Omer, of Camp Point, during the month.

Bro. Bower, of Camp Point, enjoyed a vacation during the month. I understand he has become a benedict. While off he and Mrs. Bower visited

his home, Clinton, Ia., and Chicago. Relieved by Bro. R. H. Gray.

Mr. Murphy, agent at Golden, off duty a few days; relieved by second trick Telegrapher Fowler, who in time was relieved by Bro. Austin.

Bro. Gray, first trick at Prospect Street, Galesburg yards, off for two days; relieved by Bro. Brothers, from Seminary Street. Brothers was relieved by Phoner Allen, extra.

Bro. German, from Seminary Street, Galesburg yards, to Oak Hill, extra; did not hear who he relieved there.

Bro. Root, at Knoxville, has been on the sick list; relieved by Bro. German, but is O. K. again.

A few members on the Quincy branch seem to have a misunderstanding in regard to the case of Bro. C. R. Gray, at Quincy passenger station. They seem to be under the impression that Bro. Gray was not given a "square" deal. For the benefit of any one who may happen to entertain this view, I will say that Bro. Gray, while in Galesburg, told Mr. Fuller and our local chairman that the move was perfectly satisfactory to him, and it was taken for granted that such was the case. So far as is known Bro. Gray is satisfied, and the kicking seems to be done by other members, who it appears were not informed.

Our local chairman has received no suggestions from any of the brothers in regard to holding meetings. He would be glad to hear from any one on the subject. A place should be selected that would be convenient for all the members.

One thing more: I would like to request that each and every member who hears something of interest to the members of this division, make a note of it and forward to the correspondent. In this way, and no other, can we be represented in the journal each month.

We notice that Bro. Fling has returned from his trip through the West. He is located somewhere on the north end, but is not at work.

Conductor Rogers, formerly of the Peoria Local, is relieving Bro. German at Seminary Street, extra.

It was very comical to hear Bros. Brandon and Saunders tell of the many excuses they encountered while organizing, and how the boys would keep stepping backward until they reached the door, then skidoo as soon as they found out what their business was.

COR.

#### McCook Division—

Mr. W. H. Gilbert, third trick at Akron, left the service; relieved by Bro. R. E. Chapin, temporarily. Chapin was later transferred to Roggen, third trick; relieved at Akron by Bro. F. W. Cowart, from Holbrook.

Understand that Bro. Paul Jones has got Eckley, permanently. He is going to cut out the extra agents stunt, and settle down. G. S. Scott, of McCook is now acting as extra agent; however, I do not think this will be permanent.

C. F. Avery, second trick at Akron, took a trip to Roggen a few days ago, ostensibly to visit Bro. Chapin.

Bro. A. C. Hugg and family spent Sunday in Trenton with his parents, returning to Akron, Monday.

I find upon going over the line west of McCook that there are a few students. This should, by all means, be discontinued. If an agent, with what help the company furnishes, can not keep up the work, he should be willing to change stations, if necessary, in preference to harboring a student. If this plant were adhered to, methinks the company would 'ere long provide more help in some of our "roasts," of which there is no scarcity on this division.

We are in receipt of a letter from Bro. C. E. Sandberg, now at Deming, N. M., who states that he has gained five pounds since arriving there. He is staying on a ranch two and a half miles out of town, taking plenty of exercise, and is getting along nicely in every way. I give these particulars, as I feel sure the entire division is interested, and all join in wishing him steady improvement. We hope to hear from him often.

Bro. Geo. Spahn, at Culbertson, second trick, recently took a lay off, and embarked on a matrimonial voyage. All brothers who have not asked for a cigar, should do so at once.

Bro. Huston, at Yuma, met with an accident, and is laying off.

Bro. A. R. Jones, who recently left this division, is now with the Northern Pacific, at Belnap, Mont.

Pinneo has been made an agency with J. G. Colfer as agent. The company has erected a new depot at that place.

We understand the people at Max Siding are trying hard to get a depot with an agent. Hope they succeed.

The young son of Bro. Chambers, at Stratton, is very sick with diphtheria.

The Culbertson to Imperial branch is now equipped with the "phones."

Bro. Weyl, at Trenton, is off duty on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. Hanks, lately returned from Denver. Bro. Hanks bumped at Trenton by Bro. Anderson, and is now visiting friends at Stratton.

Telegrapher Showalter, who has been acting as agent at Eckley, goes back on night trick, now that Bro. Paul Jones has taken that station.

We understand that while traffic was being delayed by a freight wreck in McCook yard, Bro. Weyl, at Trenton, and Mr. Baily, at Stratton, were both held on duty three hours overtime in order to get No. 76 to McCook.

Business seems to be fairly good judging from the number of extras moving. Much corn and hay going west, also sugar moving east.

There are several nons along the line who should receive an invitation to get in line. Brothers, if you have one in your office, see that he is furnished with the necessary blanks.

Come again boys, with your news, I assure you each effort on your part will be appreciated, not only by me, as correspondent, but by the entire division as well. All items should be mailed so as to reach me not later than the 19th of each month.

Div. Cor.

**Atlantic Coast Ry.***Lakeland District—*

Another month has rolled around, and we have not been standing still. There have been changes, and new members. The latter being very gratifying to us.

Mr. F. A. Black, agent at Trilby, promoted to the agency at Dunnellon. This is quite a big jump for Mr. Black, who has been on the district but a short time.

Mr. W. H. Hoffman, formerly at Dunnellon, goes to Lakeland, as agent, succeeding Mr. C. A. Robinson. Have not learned where Mr. Robinson goes.

Mr. J. E. Barnes goes to Trilby as agent.

Bro. W. Brantley, local chairman, has been assigned the Dade City agency; relieving Mr. R. J. McCutchen. Understand Mr. McCutchen is leaving the service.

Martel agency is being handled by Mr. J. W. Griffis, formerly first trick at Trilby.

Homosassa agency has been given to Mr. F. M. McCutchen, at \$40.00 per month. Mr. J. F. Harbage, the "ham," who accepted it at a reduction of \$20.00 per, having been dismissed from the service.

Inverness agency transferred from Bro. F. E. Henry to Mr. R. M. Selvidge. Understand Bro. Henry goes to Winter Haven agency.

The following positions are now on bulletin list: Agency at Wauchula, first trick at Trilby, and clerk-telegrapher position at Wauchula.

We hope the next list of transfers will show the names of a much larger number of brothers. The list this month is made up, largely, of the agents who do not telegraph, which, of course, is no reason why they should not be members of our organization.

Notes are scarce this month, and time limited, but we hope that after election of officers, and the local board gets down to work we can get a thoroughly up-to-date report from the district every month. We also expect to see a much larger percentage of members than at present.

D. C.

*Waycross District—*

The old Waycross District has been hustling for new members this month, and not without success. The latest is Bro. H. T. Horne, of Brookfield, son of our faithful brother and former agent, J. N. Horne. We welcome this young brother into our ranks and extend to him all the friendship for which the O. R. T. stands.

Bro. W. P. Horne, another son of Bro. J. N. Horne, has left the service and is interested in the drug business. We wish him success in his new line of work.

Bro. H. L. Davis has been assigned to agency at Baconton, vice Bro. G. L. Youmans, who goes to Willacoochee as clerk-telegrapher. This sends Bro. Youmans back home.

Bro. J. T. Bramlett and wife are visiting relatives in Albany. They were but recently married, and we wish them a happy life. Mr. W. E. Holley is relieving Bro. Bramlett at Dupont.

Bro. G. J. McCreary, of Albany, has been off duty for some days at the bedside of a very sick child. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Bro. McCreary and his wife at this time. Mr. H. E. Pearce is holding down the third trick at the yard during Bro. McCreary's absence.

Am very sorry to report that Bro. B. L. Stephens, agent at Homerville, was suddenly stricken with rheumatism, a few days ago, and had to be taken home. We trust he will soon recover.

Bro. H. M. Morris, from Nahunta, was in Waycross, a few nights ago, shaking hands with friends..

Bro. J. G. Kirkland, of Tarber, is on ten days' vacation, and attended the opera in Waycross, recently. He has also been visiting friends and relatives in Alabama.

Bro. Austin, of Valdosta, has taken a vacation.

Mr. H. B. Graddy, first trick telegrapher at Waycross yard office, left for his home in Alabama, three or four months ago, on account of illness of relatives, and has not returned.

We understand that Bro. D. B. Harrell, of Lake City has resigned because he was moved against his wishes. The official wanted him to go to Dupont. We are sorry that Bro. Harrell did not take the usual course in such cases, as we are quite sure he would have been permitted to return to his regular place. He was relieved at Lake City by Mr. Nobles.

Mr. J. W. Dickson has been assigned to the Savannah District, and Bro. L. T. Wasdin, from Winokur, comes to Waynesville.

Brother O. C. Kight has left us and is now working extra on the Lakeland District. He was last heard from at Bowling Green, Fla.

Bro. G. S. Perry has been assigned third trick at Dupont.

Bro. O. L. Dunn, of Pidcock nights, is spending a few days among friends at Fitzgerald being relieved by Mr. P. T. Jones.

Bro. L. E. Maloney, formerly agent at Pidcock, has been assigned to Hildreth nights. He was relieved at Pidcock by Mr. L. J. Murray.

We had two or three members on the honor roll in January. Can't we make a better showing in March?

CRACKER.

*Gainesville District—*

On account of having received very few notes it will be impossible to contribute much at this time, but Gainesville District must be represented each month during the present year. If the members will forward to the local chairman all items of interest by the 20th of each month, we will be represented regularly.

This division boasts of having a member who attended the Chattanooga convention, held in

1892. This member is none other than Bro. J. N. Craig, agent at Tarpon Springs. Bro. Craig has been nominated as a delegate from this division to attend the grand convention to be held in Atlanta next May, and we are sure the members will make no mistake in electing him. He and Bro. Wheeler would make first-class representatives.

Bro. R. A. Boyd, formerly at Newberry is now holding down Wilcox.

The telegraph service has been discontinued at Trenton and the agency is now in charge of Mr. J. S. Slocum. Bro. A. W. Smith, who was located there as agent when it was a telegraph station, is in business at that point.

Haynesworth nights is now filled by Bro. R. W. Best, who was formerly on the Savannah District. This is one of the offices that was opened in order to evade the nine-hour law. Burnetts Lake was a day and night office until March 4th, 1908, then Haynesworth was opened at night and Burnetts Lake closed.

Mr. A. B. Collins is now working third at Lake Butler.

Have no notes from the south, so can't give anything from that end.

We expect to see Bro. Thompson re-elected local chairman, and the members co-operate with him in getting the division solidly organized. I am willing to do my part, not only willing, but anxious, and I shall begin work without waiting for anyone else. We can make this district 90 per cent strong in sixty days if we make an effort in that direction.

Div. Cor.

#### *Richmond District, South—*

It is with a feeling of regret that I commence to write these items, as they are probably the last ones on which I will have the assistance of Bro. Boswell, of Contenta, he having declined to accept renomination for local chairman. I believe, however, that he will continue to render some assistance, as he is too earnest a worker to sit down and let things run themselves. He is always found in the front ranks when there is anything to be done.

His probable successor, however, is a very good man, and one in whom we have a great deal of confidence, as he has filled the position with credit in the past.

We note with regret that Bro. A. B. Williams has left the service on account of having been suspended for 15 days while agent at Sharpsburg. That agency was bulletined and given to Mr. A. A. Hamilton, first trick man at Elm City.

Assignments have been made on bulletin as follows: R. B. Hutson to Elm City second trick; O. H. Harvey to Kenly second trick; R. D. Jones to Elrod second trick; J. M. Scott to Rennert second trick; J. L. Rawlings to Latta second trick; C. E. Teague to Fayetteville third trick; G. T. Gaines to Latta third trick; L. L. Jeffreys to Elm City first trick, promoted from second; A. L. Rey-

nolds to Fayetteville second trick, going from Benson, N. C., third trick.

J. E. Foster goes to Pembroke second trick. He is a new man. Cannot say whom he relieves.

There are now eight third tricks, two second and one first trick on bulletin.

In addition there will be the first trick at Wilson to bulletin, as Bro. Roberson, who has been in the service for a number of years was recently cut off on account of failure to stand the examination required by the relief department, although he was already a member. It is such actions as this that makes the relief department so obnoxious to a large number of employes, and not the telegraphers alone.

A law will yet be passed regulating this matter, even though some few telegraphers are opposed to it. There is justice behind it and justice, though oftentimes long delayed, will prevail.

Div. Cor.

#### **C. C. C. & St. L. Ry.**

##### *Chicago Division, East—*

We are again nearing the good old summer time, and find business steadily increasing, and understand that old railroad heads predict that business will be as strong as ever within six weeks after the inauguration, and we trust that it will.

February found us with some pretty severe weather, but, in general, everything moved along nicely, except the nons, and, although I understand they are coming in faster at the present time than ever before, I think there could be a great deal of improvement on this division. We find a bunch of new men on the road from time to time; I would like to remind the brothers who are coming in contact with them that it is their duty to find out whether they are members, and if not ascertain the reason why, and if no good reason, it's up to you to get busy. It is an utter impossibility for your chairman to keep in touch with all these men, although it would not be if each member took the interest he should. If you are afraid to approach the men, kindly drop me a line, and I will endeavor to do what I can to relieve them of the pall under which they rest, but you certainly understand that more good can be done in five minutes' talk than in writing a hundred letters. A non can exercise more nerve in writing than in talking to a man personally, and therefore all kinds of excuses are put forth on paper. This being the case I urge the brothers to take enough interest to keep in touch with the extra men who from time to time are bound to cross your paths. I am ever so much pleased with some of the new men, especially those from the C. & O. and B. & O., as it seems they understand what organization means.

We certainly ought to be ashamed of the lack of enthusiasm we are showing. Not long ago there came to my ears this spiel from a non, "No one even said any thing to me about joining;" of course, he was as much to blame as any one, but nevertheless he got in line after being reminded

there was such a thing as an organization which embraced telegraphers. These brothers from the above mentioned roads are used to seeing things move lively, and I thank them for the interest they have already shown, although they have only been here a short time.

Brothers, I wish to impress emphatically on your minds that the welfare of the organization rests with you, as a body. If you are dormant so is the organization, if you are enthusiastic the organization prospers. Your organization is precisely what you make it.

I am inclined to think that you expect too much of the chairman. The feeling seems to prevail that the chairman is the man to look out for all the ills to which the organization is heir, and it is up to him to pilot it through. Brothers, we are pulling up stream, and the responsibility of rowing rests with each and every one alike. Remember this and do your part, and the organization will prosper.

I am unable to give you much news this writing, as no items were received from along the line, so all you fellows who laid off, or secured new members will understand why no mention was made of it.

Bros. A. I. and B. L. Paramore, of Fairland, are off several days, owing to the death of their mother.

Bro. S. G. Martin is off several days on account of the death of Mrs. Martin's mother.

Bro. Hall, from the B. & O., is relieving Bro. Lang.

We are glad to hear Sister Andrews' familiar fist again, after passing through a siege of mumps.

Bro. C. S. Richey, of Fairland, is off at present.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Almighty to bear to that eternal home the dearly beloved mother of Bros. A. I. and B. L. Paramore, also the mother-in-law of Bro. S. G. Martin; be it hereby

*Resolved*, That C. C. C. & St. L. Division No. 138, O. R. T., extend to the bereaved brothers and families, our most heartfelt sympathies in this their bereavement, and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be placed on our minutes, a copy sent to the bereaved brothers, and a copy submitted to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

W. O. BRINKMAN,  
J. M. DUPPS,  
M. H. DARLING,

Committee.

#### Cleveland and Indianapolis Division—

No union can live without the support of its membership. There is a lack of enthusiasm along the line, especially in regard to interesting non-members and inducing them to join our ranks. Do you think it is right to impose upon a few brothers, by letting them do all the work?

Wake up and take an interest, and it will be but a short time until this division is solid.

The second trick at Harper is surely an undesirable job. Nine telegraphers have worked there since October.

At this writing the following vacancies have been advertised: Second tricks at Clark Ave., Lindale, Columbia, Wellington and Harper, also third trick at Lindale.

Mr. O. E. Bishop is working extra at Vernon Junction, third trick. Bro. Fisher doing the agent's stunt at West View.

Bro. Carey, third trick at Longville, was on the sick list for a few days. He being relieved by a Mr. Fiscunes.

Bro. Dunson, second trick at Longville, is acting agent at Agosta, the regular agent being on the sick list. Bro. Kimball is filling Bro. Dunson's place.

If we wish to be better represented in the journal, send items to W. B. E., Rushsylvania, by the 23rd of each month, and we will assure you, this division will be there with the goods.

BILL-E.

#### Indianapolis Division—

Bro. Carl Martz, of Mix, is laying off and visiting his parents at Rosewood.

Bro. Bud Fardly, of Gretna, is laying off. Bud is going into the "hoss bizz" this summer.

The general committee met at the English Hotel in Indianapolis on January 20. All except two members were present. Business affecting the good of the division was gone over.

Did you ever stop to think how the eight-hour day was secured, why you get paid for overtime, what brought about the use of the eight-day lamps and numerous other changes in the last few years? Why were salaries not reduced when the nine-hour law went into effect?

Think these things over and endeavor to keep everyone lined up and the division solid.

Bro. Harry Hess visited in Ansonia, recently.

Grim gets "BR" yards, third trick. CANDY.

#### St. Louis Division, East of Mattoon—

Through an error in the general correspondent's address, our items failed to reach the proper place.

Bro. R. C. Lasley has been off for a few days, on account of sickness.

Bro. H. F. Wilson has bid in the third trick at Delmar.

Bro. F. T. Hungate, third trick at Carbon, has left the service. He was relieved by Bro. E. F. Wade, of the Grand Division.

Bro. R. W. Roller, second trick "JB," has exchanged places with Bro. E. E. Evans, agent at Lena.

George Gray, of Fontanet, has left the service. Did not learn who relieved him.

Bro. W. J. Wright, agent at Vermillion, has been off quite a while on account of sickness.

Drv. Con.

*St. Louis Division, West of Mattoon—*

Bro. Frazier is back at work at "RD," Hornsby, after a vacation of several weeks. Bro. Frazier was relieved by a Mr. Glasgow.

First trick at Witt fell to the lot of Telegrapher Welch.

Bro. Fitzpatrick bid in Nokomis second trick, and Bro. Lancaster bid in third trick. Bro. Fitz was relieved by Telegrapher Fitzgerald.

Bro. R. A. Gibbins has been reinstated after being held off two weeks on account of application. He is now doing second trick at Gays.

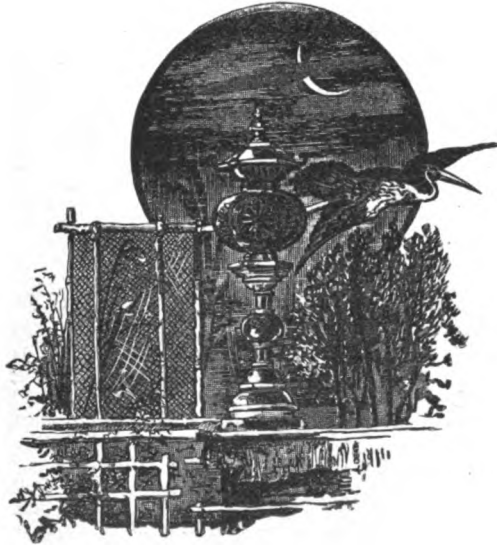
Telegrapher Grant Lewis is back on the short line.

Bro. Cross is still off, spending his vacation at Gays with his mother.

Let's all come up with an item or two and turn them over to Bro. Cook.

J. N. Cook,

CERT. 668.





## MUTUAL BENEFIT DEPARTMENT.

Assessment No. 120 is due MAR. 1, 1909.  
Time for payment expires APR. 30, 1909.

### AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS.

On \$ 300 00 (Series A).....20 cents each  
On 500 00 (Series B).....30 cents each  
On 1,000 00 (Series C).....60 cents each

### BENEFITS PAID DURING FEBRUARY, 1909.

CLAIM No.	NAME.	CAUSE.	DIV.	CERT. No.	SERIES.	AMT.
649..	Geo. O. McCoy.....	Heart Failure .....	52..	10712..	A..	\$ 300 00
806..	Daniel J. Scully.....	Diabetes.....	35..	16830..	A..	300 00
809..	Herman W. Porter....	Acute Nephritis .....	76..	18945..	B..	500 00
825..	Leber Watkins.....	Pulmonary Tuberculosis .....	97..	16745..	C..	1,000 00
842..	Frank P. McEntee....	Catarrh of Bowels.....	42..	8248..	A..	300 00
843..	Roscoe L. Harris.....	Malaria Fever .....	59..	19124..	B..	500 00
847..	D. M. Sanderson.....	Acute Bright's Disease.....	42..	6427..	C..	1,000 00
848..	James T. Welch.....	Bright's Disease.....	21..	1496..	B..	500 00
849..	Benjamin F. Maxfield..	Intestinal Auto-Infection.....	126..	13597..	A..	300 00
850..	Oren E. Hoover.....	Pulmonary Tuberculosis .....	2..	4686..	C..	1,000 00
851..	John W. Leavitt.....	Crushed Between Cars.....	93..	10742..	C..	1,000 00

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MORTUARY FUND.

#### RECEIPTS.

Received on Assessment Account to January 31, 1909.....\$739,081 49  
Received on Assessment Account February, 1909.....14,930 13  
\$754,011 62

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

Death Claims paid to January 31, 1909.....\$494,981 47  
Death Claims paid in February.....6,700 00  
Assessments refunded, account rejected applications.....1,132 96  
Assessments transferred to dues.....193 73  
Cash on hand to credit Mortuary Fund, February 28, 1909.....251,003 46  
\$754,011 62

L. W. QUICK,  
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- No. 38, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Meets 3d Saturday each month, 7:30 p. m., at 33 Lyman st., Springfield, Mass. Wm. A. Lamberton, Chief Tel., 15 George St., West Springfield, Mass.; John R. Cardinal, S. & T., Box 1417, Springfield, Mass.
- No. 39—Division covers the Pere Marquette Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Knister, Gen'l Chairman, Coatsworth, Ont.; Charles I. Mead, Gen'l S. & T., Smyrna, Mich.
- No. 40—Division covers Chesapeake & Ohio Railway System. A. W. Holmes, Gen'l Chairman, Lowell W. Va.; J. W. Kiser, Gen'l S. & T., Guyandotte, W. Va.; A. W. Holmes, chairman, Allegheny & Greenbrier Districts, Lowell, W. Va.; J. W. Kiser, chairman Huntington Division, Guyandotte, W. Va.; C. D. McGehee, chairman Peninsula & Piedmont Districts, 2803 E. Clay st., Richmond, Va.; L. G. White, chairman Rivanna District, Warren, Va.; D. H. Scott, chairman James River District, Big Island, Va.; L. E. Hicks, chairman Mountain District, Craigsville, Va.; G. N. Hancock, chairman New River District, Montgomery, W. Va.; H. O. Irwin, chairman Lexington & Big Sandy Districts, Olympia, Ky.; J. W. Mathewson, chairman Cincinnati District, Vanceburg, Ky. Meets subject to call of chairman.
- No. 41, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 2d Saturday night each month, Engineers' Hall, 164 Canal st., Boston, Mass. T. J. Fogarty, Chief Tel., 71 Clarendon ave., West Somerville, Mass.; John A. Tuck, S. & T., upper station, Wakefield, Mass.
- No. 42—Division covers the Erie Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Joint meetings of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions will be held at Warren, Ohio, corner Park ave. and Market st., every third Saturday of each month. W. H. Husted, Gen'l Chairman, Richwood, Ohio; C. L. Bridge, Gen'l S. & T., Deposit, N. Y.
- No. 43—Division covers Canadian Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. E. J. Willis, Gen'l Chairman, Roland, Man.; E. G. Skelding, Gen'l S. & T., 531 Victor st., Winnipeg, Man.
- No. 44, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Fraternity Hall, 22-24 Harriman ave., Jamaica, N. Y.; C. B. Van Nostrand, Chief Tel., 31 Aberdeen st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. F. Heller, S. & T., 1441 Bushwick ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

- No. 45, WOODSVILLE, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., K of P. Hall, Woodsville, N. H. B. C. Berry, Chief Tel., South Barton, Vt.; F. P. Learned, S. & T., Box 553, Woodsville, N. H.
- No. 46—Division covers the Central of Georgia Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. H. Livsey, Gen'l Chairman, East Point, Ga. O. S. Travis, Gen'l S. & T., Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. System meetings held at O. R. C. Hall, Macon, Ga., subject to call of General Chairman. Macon Division meets with Dixie Club, Federation Hall, Atlanta, Ga., every second Saturday night; O. S. Travis, Local Chairman, Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. Savannah Division meets at Macon, Ga., subject to call of Local Chairman, J. E. Boyd, R. F. D., No. 4, Macon, Ga. Chattanooga Division meets at La Fayette, Ga., every second Sunday; Local Chairman, W. D. Stewart, La Fayette, Ga. Southwestern Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman T. J. Mills, Smithville, Ga. Columbus Division meets at Opelika, Ala., subject to call of Local Chairman A. H. Warlich, Opelika, Ala.
- No. 47, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., at B. I. S. Hall, Charlottetown, P. E. I. A. D. Lawson, Chief Tel., Hunters River, P. E. I.; J. J. Trainor, S. & T., Bedford Station, P. E. I.
- No. 48—Division covers the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton and Ann Arbor Railways. Meets subject to call of chairman. H. J. Tobin, Gen'l Chairman, 315 E. Exchange st., Owosso, Mich.; A. F. Weast, Gen'l S. & T., 930 Oak st., Springfield, Ohio.
- No. 49—Division covers the Denver & Rio Grande Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. H. Wasson, Gen'l Chairman, Amethyst, Colo.; F. W. Aiken, Gen'l S. & T., Cotopaxi, Colo.
- No. 50—Division covers the Georgia Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. W. Duffy, Gen'l Chairman, James, Ga.; W. P. Hubert, Gen'l S. & T., Crawfordsville, Ga.
- No. 51—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Erie Railway System. Meets fourth Thursday of each month, in Eagle's Hall, Greenville, Pa. C. V. Patton, General Chairman, Keister, Pa.; W. B. Risley, Gen'l S. & T., 96 Marshal st., Conneaut, Ohio.
- No. 52, PITTSBURG, PA.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturday evening each month at 8 p. m., at 204 Fifth ave., 3d floor, Pittsburg, Pa. J. J. Standley, Chief Tel., 3508 Mellwood ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; H. K. Klingensmith, Secretary, 243 Grandview ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; C. C. Campbell, Treasurer, 605 Arlington ave., Pittsburg, Pa.
- No. 53—Division covers the Southern Pacific Railway Lines. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. H. Lester, Gen'l Chairman, Weimar, Tex.; D. W. Koppikus, Gen'l S. & T., 1220 12th ave., East Oakland, Cal.
- No. 54—Division covers the Northern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Sam Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, North Branch, Minn.; I. N. Holmes, Gen'l S. & T., 1015 10th st., Olympia, Wash.
- No. 55—Division covers the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Wabash, Pittsburg Terminal and West Side Belt Railways. Meets third Saturday evening of each month at 8 p. m., in Trades and Labor Assembly Hall, Massillon, Ohio. J. O. Peoples, Gen'l Chairman, Boliver, Ohio; C. R. Guthrie, Gen'l S. & T., Box 71, Jewett, Ohio.
- No. 56—Division covers Georgia Southern & Florida Railway System. W. O. Wilson, Gen'l Chairman, Vienna, Ga.; O. H. Watson, Gen'l S. & T., Tobesofkee, Ga.
- No. 57—Division covers the Houston & Texas Central Railway System. Meets every third Saturday at 8:30 p. m., in Labor Temple, over 401 Main st., Dallas, Tex. W. J. Burke, Gen'l Chairman, H. & T. C. yard office, Dallas, Tex.; J. A. McKey, Gen'l S. & T., 43 N. Benge st., McKinney, Tex.
- No. 58, WILMINGTON, DEL.—Meets third Wednesday evening, 8 o'clock, Red Men's Hall, 517 Shipley st., Wilmington, Del. Thomas Truitt, Chief Telegrapher, Clayton, Del.; F. C. Melvin, S. & T., Newport, Del.
- No. 59—Division covers Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. J. Gregory, Gen'l Chairman, Chase City, Va.; A. L. McDaniel, Gen'l S. & T., Forest City, N. C.
- No. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets third Friday of each month at 8 p. m., at Typographical Temple, 423 "G" st., N. W., Washington, D. C. J. E. Blades, Chief Tel., 1529 East Capitol st., Washington, D. C. J. E. Vandegrift, S. & T., 936 "B" st., S. W., Washington, D. C.
- No. 61, CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—Meets 4th Tuesday evening of each month in Engineers' Hall, Campbellton, N. B. J. W. Morton, Chief Tel., Campbellton, N. B.; R. A. McMillan, S. & T., Charlo Station, N. B.
- No. 62—Division covers the Queen & Crescent (North). A. B. Willison, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Science Hill, Ky. K. C. Gardner, Gen'l S. & T., Box 333 Williamstown, Ky. J. W. North, Local Chairman Cincinnati Div., High Bridge, Ky. W. E. Hines, Local Chairman Chattanooga Division, Somerset, Ky. Meets 4th Saturday night each month at Somerset, Ky. B. D. Stone, Local Chairman A. G. S. Division, care Central Depot, Chattanooga, Tenn. Meetings on Cincinnati and A. G. S. Division subject to call of the General or Local Chairman.

No. 63, MONCTON, N. B.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month, alternately at Moncton, N. B., and St. John, N. B. H. W. Jones, Chief Tel., Moncton, N. B.; R. M. Gross, S. & T., Boundary Creek, N. B.

No. 64, LEVIS, QUE.—Meets third Tuesday of each month. Place of each following meeting to be chosen by a majority vote of members present at each regular meeting. A. Dion, Chief Tel., 38 St. Louis st., Quebec, Que.; Wm. Parsons, Secretary and Treasurer, St. Pierre, Co. Montmagny, Que.

No. 65, ROCHESTER, N. H.—Meets at 8 p. m., second Saturday each month in G. A. R. Hall, Rochester, N. H. E. J. Scott, Chief Tel., West Ossipee, N. H.; H. L. Jones, S. & T., Fremont, N. H.

No. 66, TRURO, N. S.—Meets third Wednesday each month, McKay's Hall (B. R. T. room), Inglis st., Truro, N. S. W. A. Harris, Chief Tel., Windsor Junction, N. S.; Geo. O. Forbes, S. & T., Spring Hill Junction, N. S.

No. 67, WILKESBARRE, PA.—Meets on the third Friday each month at 8 p. m., at O. U. A. M. Hall, No. 31 W. Market st., Wilkesbarre, Pa. J. Nelligan, S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.

No. 68—Division covers Washington County Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. James F. Desmond, Gen'l Chairman, Eastport, Me.; Wm. C. Myrick, Gen'l S. & T., East Machias, Me.

No. 69—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (South). Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Shields, Gen'l Chairman, Morton, Miss.; J. C. Talley, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Poplarville, Miss.

No. 70—Division covers the Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Post, Gen'l Chairman, Box 1,114, Minot, N. D.; P. M. Abbott, Gen'l S. & T., Logan, Mont.

No. 71, OSKALOOSA, IOWA—Meets second Saturday in each month at 8:45 p. m., in Clingman Hall, over Pike's Drug Store, Oskaloosa, Iowa. H. W. Landfear, Chief Tel., Wright, Iowa; O. L. Davis, S. & T., Richland, Iowa.

No. 72, ST. JOSEPH, MO.—Meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., 623 Mt. Mora Road, St. Joseph, Mo. F. E. Berry, Chief Tel., Box 432, South St. Joseph, Mo.; W. E. Reese, S. & T., Box 682, St. Joseph, Mo.

No. 73, MAUCH CHUNK, PA.—Meets second Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., on the 4th floor, Odd Fellows' Hall, Broadway, Mauch Chunk, Pa. William M. Butler, S. & T., Room 11, Court House, Wilkesbarre, Pa.

No. 74—Division covers B. & O. S.-W. R. R. V. B. Turner, Gen'l Chairman, Box 2, Ewing, Ind.; A. Fryburger, Gen'l S. & T., Athens, O.

No. 75—Division covers Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville Ry. System. G. W. Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, Losantville, Ind.; F. K. Harter, Gen'l S. & T., Sinton Bldg., 3 East Fourth st., Cincinnati, Ohio.

No. 76—Division covers the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Jas. Troy, Gen'l Chairman, Jewell Junction, Iowa; W. J. Liddane, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, 227 W. Central ave., St. Paul, Minn.; Ira R. Kempkes, Gen'l S. & T., Nevada, Iowa.

No. 77, DENVER, COLO.—Meets 1st Monday evening in each month at 620 14th st., Denver, Colo. C. M. Worth, Chief Tel., 620 14th st., Denver, Colo.; C. L. Cheney, S. & T., 935 17th st., Denver, Colo.

No. 78, ALBANY, N. Y.—Meets 3d Saturday each month at 7:30 p. m., A. O. U. W. Hall, 82 S. Pearl st., Albany, N. Y.; B. M. Nichols, S. & T., Altamont, N. Y.

No. 79—Covers G. & S. I. Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. J. O. Bolton, Gen'l Chairman, Mt. Olive, Miss.; W. L. Yeates, Gen'l Sec. & Treas., Box 69, Maxie, Miss.; E. W. Wooten, Ass't Gen'l S. & T., Maxie, Miss.

No. 80—Division covers the M. J. & K. C. Ry. System. W. C. Longmire, Gen'l Chairman, Union, Miss.; J. W. Spivey, Gen'l S. & T., Merrill, Miss.

No. 81—Division covers the Colorado Midland Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of chairman. Guy Salling, Gen'l S. & T., Florissant, Colo.

No. 82—Division covers Western Maryland Railway system. R. E. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Smithburg, Md.; C. E. Marker, Gen'l S. & T., Smithburg, Md. W. Va. Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Md. Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman.

No. 83—Division covers the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. A. W. Sherburne, Gen'l Chairman, New Sweden Station, Me.; F. J. Crozier, Gen'l Sec. and Treas., Abbott, Me.

No. 84, CAMDEN, N. J.—Meets 2d Friday at 8 p. m., at Morgan's Hall, Fourth and Market sts., Camden, N. J. J. W. Diffenderfer, Chief Tel., 610 Park ave., Collingswood, N. J.; W. M. Hitchner, Sec'y, Pitman, N. J.; T. J. McCabe, Treas., 1014 Spruce st., Camden, N. J.

No. 85, TRENTON, N. J.—Meets 3d Friday at 8 p. m., at Concordia Hall, 33 West State st., Trenton, N. J. Chas. R. Carty, Chief Tel., 308 Wood st., Bristol, Pa.; Chas. Parker, S. & T., 494 West Hanover st., Trenton, N. J.

- No. 86, ALTOONA, PA.—Meets 2d Wednesday at 10:15 a. m., and 4th Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., in Lee Building, E. 12th st., between 8th and 9th aves., Altoona, Pa. John Oakes, Chief Tel., Hollidaysburg, Pa.; J. L. Franks, S. & T., 35 Beech ave., Altoona, Pa.
- No. 87, SCRANTON, PA.—Meets 1st Monday evening of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Main st., Archbald, Pa. W. F. Davenport, Chief Tel., Archbald, Pa.; M. G. Grennell, S. & T., Carbondale, Pa.
- No. 88—Division covers the Texas & Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. W. E. Sledge, Gen'l Chairman, Pelican, La.; J. E. De Souza, Gen'l S. & T., Chamberlin, La.
- No. 89, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 1st Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Pilgrim Hall, also 3d Saturday each month at 10 a. m. (daylight meeting) in Pilgrim Hall, 3d floor, elevator service, 694 Washington st., Boston, Mass. Leonard J. Ross, Chief Tel., No. 14 De Loss st., South Framingham, Mass.; J. H. McDermott, S. & T., Mansfield, Mass.
- No. 90—Division covers Coal & Coke Ry. of W. Va. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. J. Shawver, Gen'l Chairman, Walkersville, W. Va. J. A. Arthur, Gen'l S. & T., Clay, W. Va.
- No. 91, CHICAGO, ILL.—Meets 4th Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., at Hall, 912 Masonic Temple, State and Randolph sts., Chicago, Ill. G. Dal. Jones, Chief Tel., 1760 North Lawndale ave., Chicago, Ill.; Wm. F. McDonald, S. & T., Room 550, 263 La Salle st., Chicago, Ill.
- No. 92—Division covers the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. H. R. Childs, Gen'l Chairman, Warsaw, N. Y.; J. T. Simmons, Gen'l S. & T., 901 W. Long ave., DuBois, Pa.
- No. 93—Division covers the Illinois Central Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. C. A. Mulhall, Gen'l Chairman, Clarkson, Ky.; G. E. Chance, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, Mounds, Ill.; W. P. Moore, Gen'l Chairman, Y. & M. V. Lines, Lula, Miss.; R. L. Shannon, Gen'l S. & T., Anna, Ill.
- No. 94, MERIDIAN, MISS.—Meets 4th Wednesday night at 8 p. m., in Young Men's Benevolent Association Hall, S. E. cor. Dauphin and Jackson sts., Mobile, Ala. J. E. Jones, Chief Tel., Oak Grove, Ala.; R. L. Howell, S. & T., 18 South Catherin st, Mobile, Ala.
- No. 95, PORTLAND, ME.—Meets third Thursday of each month at 546½ Congress st., Portland, Me. H. G. Adams, Chief Tel., R. F. D., No. 2, Cumberland Center, Me.; C. A. Ford, S. & T., East Waterboro, Me.
- No. 96—Division covers the Chicago Great Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. L. Albright, Gen'l Chairman, Fredericksburg, Iowa; E. C. Hodges, Gen'l S. & T., Readlyn, Iowa.
- No. 97—Division covers the Seaboard Air Line Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. D. May, Gen'l Chairman, Carlton, Ga.; F. O. Cumming, Gen'l S. & T., Seaboard, N. C.
- No. 98—Division covers G. V. G. & N. Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. R. W. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Thatcher, Ariz.; J. W. Arnold, Gen'l S. & T., Solomonville, Ariz.
- No. 99, COBALT, ONT.—J. W. Aubin, Chief Tel., Englehart, Ont.; L. C. McBride, S. & T., Temagami, Ont.
- No. 100, ELMIRA, N. Y.—Meets second Tuesday at 10:30 a. m., and fourth Tuesday at 9 p. m., each month, in Red Men's Hall, 164 Lake st., Elmira, N. Y. C. M. Weeks, Chief Tel., Stanley, N. Y.; C. R. Elliott, S. & T., 381 South Main st., Elmira, N. Y.
- No. 101—Division covers the Northwestern Pacific Ry. John A. Bondeson, Gen'l Chairman, Port Reyes Sta., Cal.; W. E. Hicks, Gen'l S. & T., Geyserville, Cal.
- No. 102, PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Meeting place subject to notice from Secretary and Treasurer, H. O. Mennig, S. & T., Conshohocken, Pa.
- No. 103, STELLARTON, N. S.—R. Sutherland, Chief Tel., Box 297, New Glasgow, N. S.; W. McLeod, S. & T., care I. C. R. R., Stellarton, N. S.
- No. 104, AYER, MASS.—Meets third Sunday of each month at 9:30 a. m., in the ante-rooms of Pierce Hall, third floor, Clinton, Mass. F. H. Willard, Chief Tel., Lancaster, Mass.; John F. Mullen, S. & T., 17 Bridge st., Marlboro, Mass.
- No. 105, CONCORD, N. H.—A. Walters, Jr., Chief Tel., Penacook, N. H.; H. M. Clay, S. & T., North Boscawen, N. H.
- No. 106, HAGERSTOWN, MD.—Meets first and third Thursdays of each month at 8 p. m., in G. A. R. Hall, Market House, Hagerstown, Md. J. L. Seibert, Chief Tel., 318 W. Washington st., Hagerstown, Md.; J. K. Snyder, S. & T., Box 46, Hagerstown, Md.
- No. 107—Division covers Toledo, Peoria & Western Ry. C. M. Finch, Gen'l Chairman, Watseka, Ill.; O. L. Lang, Gen'l S. & T., El Paso, Ill.
- No. 108, ADDISON, N. Y.—Meets second Sunday each month at 11 a. m., in C. M. B. A. Hall, Addison, N. Y. F. J. Taylor, Chief Tel., Hamburg, N. Y.; L. D. Jacobs, S. & T., Elkland, Pa.
- No. 109, CRESSON, PA.—Henry D. Border, Chief Tel., Portage, Pa.; Louis Biter, S. & T., Wilmore, Pa.

- No. 110, RENOVO, PA.—Meets third Wednesday of each month at New St. Charles Hotel, East Emporium, Pa., and first Wednesday of each month at Corry, Pa. J. E. O'Leary, Chief Tel., East Emporium, Pa.; A. L. Goodwin, S. & T., Box 375, Emporium, Pa.
- No. 111—Division covers San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. L. R. Tuttle, Gen'l S. & T., East San Pedro, Cal.
- No. 112—Division covers the Columbia, Newberry & Laurens Ry. Meets subject to call of chairman. James P. Wilson, Gen'l S. & T., Newberry, S. C.
- No. 113—Division covers the Ulster & Delaware System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. F. W. Bishop, Gen'l Chairman, Arkville, N. Y.; H. Krom, Gen'l S. & T., Hunter, N. Y.
- No. 114—ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, N. S.—H. A. Jaques, Chief Tel., Middleton, N. S.; Stanley Tavener, S. & T., Tupperville, N. S.
- No. 115, QUEBEC, ONT.—Meets first Monday each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que. A. Pelletier, Chief Tel., Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que.; J. E. Potvin, S. & T., St. Cote de Peres Que., Can.
- No. 116—Division covers the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway System. Meets second Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and December, in places designated by General Chairman. J. H. McLean, Gen'l Chairman, L'Anse, Mich.; C. Reif, Gen'l S. & T., Lake Linden, Mich.
- No. 117, SHAMOKIN, PA.—Meets third Saturday in months of January, March, May, July, September and November, at 7 p. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall, Mahanoy City, Pa., and on third Saturday, at 8 p. m., months of February, April, June, August, October and December, in P. O. S. of A. Hall, Shamokin, Pa. A. F. Wallaner, Chief Tel., Quakake, Pa.; H. M. Michael, S. & T., Quakake, Pa.
- No. 118—Division covers Toledo & Ohio Central, Kanawha & Michigan, Hocking Valley and Zanesville & Western Railway System. H. E. Arnold, Gen'l Chairman, Nelsonville, Ohio; R. M. Henderson, Gen'l S. & T., Marysville, Ohio.
- No. 119—Division covers the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway System. G. W. Lewis, Gen'l Chairman, Orleans, Minn.; F. C. Paine, Gen'l S. & T., Erskine, Minn.
- No. 120—Division covers Lake Erie & Western Railway System. C. E. Estabrook, Gen'l S. & T., Springport, Ind.
- No. 121—Division covers Wisconsin Central Ry. System. G. A. Harsh, Gen'l Chairman, Dorchester, Wis. O. R. Barber, Gen'l S. & T., Allenton, Wis.
- No. 122, WHITEHALL, N. Y.—Meets subject to call and at place designated. F. H. Kelley, Chief Tel., Crown Point, N. Y.; H. G. Stevens, S. & T., 27 Center st., Fort Edward, N. Y.
- No. 123—Division covers Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway System. H. S. Vogler, Gen'l Chairman, Young America, Minn.; Robert Hamilton, Gen'l S. & T., Belview, Minn.
- No. 124—Division covers Lehigh Valley Ry. System. J. Nelligan, Gen'l S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- No. 125—Division covers Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railway System. Meets 2d Friday night each month at K. of P. Hall, 3d floor, 825 Main st. (opposite postoffice), Fredericksburg, Va. R. M. Graham, Gen'l Chairman, 619 7th st., N. E., Washington, D. C.; S. R. Gentry, Gen'l S. & T., Fredericksburg, Va. J. A. Crowley, chairman, L. B. of A., North End, 329 Pennsylvania ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. C. B. Butterworth, Chairman, L. B. of A., South End, Milford, Va.
- No. 126—Division covers Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway System. Meets Maccabee Hall, Rock Island, Ill., 4th Saturday evening of each month at F. O. E. Hall, El Reno, Okla. Meets second Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., in room 638, McCoy's Hotel, Chicago, Ill. W. T. Brown, Gen'l Chairman, Whiting, Kan.; M. E. Schooler, Gen'l S. & T., Box 176, Topeka, Kan.
- No. 127, VIRGINIA, MINN.—C. J. Keenan, Chief Tel., Kelsey, Minn.; J. F. Kenney, S. & T., Alborn, Minn.
- No. 128—Division covers Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. System. L. A. Tanquary, Gen'l S. & T., Box 328, Pueblo, Colo.
- No. 129—Division covers Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway System. G. E. Kipp, Gen'l Chairman, Blasdell, N. Y.; C. D. Hull, G. S. & T., 1029 Central ave., Sandusky, Ohio.
- No. 130—Division covers Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. H. Rogers, Jr., Acting Gen'l Chairman, Victory, Wis.; W. A. Henry, Gen'l S. & T., Fairfield, Iowa.
- No. 131, TRING JUNCTION QUE.—C. A. Bilo-deau, Chief Tel., Beauce Jct., Que.; Patrick Doyle, S. & T., Tring Junction, Que.
- No. 132—Division covers the Atlantic Coast Line Railway System. Meetings, Florence, S. C., 4th Saturday night each month. Rocky Mount, N. C., bi-monthly, February, April, June, August, October and December, on 2d Saturday night. B. F. Wheeler, Gen'l Chairman, Oviedo, Fla.; J. H. Williams, Gen'l S. & T., Wilson, N. C.
- No. 133, SYDNEY, N. S.—M. A. J. McDonald, Chief Tel., Iona, C. B.; Archie B. McDougall, S. & T., Grand Narrows, Cape Breton, N. S.

- No. 134, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Meets 3d Sunday each month, at 136 East Bay st., Herkimer Building, Jacksonville, Fla. L. R. Funderburk, Chief Tel., care Jacksonville Terminal Company, Jacksonville, Fla.; N. C. Hall, S. & T., New Smyrna, Fla.
- No. 135, OLEAN, N. Y.—Meets third Tuesday evening each month at Rafferty's Hall, second floor, Tower Building, Olean, N. Y.; A. D. Matthewson, Chief Tel., Ischua, N. Y.; W. J. Delehant, S. & T., 74 Lewis st., Buffalo, N. Y.
- No. 136, READING, PA.—Meets third Friday of each month. Lloyd A. Miller, Chief Tel., Calicum, Pa.; C. F. Petree, S. & T., 932 Pear st., Reading, Pa.
- No. 137—Division covers El Paso & Southwestern Railway System. J. C. McNairy, Acting Gen'l S. & T., 3942a St. Louis ave., St. Louis, Mo.
- No. 138—Division covers C., C. & St. L. Railway System. Edw. Whalen, Gen'l Chairman, 1544 Fifth ave., Terre Haute, Ind.; C. A. Burton, Gen'l S. & T., Box 646, St. Louis, Mo. System meeting held at English Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., subject to call of General Chairman. Cleveland Division meets at Galt's, Ohio, and Cleveland, Ohio, subject to call of Local Chairman. G. I. Martin, Gresham, Ohio, Local Chairman. Cincinnati-Sandusky Division meets third Tuesday of each month in Johnson Building, Springfield, O. A. A. Bright, Local Chairman, 1906 W. High st., Springfield, Ohio. St. Louis Division—Meets at Terre Haute, Ind., subject to call of chairman, Edw. Whalen, Local Chairman, Indianapolis Division meets at Anderson, Muncie and Bellefontaine, subject to call of chairman; E. P. Jenkins, Local Chairman, 1603 E. Jackson st., Muncie, Ind. Chicago Division meets at Greensburg monthly, subject to call of Local Chairman; W. O. Brinkman, Summan, Ind., Local Chairman Chicago and White Water Divisions. Michigan Division meets subject to call of chairman; Geo. Lavengood, Local Chairman, Alexandria, Ind. P. & E. Division meets subject to call of chairman; D. C. Houck, Mooreland, Ind., Local Chairman. Cairo Division meets at Mt. Carmel, Ill., third Monday night of each month; H. L. Settlement, Local Chairman, Carriers Mills, Ill.
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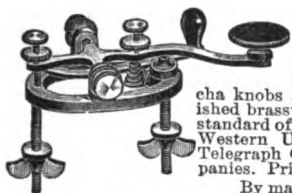
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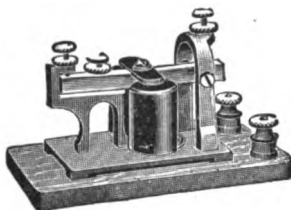
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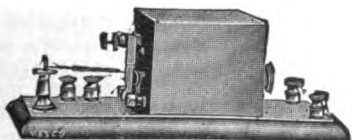
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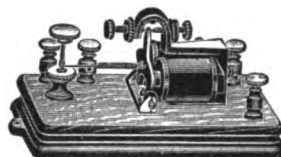


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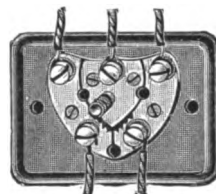
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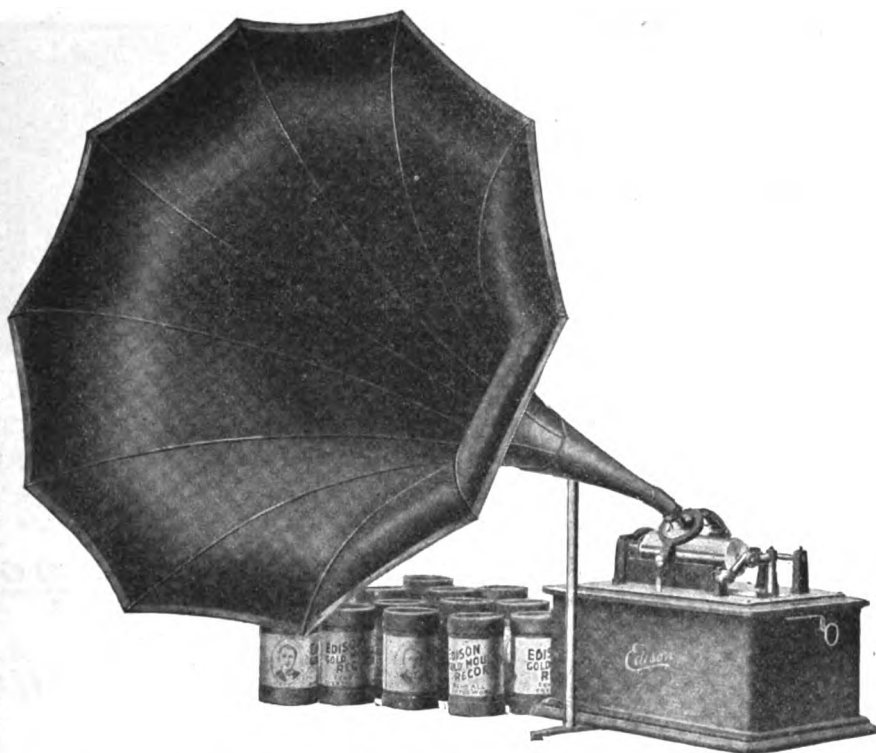
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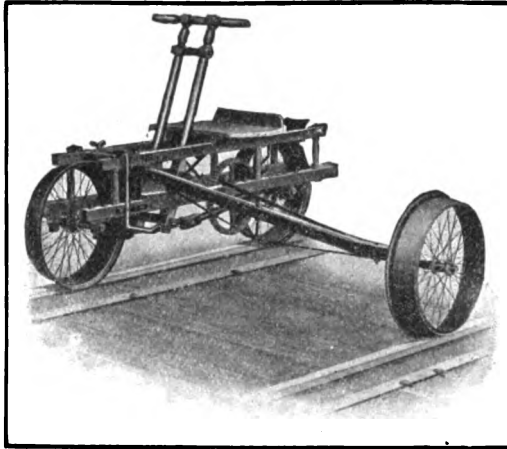
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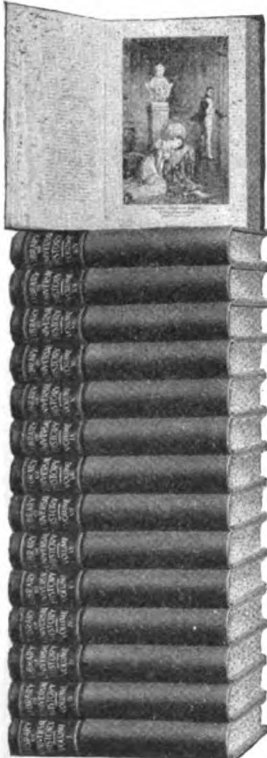
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*Written for this Paper by Virginia Riverton*

**I** BRING a message of deliverance to the toiling army of women who are literally wearing their lives away on the washboard. The romance and the happiness of women's lives have been sacrificed in this form of slavery long enough. The labors of our husbands and fathers have been lightened by hundreds of inventions. Just imagine what a chorus of protests would go up if only one of these labor-saving inventions—the modern harvester—were taken from them and they were forced to reap grain with a sickle!

Yet, here in modern America, boasting of the highest civilization, millions of women are condemned for life to this worst form of drudgery. For what is more pitiable than to see a woman bending over a tub of steaming suds—rubbing, rubbing, rubbing on a washboard until her arms and back ache, her hands are raw, and beads of perspiration roll down her hot cheeks? And the same work must be done week after week and year after year.

As a woman who speaks from long experience, I can testify that doing a family washing by hand—rubbing is the most tiresome, tedious, nerve-racking and health-destroying drudgery that the busy housewife is called upon to perform.

## How it all Happened

One day, after I had done an extra big washing, I sat down in sheer exhaustion, and tried to read a story in one of the magazines. But I was actually so worn out and brain-weary that I couldn't follow the thread of the story. So I glanced through the advertisements. One of these advertisements instantly attracted my attention. It told of a remarkable washing machine made in Binghamton, N. Y., which almost worked itself. The most astonishing claim made for it was that it would wash a tubful of dirty garments in *from two to six minutes!* The advertisement went on to say that the manufacturer of the washer would send one anywhere on thirty days' free trial. Now I had seen "free trial" offers before, but I was always suspicious of them. A friend of mine once wrote for some article offered on a "free trial" and the firm wrote her a letter asking for the cash "on deposit."

I said to myself there must be a "catch" somewhere in this offer of a 1900 Gravity Washer on free trial. By this time I was thoroughly interested in the new washer, and as it only took the price of a postal card to test it, I decided to write to the firm for their free book telling about the Washer.

## Decided to Risk a Penny

Well, I must admit that what that little book said about the Washer almost took my breath away. It all seemed too good to be true. The book made

the free trial offer just as strong as it was in the advertisement. But I was still skeptical about it. I felt sure that there was a string tied to that 1900 Gravity Washer that would hold it in Binghamton, N. Y., until the company saw some *real money*. But I picked out the style of washer I wanted and again I ventured. I wrote the 1900 Washer Company something like this:

"Please send me the Gravity Washer shown on page 2, for thirty days' free trial."

I was so busy during the next few days that the incident was quite forgotten. I never expected the Company to keep its promise. Imagine my surprise when I received notice that there was a washing machine at the depot, all charges fully paid. Maybe I didn't send for it in a hurry!

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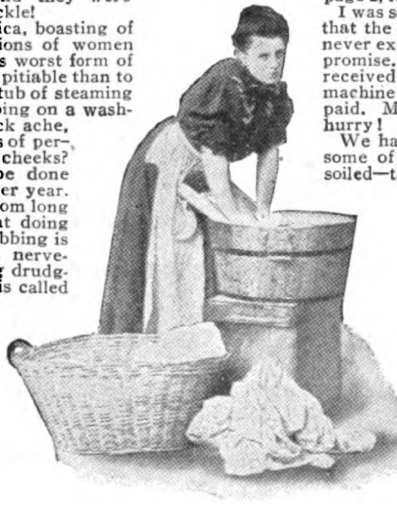
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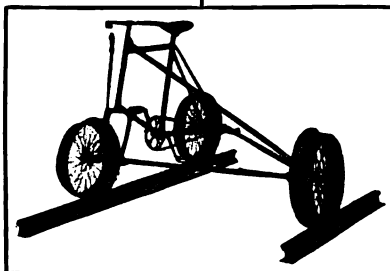
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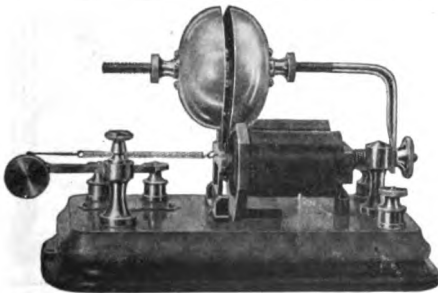
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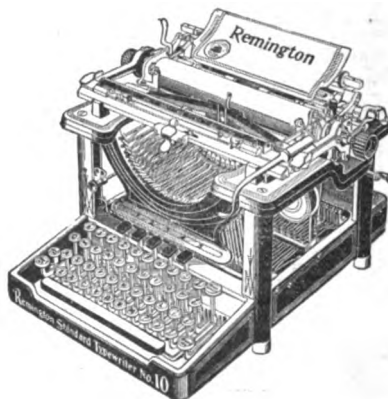
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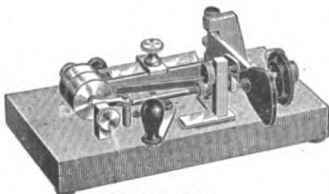
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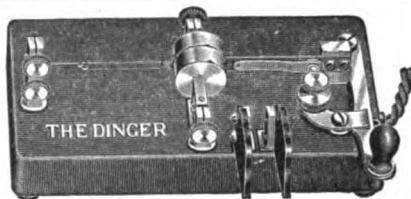
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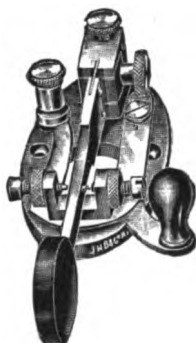
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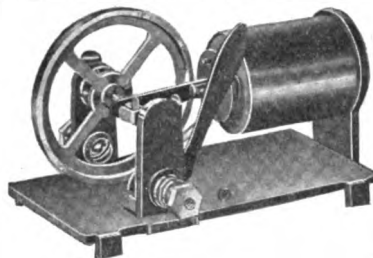
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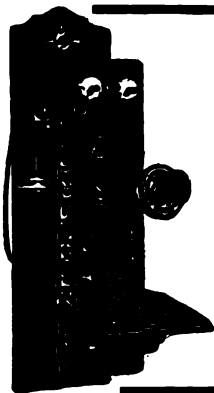
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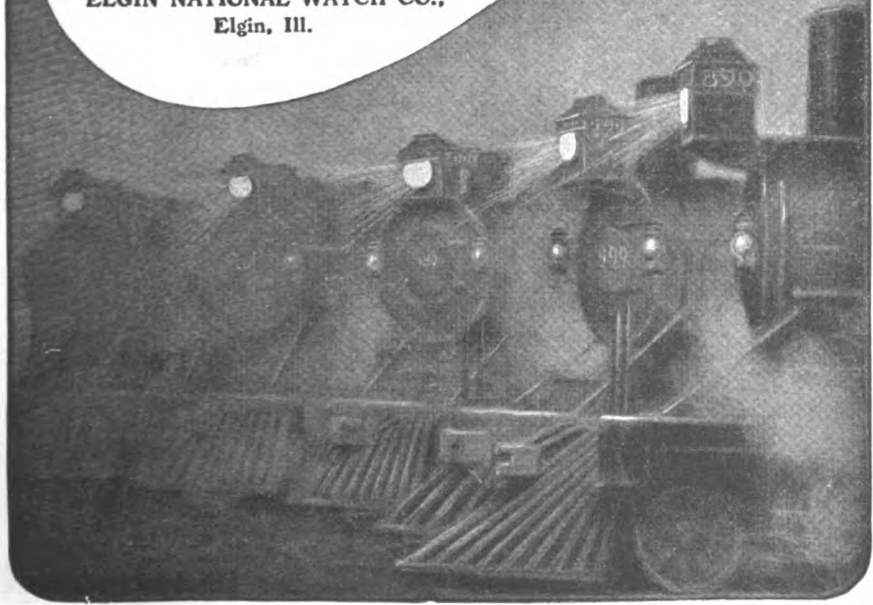
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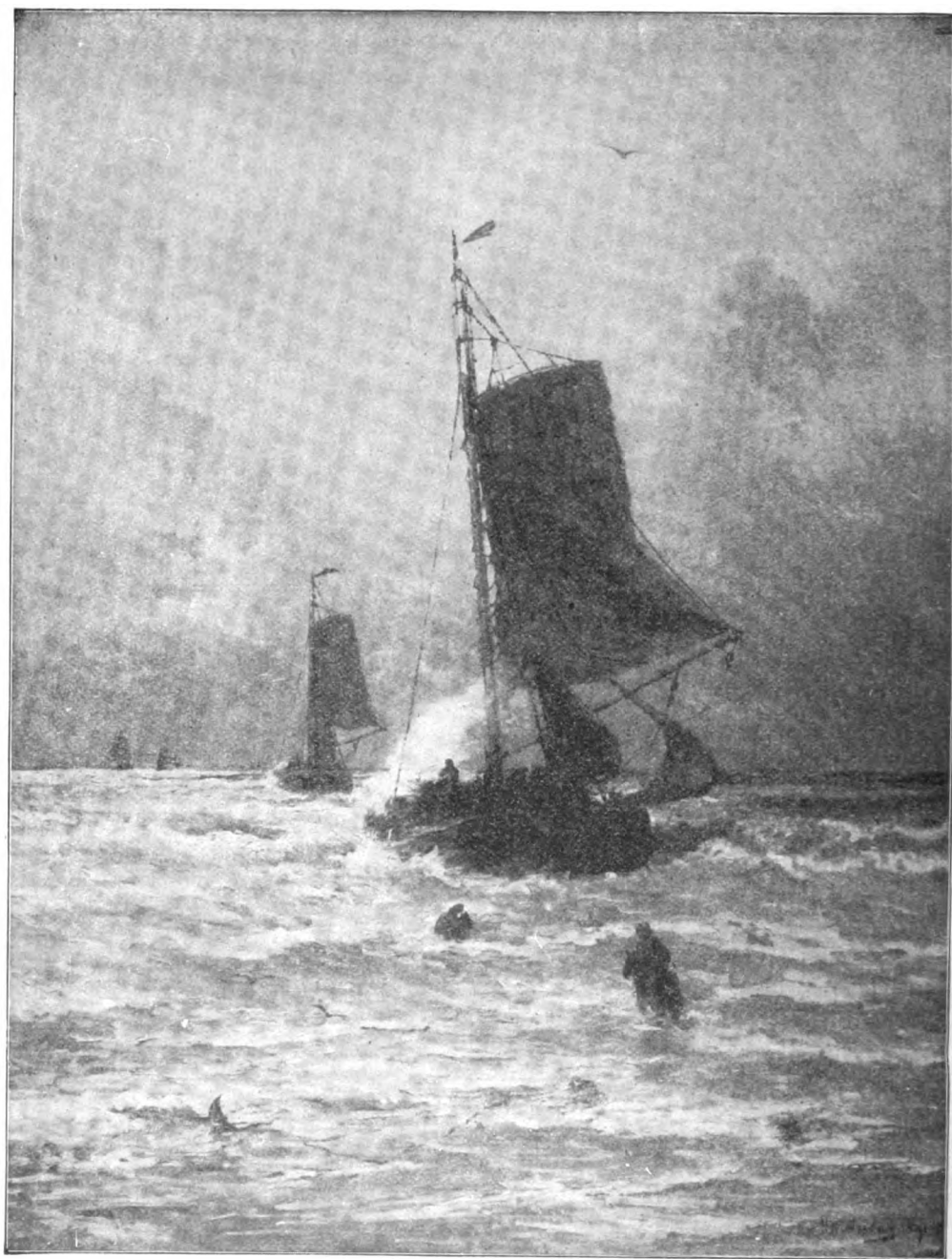
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## EDITORIAL



### INVESTIGATION OF COMMERCIAL TELEGRAPH COMPANIES.

ON May 28th, 1908, the following resolution was adopted by the Senate of the United States:

*"Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Department of Commerce and Labor be, and is hereby directed to institute an investigation into all the telegraph and telephone companies (engaged in the conduct of an interstate business) as to the method used in handling the public's business, the wages paid telegraphers, telephone operators, and other employes of such company, and the working conditions of the employes thereof, together with a statement of the receipts and expenditures of such company for a period of five years. And he is further directed to report the results of such investigation to the Senate on the first Monday in December, 1908."

In compliance with the foregoing resolution, a partial report was submitted to

the Senate on February 15th, which has just been printed and distributed and which contains some interesting facts and figures.

The report shows that the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies were furnished with the necessary blanks on which to furnish the desired information.

In referring to the methods adopted in securing the information, the report says:

In addition to this information supplied by the companies, information was obtained by special agents of the bureau who visited a large number of selected cities and reported to the bureau on the first two schedules data secured as the result of their personal observation and from interviews with individual telegraphers. In each city visited the managers of the companies were themselves requested to furnish to the agents of the bureau the names

of telegraphers whom they desired to have the agents interview; in addition to those thus designated by the companies, the agents of the bureau interviewed a number of other telegraphers whose names were suggested by others than representatives of the companies.

The cities for which schedules and copies of pay-rolls for both companies were requested were as follows: Boston, New York, Buffalo, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Washington, New Orleans, Atlanta, Richmond, Louisville, Nashville, Mobile, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Minneapolis, Cleveland, Denver, Dallas, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, Portland (Ore.), Seattle and Omaha. In addition to these cities Birmingham, Ala., was taken for the Postal Company only and Ogden, Utah, for the Western Union Company only.

The report then goes into a detailed explanation of the method of handling the public business, and describes the various kinds of messages handled. It then deals extensively with the question of certain kinds of messages being given preference over other business, and in effect charges the company with doing away with the pink message blank when this investigation began, presumably to cover up their use. In dealing with this question, the report says:

The business originating with the public is of various kinds, such as commercial messages, the transmission of news by correspondents to papers not having leased wire service, and general business and social messages. An effort was made to find out whether, in the practice of the companies, there was any order of precedence for the various sorts of messages, and, if so, what this order was. Where for any reason a message was to be given precedence over other messages, a pink slip was attached to such messages in order to attract the operator's eye, and such messages were then expected to be given precedence over any other messages on his operating table.

Inquiry 52 on the schedule submitted to the telegraph companies reads as follows:

"Pink slip and all other rush business. Give rules and regulations controlling all differential business. Give a list of names of any individuals, firms, and corporations having pink-slip privileges at your office."

In answer to this question in most of the cities from which schedules were requested the reply of the Postal Telegraph Company was generally "None."

The answer by the Western Union representatives in all the cities was practically the same, and in most cases it was identical in phraseology, and was as follows:

"No pink slips. Other than business of the United States Government, there is no order of precedence for business of the same class. All traffic is transmitted according to the requirements of the business interests of the public, except where regulated by statute."

The answer states, first, that no pink slips are used. This answer was correct enough at the time the reply was made, but it developed during the investigation that the practice of using pink slips, as stated above, was in common practice in practically all the cities, and was discontinued, presumably, in anticipation of this investigation. It will be noted further that the statement is made that "there is no order of precedence for business of the same class." The question asked for the "rules and regulations controlling all differential business." If business was classified and some classes of business given precedence over other classes, a full and frank statement to that effect should have been embodied in the reply.

The facts as developed by this investigation are simply these: Up to the time of the beginning of this investigation, preference was given in every city visited in this investigation, and by both companies to certain classes of business. In lumber districts it was lumber business; in flouring-mill centers, it was flour; in fruit-growing districts, fruit; in the South, it was cotton, and in practically all places what is called "market orders" or stock brokers' and board of trade business was rushed during the

hours the stock exchanges and boards of trade were open. The cumulative evidence upon these points is wholly convincing. This practice is probably what is referred to in the concluding sentence of the company's reply that "All traffic is transmitted according to the requirements of the business interests of the public, except where regulated by statute."

The market-order telegrams resulting from the stock quotations furnished by the company itself are usually transmitted first on the wire regardless of filing time. That is to say, they are given the same order of preference that the commercial news department or stock quotation business is when transacted over Morse wires, or wires other than the ticker. The company's position on this is that market orders depending entirely on time for their value, owing to the rapid fluctuations of stock markets and the short hours of business maintained by stock exchanges, must be classified by themselves and be specialized. In the case of C. N. D's., whether or not over wires used for public business, the matter of the message is of course the property of the company and is in that sense at least the company's own message. The classification outside of C. N. D's. and market orders are largely a question of local conditions. The preference to particular firms depends upon amount of business they have to do or upon their persistence in complaining about inadequate service, sometimes upon both.

The circumstances under which individual patrons secure special services over other patrons, whether in the same class or not, seem to be about as follows:

When a firm doing a large telegraph business was induced by one telegraph company to transfer from the other company, it was generally upon a promise made by the solicitor to give better and quicker service than the other company, and to rush the business of the firm being importuned to "change companies." Business so secured was rushed and given precedence, for a period of time at least, usually from one to three months. Again, when a firm complained seriously of delays or of inadequate service, and threatened to

give its business "to the other company," a representative of the company called and promised that special attention would be given to the business of the complaining firm, and its business was specialized and rushed in preference to other firms for a time. The practice of giving rushing privileges to firms and individuals and to classes of business in order to get or to hold such firms and business was used precisely as cut rates and rebates were used before the "understanding" between the two companies abolished rebates and cut rates. This preferential business can not be abolished or materially checked by either one of the companies alone. State legislation is powerless because it can not control business one end of which is in another State, as is the case with practically all telegraph business. Federal legislation either transferring the telegraph and telephone companies to the supervision of the Interstate Commerce Commission or in some other way reaching the same result, is the only agency through which the preferential business could be reached. In this connection it may be well to state that in only two or three cities was there evidence secured that the telephone companies were giving preference over long-distance lines to certain favored classes of business or firms.

Originally the pink slip or other indications that a message should be put out of its turn and rushed were intended for use in case of death messages, government messages, etc., where it was very apparent that they should have the right of way over unimportant and so-called "social" or "sentimental" messages. A message which merely announces a safe arrival at one's destination might very properly be delayed, if necessary, to give way to a message summoning its recipient to the bedside of some one dying. Unquestionably also, in the case of a message addressed to a man on board of a train, to a stock broker where the exchange will close in a few minutes, and in many other easily conceivable cases, where the time element has an infinitely greater importance and value than in other messages, some discretionary power should be exercised somewhere to regulate the trans-



mission of such messages. The abuse of this power by the traffic managers of the company in the cities covered by this investigation, is beyond question. The use of this power to secure business by favoritism in promptness of service likewise does not admit of doubt.

In Europe what is known as "priority," which is the same thing as is here designated as preferential business, is secured by paying an additional fee for such priority. In some countries this amounts to double the regular price of the message and in other countries three times the price of the regular message; it is the application of the idea of the special-delivery stamp as used by our postal system to the telegraph message.

Many of the States have fixed severe penalties for holding messages out of their order. In New York the penalty is \$100 for each offense; in Illinois it is \$50. Some States permit a certain stated order of precedence for certain classes of messages, but require that all other messages shall be transmitted in order of filing. The States which require transmission in order of filing without classification are Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut. In Georgia the law of 1908 requires messages to be transmitted "impartially." Idaho penalizes telegraph operators for wilfully postponing messages out of their order; Illinois and Louisiana, like Idaho, penalize the employe and also the company; Maine, Massachusetts, and Michigan require messages to be sent in order of filing, but provide that arrangements may be made to forward news matter out of its regular order; Missouri requires messages to be transmitted promptly, impartially, and in good faith, and its courts have decided this refers to transmission only and not to the delivery of messages; in Montana, while the civil code provides for a classified preference in sending, the penal code provides penalties for postponing messages out of the order of their receipt; Nebraska, Nevada, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Utah (except official and news), Virginia (same as Utah), Washington, and Wisconsin require messages to be transmitted in the order filed.

Some of the States permit certain preference in order of transmission, these usually being specifically named in the law. California, for instance, requires that messages must, if practicable, be transmitted immediately on and in order of receipt; if not practicable, then in the following order:

1. Messages from public agents of the State or of the United States on public business.

2. Messages for immediate publication in newspapers, and not for any secret use.

3. Messages relating to sickness or death.

4. Other messages in the order of filing.

An actual damage of \$50 for each message postponed contrary to above order of precedence is fixed by statute, while the penal code makes it a misdemeanor to postpone a message out of its order.

The Indiana law provides that all messages shall be sent in order of filing, except that news matter may be sent out of its order and messages from officers of justice shall be given precedence. Michigan permits arrangements to be made for sending news matter only out of the regular order of filing.

Minnesota law provides that all messages shall be sent in order of their receipt, except that when special request for precedence is made the following may be sent ahead of other business in the order named, *i. e.*, government dispatches, those relating to the movement of trains, those relating to sickness or death, and those relating to criminal law. Similar in effect are the laws of Montana, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota; Tennessee provides that special arrangement may be made for news matter; Utah provides that precedence may be given only to messages to or from public officials on public business, and news matter; and the Virginia statute is similar. It will thus be seen that nearly every State in the Union has tried to deal with the question of favoritism in the matter of the order of transmission of telegraphic messages. The laws of the United States enacted in 1866 require priority for government messages.

In Europe some effort has been made to deal with this matter, which is there known as "priority."

English law provides that all telegrams of the government departments shall have priority over all other messages, but in order to secure this privilege the word "priority" must be specially stamped or marked on the face of the telegram.

In France the order of priority is as follows:

1. Telegrams affecting security or public order, the safety of travelers on railroads, or the demands and appeals for aid in case of fire, flood, etc.
2. Telegrams of the state and government officials in general.
3. Telegrams relating to the service itself.
4. Urgent international private telegrams.
5. Private telegrams.

In most other countries in Europe telegrams of state have priority over all others. Senders of private telegrams may secure priority over other private dispatches by paying sometimes double the usual charge, as in Belgium, or treble the usual charge, as in Spain, Italy, or Germany. In France, private telegrams are transmitted in the order of filing, except messages of more than one hundred words, which can be held back and must cede priority to briefer messages filed later.

In this country and within the last year or so several States, either through legislative enactments or through the action of railroad commissions, under whose supervision the telegraph companies have been placed, have attempted to reach the question of preferential business by requiring that the time of its filing at the originating office be transmitted with every message and placed on same at the receiving office. This is intended as a remedy for and check upon favoritism in the transmission of messages by enabling the recipient of the message to determine exactly the lapse of time between the filing of the message by its sender and the delivery of it by the company.

Bills embodying this were introduced in several States during 1907 and 1908. In

the State of Maryland the following law was enacted:

"MARYLAND.

"(Acts of 1908, Chapter 280, page 72.)

"SECTION 1. Telegraph companies engaged in the business of transmitting communications by telegraph in the State of Maryland, and charging tolls therefor, shall show conspicuously on each and every telegram delivered the time it was filed for transmission and the time it was received at the office from which it is to be delivered.

"SEC. 2. The time of filing the telegram at place of origin and the time received at destination of each and every telegram transmitted, as provided in Section 1, shall appear on each and every telegram under the captions 'Time filed' and 'Time received.'

"SEC. 3. Failure to comply with the provisions of Sections one (1) and two (2) of this Act shall be punishable by a fine of not less than ten dollars (\$10) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200) for each and every telegram delivered in violation of said Sections one (1) and two (2)."

This Maryland law relates, of course, only to messages between points within the State. The following is the report of the agent who visited Baltimore as to the practice there:

"The Baltimore offices were instructed from headquarters to comply fully with the provisions of the law and have done so continuously since. The law applies only to messages sent from one part of the State to an office or point within the State. No form or waiver has ever been in use and no messages sent or received on which the filing time had not been entered and the extra words required to cover same paid for by either the sender or receiver of same at regular rates for messages. Should an operator at a small station send a message to either of the Baltimore offices the instructions to the receiving operator are to stop the message at once and not to receive same until the filing time has been forwarded for message. This on pain of dismissal for neglecting to do same."

Bills similar to the one passed in Maryland were introduced in other States, notably Massachusetts and New York.

The regulations in Oklahoma relative to filing time are embodied in Rules No. 4 and No. 5, which are as follows:

"RULE No. 4.

"The receiving clerk or receiving operator must give any aid or explanation necessary to enable the sender to prepare his or her message, and must also correctly mark on the face of the message the year, month, day, hour and minute that it is filed.

"RULE No. 5.

"In sending a message the sending operator must observe the following order of transmission:

- "1. The number of the message.
- "2. The operator's personal signal.
- "3 The correct and exact filing time as per Rule 4.
- "4. The check of the message.
- "5. The place from.
- "6. The address of the message.
- "7. The body and signature of the message."

The railroad commission of Georgia issued an order to telegraph companies to transmit the filing time of messages, as follows:

"TELEGRAPH RULE No. 3.

"The following is hereby adopted as Telegraph Rule No. 3:

"Telegraph companies are required to show on each telegram they transmit and deliver between points in Georgia the correct time, expressed in hours and minutes, that such telegram was received at office for delivery. And where the sender of any such message desires to show also the correct time of filing with initial office, the transmitting company shall, where the words necessary to express the filing time added to the words in the body of the message do not exceed 10 words, carry said information free. But where such words added to the words in the body of the message exceed 10 words, a charge of 2 cents per word for each word in excess of 10 shall be allowed, subject to a maximum extra charge for showing said time of filing of 5 cents."

In reply to an inquiry as to what had been the experience in Georgia under this law, a representative of one of the companies in one of the large cities of Georgia reported that "the law is a dead letter."

In a private letter from the editor of a telegraphers' journal in London, the writer states that—

"Every European telegraph administration, without exception, transmit free the time each message is filed at the originating point. The only messages coming into this country without the filing time marked thereon are those from the American cable companies."

In this country the blanks supplied by both companies to patrons upon which to write messages have printed on them a place and space for entering the filing time. The receiving clerk is required by the companies to enter the filing time upon all messages, and it is so entered, but it is not transmitted with the message nor made known to its receiver.

The discussion concerning the number of words that would necessarily be added to a message in order to transmit the filing time is very conclusively set at rest by what is reported as the actual practice of English and continental companies by a very simple code system, in which the exact time of filing, to the minute, is transmitted by three or at most four letters. By the same system the approximate time of filing, never more than two and one-half minutes different from the exact minute of filing, could be transmitted by two letters, or at the very most three. The average word is assumed to be five letters, so that the transmission of the filing time on a message would be the addition, on the whole, of less than one-half of a single word.

Most of the operators interviewed, or from whom schedules were secured, stated that the messages most seriously discriminated against were those classed as ordinary messages. It was claimed that until the beginning of this investigation these messages were held back and gradually accumulated until the leased wires were released after 3 o'clock p. m., or until messages on certain wires had piled up to such

an extent that an extra man would be put on. It was argued by them that if the filing time were required to be transmitted with every message and placed on every message delivered, this piling up of ordinary business would be automatically eliminated, as the delay in the transmission of a message would be made evident on the face of the message. The use of the telegraph by a patron is for the purpose of a prompt transmittal of his message, and it would seem a perfectly reasonable proposition that the companies themselves should furnish the evidence of their promptness with each message without charge. This appears to be the practice everywhere except in the United States, and it is probable that this requirement would itself be sufficient to insure promptness in the transmission of messages.

The report then deals with existing contracts between the commercial telegraph and railroad company, classifying in detail the number of offices in different States and the amount of commercial business handled by them. The report on this subject is in part as follows:

Both companies, the Western Union to a much greater extent than the Postal, have extended their service to parts of the country that would not support an independent office by arrangement with railroad companies through which the railway office becomes also a Western Union or Postal office, and the operator employed by the railway for its own business acts also as the operator of the telegraph company, and receives and transmits commercial messages.

The extent to which the Western Union Telegraph Company has availed itself of the facilities offered by railroads to establish offices that would not support an independent telegraph office is shown by figures given below for certain selected States. In a number of the States figures are given for the independent offices in which the company maintains its own operator and also for the railroad offices in which the railroad operator also receives and transmits Western Union messages. These rail-

road offices are called joint offices in the paragraph given below.

Figures are also given for certain selected States, showing the total number of offices in the State, classified according to their monthly gross receipts. In a number of the States figures are given showing the independent and joint offices. In the States for which these figures are not given it can be assumed that all offices earning less than \$50 gross per month are railroad offices where the operator also acts as the agent for the Western Union Telegraph Company. Some of those above \$50 may be offices of this kind also, but all those below \$50 are unquestionably so.

## FLORIDA.

Independent offices .....	50
Railroad offices .....	238
Total .....	288

## Offices earning—

\$2 or less per month.....	22
Over \$2 but not over \$5 per month.	38
Under \$10 per month .....	79
\$10 but not over \$25 per month.....	68
\$25 but not over \$50 per month.....	28
\$50 or over per month .....	53

Total ..... 288

## INDIANA.

Independent offices .....	72
Railroad offices .....	691
Total .....	763

## Offices earning—

Under \$2 per month gross.....	243
\$2 or under \$5 per month gross.....	184
\$5 or under \$10 per month gross....	121
\$10 or under \$25 per month gross...	88
\$25 or under \$50 per month gross...	48
\$50 or over per month gross.....	79

Total ..... 763

## IOWA.

Independent offices .....	43
Joint offices .....	1,057
Total .....	1,100

## Offices earning—

Under \$2 per month gross.....	261
\$2 or under \$5 per month gross.....	221
\$5 or under \$10 per month gross.....	243
\$10 or under \$25 per month gross....	221
\$25 or under \$50 per month gross....	75
\$50 or over per month gross.....	79

Total .....1,100

## MINNESOTA.

Independent offices .....	43
Railroad offices .....	567

Total ..... 610

## Offices earning—

Under \$2 per month gross.....	163
\$2 or under \$5 per month gross.....	142
\$5 or under \$10 per month gross....	120
\$10 or under \$25 per month gross....	105
\$25 or under \$50 per month gross....	37
\$50 or over per month gross.....	43

Total ..... 610

## MISSOURI.

Independent offices .....	36
Joint offices .....	801

Total ..... 837

## Offices earning—

Under \$2 per month gross.....	235
\$2 or under \$5 per month gross.....	177
\$5 or under \$10 per month gross....	149
\$10 or under \$25 per month gross....	152
\$25 or under \$50 per month gross....	61
\$50 or over per month gross.....	63

Total ..... 837

## NEBRASKA.

Independent offices .....	13
Railroad offices .....	574

Total ..... 587

## Offices earning—

Under \$2 per month gross.....	117
\$2 or under \$5 per month gross.....	124
\$5 or under \$10 per month gross....	93
\$10 or under \$25 per month gross....	134
\$25 or under \$50 per month gross....	74
\$50 or over per month gross.....	45

Total ..... 587

## TENNESSEE.

Independent offices .....	28
Joint offices .....	318

Total ..... 346

## Offices earning—

Under \$2 per month gross.....	102
\$2 or under \$5 per month gross.....	84
\$5 or under \$10 per month gross....	46
\$10 or under \$25 per month gross....	54
\$25 or under \$50 per month gross....	26
\$50 or over per month gross.....	34

Total ..... 346

## TEXAS.

Independent offices .....	76
Joint offices .....	699

Total ..... 775

## Offices earning—

Under \$2 per month gross.....	136
\$2 or under \$5 per month gross.....	126
\$5 or under \$10 per month gross....	128
\$10 or under \$25 per month gross....	144
\$25 or under \$50 per month gross....	96
\$50 or over per month gross.....	145

Total ..... 775

The Western Union has a large number of railroad contracts establishing these small offices at all points where railroads are compelled to keep a telegraph operator for their own purposes. These operators are railroad operators, are agents often, and in addition to this they are frequently express agents. One of the complaints of the Western Union is that these railroad operators, having so many other things to look after, give the commercial telegraph business of the Western Union the least of their attention, and only transmit a commercial telegram when they have nothing else to do, and that much of the delay in transmission of messages originating in small offices comes from this source. The railroad contracts vary considerably in their terms. In a few cases the railroad gets all the profits from the commercial business; in most cases a varying percentage of the toll rates goes to the railroad or the oper-

ator. A copy of the form of this contract will be found in Appendix C.

An official of the Postal Telegraph Company stated in relation to railroad contracts, that his company had a few, but they had of late years refused to be made a party to a seesaw competition that enabled the railroads in the end to get practically all the revenue from commercial messages sent through these offices and get their own business deadheaded in the bargain. He considered that the railroad contract in its present form was an evil that would eventually bankrupt the telegraph companies.

The report then deals with the question of Leased Wires, and briefly shows the vast revenue derived from this source. It says in part:

Associations or firms which lease wires have the exclusive use of certain wires transferred to them during certain hours of the day or night, as the case may be. In this way the same wire between two cities may be leased to more than one party in the same day. Thus a broker may have the exclusive use of the wire up to 3 p. m.; the wire may then be used as a public wire in the service of the company for several hours, and then during a considerable part of the night may be leased out for the exclusive use of a newspaper or a news association.

The lessee employs his own operators, and during the hours that the wires are at his disposal sends and receives his messages entirely independent of the companies, subject to certain restrictions provided in the contract. In addition to certain restrictions as to the character of the messages to be sent by the lessee, the contract of the Western Union, and in a lesser degree the contract of the Postal Telegraph Company, provides that the operators of the lessee shall be subject to the approval of the company leasing the wires.

The usual rate paid for leased wires is \$20 per mile of wire per annum. In certain cases a flat rate between cities is made, though, generally speaking, the \$20-mileage rate obtains. When flat rates can be secured, they are slightly below the amount that would be charged by the mile. The following flat rate charges will give a suf-

ficiently adequate idea of these rates. So far as ascertained they are uniformly maintained by both telegraph companies and by the telephone company, which leases for telegraph purposes wires that are used ordinarily for telephone purposes:

#### LEASED WIRE RATES PER ANNUM.

Albany, N. Y., to Boston, Mass....	\$ 4,000
Albany, N. Y., to New York City...	2,500
Baltimore, Md., to Chicago, Ill.....	16,000
Chicago, Ill., to Minneapolis, Minn..	8,000
Chicago, Ill., to St. Paul, Minn.....	8,000
Chicago, Ill., to St. Joseph, Mo.....	10,000
Chicago, Ill., to Cairo, Ill.....	7,300
New Haven, Conn., to Boston, Mass.	3,000
New York City to Boston, Mass....	4,000
New York City to Washington, D. C.	4,000
New York City to Pittsburg, Pa....	8,900
New York City to St. Louis, Mo....	21,000
New York City to Chicago, Ill.....	16,000
New York City to Philadelphia, Pa..	1,800
New York City to Baltimore, Md...	3,500
New York City to Cleveland, Ohio..	12,500
Omaha, Neb., to Des Moines, Iowa.	2,900
Philadelphia, Pa., to Harrisburg, Pa.	2,100
Philadelphia, Pa., to Chicago, Ill...	16,000
Springfield, Mass., to New York City	2,500
St. Louis, Mo., to Chicago, Ill.....	5,000

The largest users of leased wires are the stock brokers and board of trade firms, and the Associated Press and United Press associations.

The Western Union is the principal owner of leased wires, and one of its officials stated that this business was so much more profitable than handling messages that the company had considered a suggestion that it cease to handle messages entirely and turn its entire attention to leased-wire business.

The telegraph companies represented by the American Telegraph and Telephone Company have recently entered this field and are now leasing their wires for telegraph purposes. They have so far confined themselves principally to brokerage business. Their leased-wire rates are the same as those of the telegraph companies.

The report then deals with deadhead messages, and says in part:

During the course of this investigation an effort was made to secure from the tele-

graph companies the exact extent of the business done by them on free passes during the past five years; what percentage this bore to the total business and to the total paid business; what was the number of annual passes issued each year, the total number of books of franking stamps issued, and the total number of persons to whom such books had been issued.

The deadhead business was abolished by the Postal Company January 1, 1907, and the company reported that it had no annual passes outstanding. The company also reported that 1,208 books of franking stamps had been issued to a total of 1,060 persons during 1907, and that these books of franking stamps had been "issued to newspapers as a part of the reduced rate allowed all newspapers as compensation for advertising notices from time to time."

The Postal Company stated that it was impossible to give the information asked for the years previous to 1907.

The Western Union Company reported that it was impossible to get the information for past years, as the only record was that supplied by the messages themselves, and these were destroyed at stated intervals. It is stated, furthermore, that to furnish the information above asked for the last six months of 1908 would necessitate going over the files of messages themselves and would require an amount of time and labor that would prevent the information being given for a considerable time to come.

In the business of the telegraph companies, just as in the business of the railroads, somebody pays for the transmission of messages or the carrying of passengers for which or to whom the services of the companies are given free. To what extent this is an evil in the telegraph business, from this point of view, is a matter that ought to be reported. There is also good reason to believe that in other obvious respects the giving of free telegraph passes is vicious in the same ways in which the giving of free railroad passes is vicious, and although it was not possible to secure this information in time for this report, it seems that the information ought to be made public and the extent of the evil disclosed.

The report then deals quite extensively with the question of "Toll Rates," and refers to the efforts made by certain States to regulate the rates and also show the rates existing in other countries, from which the following is taken:

Some of the States, notably Florida, Kansas, and New Jersey, and more recently Oklahoma, have attempted to fix rates by statute to and from all points within the State. Florida statutes provide that for land telegraph transmission the rate shall not exceed 20 cents for ten words and 1 cent for each additional word, exclusive of date, address and signature for the first 100 miles, and proportionate rates for greater or less distances. For messages sent over ocean or cable telegraph lines a distance of 100 miles a charge of 4 cents a word for the first ten words and 3 cents for each additional word may be made.

The Kansas law limits charges to 15 cents for the first 10 words and 1 cent for each additional word between points in the State for regular messages, news matter one-third of a cent per word for messages of more than 10 words if filed between 6 a. m. and 6 p. m., and one-sixth of a cent if filed between 6 p. m. and 6 a. m. Delivery within the limits of an incorporated city or within half a mile of the receiving office shall be free.

The New Jersey law limits to 25 cents the charge for 10-word messages between points in the State, and 10 cents for each 10 words in excess of the first 10, provided the message is sent over but one company's line.

The Oklahoma scale of rates is:

	Day Rate.	Night Rate.
	Cents.	Cents.
175 miles and under, air-line distance .....	25	25
250 miles and over 175, air-line distance .....	30	25
Over 250 miles, air-line distance .....	35	25

For each additional word over 10 words the day rate shall be 2 cents.

For each additional word over 10 words the night rate shall be 1 cent.

All telegraph companies are required to receive and transmit each other's messages when necessary to reach point of destination.

Whenever a message is sent over two or more telegraph lines owned, controlled, and operated by a separate and distinct corporations, or individuals, the joint rate shall be 10 cents in addition to the single-line rate named herein, of 10 words or less, and 1 cent for each additional word over 10 words: *Provided*, That the additional cost, or rate, shall not be charged when the same company has an office at the point of origin and destination.

The rate charged to the United States Government is 1 cent a word for 1,000 miles, counting each word in address and signature as part of the message.

Below is shown in a general way the telegraph rates in foreign countries:

TELEGRAPH RATES IN EUROPE IN UNITED STATES MONEY.

*Belgium*—Fifteen words \$0.09650; for each 5 words or less, in addition, up to 50 words, \$0.01930; for each 10 words or less above 50 words, \$0.01930 additional.

*Italy*—Fifteen words or less, \$0.19300; for every additional word, \$0.00965.

*United Kingdom*—Twelve words or less, \$0.1217; for every additional word, \$0.01015.

*Switzerland*—Uniform tax on each telegram, \$0.05790, plus \$0.00482 for each word of message.

*Germany*—Ten words or less, \$0.11900; for each additional word, \$0.01190.

*France*—Ten words or less, \$0.09650; for each additional word, \$0.00965.

*Norway and Sweden*—Ten words or less, \$0.13400; for each additional word, \$0.01340.

*Russia*—Tax on each telegram, \$0.02575, and for each word in telegram, \$0.02575 extra.

*Spain*—Fifteen words or less, \$0.19300; for each additional word, \$0.01930.

*Holland*—Ten words or less, \$0.1005; each additional 5 words or less, \$0.0201.

In most European countries the address and signature are counted and paid for as part of the message.

The report also deals extensively with the "Hours of Labor and Methods of Work," "Split Tricks," etc.

The report also deals with the question of furnishing typewriters, as follows:

Both companies require Morse receiving operators at all principal points to use typewriters in preparing messages for delivery. Since practically every operator is alternately sending and receiving, all must use machines. The companies require the operators to buy or rent these machines, the companies furnishing only ribbons. The cost of a new machine is about \$100; second-hand machines are sometimes secured for \$50. The rental price is usually about \$3 per month.

With few or no exceptions the operators seen, considered this requirement of the companies to be a special hardship. It was strongly stated that companies could equip their offices with these machines for less than half the cost of the same facilities when shifted to the individual operator. It is stated, for instance, that only one machine would be needed for a wire, or for a receiving position. The same machine would do for day and night operators, for relief and extra operators; whereas, as now, each operator must have his own machine, move it from table to table when he changes wires, and put it away when tricks change, while the man taking his place must bring with him his own machine. It is claimed that four times as many machines are owned by the operators as are ever in actual use at one time in the operating room; that by buying them by the thousands the companies could get them at a much lower rate than the men can get them one at a time; and finally, that on any basis when the companies required their use they became a part of the equipment of an office, which the company and not the employe ought to supply.

The companies claim that the operators' preferences for certain machines make the purchase of any by them unsatisfactory, and that the operators would not use the machines with reasonable care if they were not owned by themselves. The further statement of the companies is that when



typewriters were first introduced those having machines were paid \$5 more per month than like operators without machines. In reply to this it is contended by the operators that the use of a typewriter enables the receiving operator to take messages from the wire more rapidly than by hand. As messages can be sent more rapidly than they can be received and transcribed, any increase in the speed of the receiving operator enables a larger number of messages to be transmitted each hour, and it is contended, therefore, that the company was compensated for the increase in wages by the ability of the company to handle an increased traffic by the same number of operators. The employees further insist that while it is true that the \$5 increase was granted when machines were being introduced, subsequently, when all the operators had machines, they were transferred from position to position with salary changes until finally the increases granted were practically withdrawn, and that on the whole the wages of those using machines are today less than they were before the typewriters were put in use,

The question of the "Black List," was then taken up and discussed at considerable length. In referring to this subject, the report says:

"In the very nature of the case, there is nothing more difficult to establish than the matter of a black list. During the course of this investigation, a great deal was said about blacklisting and a number of specific instances were presented, and several of them were followed up as carefully as possible, but there was not sufficient conclusive evidence to warrant a finding in this report. Only a court with power is qualified to determine the facts in a case of alleged blacklisting."

The report then gives in detail both sides of the question, and continues:

"Beyond the question of a specific black list of certain individuals, is the further question of discrimination in general against operators, because of affiliation with the Telegraphers' Union (The Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America). There

can be little doubt that each of the companies is endeavoring to do what it can to make it difficult for the Telegraphers' Union again to get any strong foothold among its employees."

At the conclusion of the strike of 1907, the Postal Company formed an organization of its own employees. The association was made attractive to the employees by benefits paid to them by the company during periods of disability involving loss of wages. The association is restricted to employees of the Postal Company, and each employee desiring membership is required to agree not to retain membership or accept membership in any union while in the employ of the company.

A copy of the notice announcing the formation of this association, a copy of the application for membership, and a copy of the constitution of the association are given in Appendix E, pages 551 to 554.

The Western Union Company has not formed any such association or offered any such advantages to its employees, but is apparently doing what it can in more direct ways effectually to discourage its employees from becoming members of the union.

The clause in the leased wire contracts requiring that operators employed by wire lessees "shall be subject to the approval of and satisfactory to the company leasing the wires," has been evidently made use of by the Western Union Company to prevent the growth of the Telegraphers' Union.

In a large office employing a large force and where a representative of the employer can practically give his whole attention to the matter of dealing with the employees, there are numerous ways of learning of the growth of a union among the employees, and numerous effective ways of checking it available to the employer. In leased wire offices where only one or several operators are employed, and where the employer has little time to concern himself with the affairs of these operators, membership or non-membership in the union is of less concern and receives little attention. It is in these quarters, therefore, that the union would naturally be expected first to recruit its strength, and accordingly it is in these

quarters that the companies could probably do the most effective work in preventing the growth of the union.

One company which employs a number of telegraphers, and which is a large leaser of Western Union wires, employed only union operators, and had a trade agreement with the Telegraphers' Union governing the wages, hours and conditions of employment. The Western Union Company endeavored to secure the dismissal of one of the employes of this lessee, on the ground that he was prominently identified with the union propaganda, and was therefore obnoxious to that company; and later on the telegraph company made a flat demand upon the lessee to abrogate its contract with the Telegraphers' Union, and to discharge its employes who did not agree to withdraw from the union. Unless these demands were complied with, the telegraph company threatened to withdraw its wires from the further use of the lessee. The lessee, under protest, dismissed the operator, as demanded by the telegraph company. This operator thereupon brought suit for damages against the Western Union Company, and in the trial court was awarded \$1,200 damages. The demand made by the company upon the lessee to abrogate its contract with the union was not specifically complied with, but while the controversy was going on between the company and the lessee the contract of the lessee with the Telegraphers' Union expired, and the lessee, though perfectly satisfied with its contract relation with the union, and perfectly willing to renew that contract, did not do so on account of the pressure exerted by the leasing company, and the trouble it could cause the lessee. This company leases wires from the Postal Company, but has had no demands or intimations of any kind from that company concerning the relations of the lessee with its employes.

The report then deals with the question of "Wages and Earnings," "Overtime and Bonus Earnings," "Receipts and Expenditures," "Growth of the Telegraph Business," and concludes by devoting nearly 500 pages to the publication of tables of statistics.

#### WILLIAM CLANCY DEAD.

FOR the first time in the history of the Order, the grim reaper of death visited the General Offices and removed Bro. William Clancy, who has been for the last eight years secretary to President Perham, to his last resting-place. Bro. Clancy was born July 9th, 1865, and died April 11th, 1909, from heart disease at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in the city of St. Louis, Mo. He had been marching in the ranks of the Knights Templar and had just sat down with his Commandery to rest, when the summons came and he passed instantly, and I believe painlessly, into the Great Beyond.

For one whose life has been an exemplification of love and service to his fellows, the final setting was impressive.

On Easter, the day set aside for the commemoration of the Resurrection of the Savior of men, clothed in the uniform and decorated with the regalia of the Order he loved so well, in the midst of friends he was called to a higher sphere.

His remains were accompanied to Bellefontaine Cemetery on April 13th by an immense concourse of people.

He leaves a disconsolate widow to mourn his loss, who surely has the heartfelt sympathy of thousands of friends.

#### THE ROLL OF HONOR.

Since the last announcement, the following named members of the Order secured one or more new members by individual effort:

E. J. Abbott (5), G. E. Aikman.

W. S. Barner, V. N. Bastin (4), J. J. Bailey (2), L. A. Bigelow (3), W. V. Bidwell, C. R. Bingham, E. L. Belden (7), J. P. T. Burton (7), J. W. Burgess (2), J. E. Bull (4), W. Bross.

H. H. Chambers, C. E. Carpenter (2), F. H. Campbell, J. F. Carder (3), C. D. Carlton (5), E. E. Clement, C. W. Christopherson (7), J. C. Cherry (2), J. A. Cross, G. J. Clark, E. R. Curry, W. H. Cord, L. E. Crandall, J. H. Cook (2), A. W. Cue (2), Sherman Correll (10), C. B. Conyers, R. R. Cole.

F. G. Denison (2), F. P. Darland (2), G. A. Dumphy, J. F. Denney (2), W. H. Day (2), Sherman Dye, W. A. Ditts, E. R. Derrickson (9), D. F. Drake, Jno. D'Lloyd (3).

C. P. Ellison.

A. A. Fitz, F. L. Finley, Miss M. Fuqua, J. C. Featherston (3), C. W. Furguson, W. A. Frost.

L. G. Ging (7), C. W. Goodrich, R. D. Garber (2), Jos. Gleisinger (4), Phil Goudeau (3), S. T. Gilroy (2).

J. W. Haley, W. H. Henderson, H. T. Harshberger (2), J. J. Harding (2), B. D. Hatch (3), H. A. Hannington, J. C. D. Harkrider, L. Hockett (2), F. G. Hart, C. E. Hosler (3), C. R. Hicks (2), J. F. Hoover (5), A. L. Hughes (5), E. C. Hodges, W. H. Holmes (2), H. B. Holloway, D. A. Hubbartt (3), E. F. Horner, W. H. Husted (5), T. W. Hildmann.

H. O. Irwin (7).

E. P. Jenkins, S. E. Jones, M. E. Jacobs (8).

J. T. Karl (4), F. R. Kozlik (4), Wm. G. Kuhnel (2), W. T. Knight, S. E. Kissing (3).

W. W. Lynch, L. B. Lamb, R. E. Lund, Arthur Lankford, F. W. Louks (2).

H. M. Maurice (2), Mrs. G. W. Malone, J. P. Meehan (4), B. I. McDonald, G. H. McCoy (2), A. E. McCullough, C. B. McNeilly, A. E. Mathis (2), J. W. Martenis (3), A. T. Matzek, F. P. McGuinness, Chas. R. More, I. B. Miles (2), D. Mulquin, G. H. Moulton, H. V. Murray, J. D. Morgan (6), M. S. Mullin, O. P. Mullin (4), W. H. Morrison (5), G. J. Moyer, L. J. Murry, D. Mitchell.

J. E. Nelson (3), H. B. Newland (4), T. F. Noon (5).

B. O'Brien (5), J. A. Oglesbee (2), John P. Osgood, H. E. Olsen (2), R.-L. Odell (2).

R. B. Peck, W. H. Polsgrove, Jr. (5), J. E. Pinault, J. F. Percy (2).

W. W. Quinn.

B. J. Rowell (2), E. E. Reid (2), R. A. Raymer (4), R. C. Rudy (3), H. A. Roberts, D. M. Rogers, H. E. Rothrock (2), S. L. Rugman (2), M. C. Robbins.

R. R. Searle, E. G. Simmons, J. B. Siller (2), L. J. Sharpe, Thos. Sasser (3), O. P. Salter, R. A. Sewell (11), J. H. Shepherd, R. H. Schaffer, M. C. Slaven, S. A. Shoemaker (2), J. C. Shoults (2), S. T. Strong (2), Thos. J. Stafford, D. E. Sullivan, M. A. Smott (4), H. W. Stabler (3), D. W. Smith (5), Thos. A. Suprey (5), W. E. Sutherland, W. A. Smith, E. W. Smith (4), H. L. Spencer, T. H. Stanton, R. E. Spear, E. L. Smith (2), E. D. Smith (5).

P. A. Towner (2), J. G. Tarvin (2), T. J. Tedder (3), R. P. Thomson, Geo. Talbert, Jr., John E. Taylor, Thos. Truitt (5), W. N. Thornton (2).

D. P. Verdry, W. R. Van Deusen, Mrs. C. A. Van Sandt, C. E. Vogel (2).

L. D. Webster, M. J. Wood (3), J. B. West (3), V. C. Walker (7), W. L. Wilmarth (2), C. A. Walter (3), J. P. West, A. P. Webster (2), F. O. Wille (2), C. D. Williamson (2), C. C. Williams, H. L. Willis, J. R. Wilson, B. Wheeler, H. D. Wright (2).



## EDITORIAL NOTES

Six hundred and fifty-two new members were initiated into the Order during the month of March.

The members of the Board of Directors are at headquarters making their annual check of the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

An active crusade toward complete and thorough organization has been inaugurated and every member is requested to lend a helping hand in this direction.

The Grand Division will convene in Atlanta, Ga., on Monday, May 10, 1909, in regular biennial session, which convention will be the largest ever held in the history of the Order.

The surplus in the Mortuary Fund of the Mutual Benefit Department now exceeds \$253,000.00, which is the high-water mark. This department has proven itself to be one of the best of its character in the country.

A letter, together with a set of blanks, was recently mailed to at least 90 per cent of the non-members in the United States and Canada. Every member should interest himself in assisting in completing thorough organization.

The attention of certificate holders in the Mutual Benefit Department is called to the second paragraph of Article V of the laws governing that department, which provides that certificate holders must pay their dues in the Order within sixty days from the beginning of the semi-annual dues period.

Help to complete thorough organization throughout the country by furnishing the Grand Secretary and Treasurer with a correct list of all non-members in your terri-

tory, using care to give correct initials, the correct spelling of the name, and the correct address, and also to show the road on which they are employed.

The mailing list of THE TELEGRAPHER has been revised, and only members with dues paid to June 30, 1909, will receive a copy of this issue from the regular mailing list. Inquiry should be made of members who complain on account of failure to receive the journal as to whether or not they have paid their dues.

The accompanying is an engraving of an official O. R. T. gold ring. These rings can be had from the Grand Secretary and Treasurer for \$4.50. In ordering them it is only necessary to give the size desired, which information can be secured from any jeweler.



The member securing the most new members before June 30th, will be given a diamond ring to cost \$150.00. The member securing the second largest number of new members, will be given a diamond ring to cost \$100.00. Third prize, choice between a diamond ring or a watch, to cost \$50.00. The member who secures five or more new members during that period, and who fails to obtain one of the prizes named above, will be given the choice between an O. R. T. emblem ring and an O. R. T. watch charm.

For further particulars in regard to this contest, reference should be had to the article appearing on page 17, of the January TELEGRAPHER.

The statement issued by the Bureau of Immigration for the month of January, 1909, shows that there were 43,868 aliens landed at the various ports of entry in the United

States during that month; that there were 816 debarred from entrance, classified as follows: Imbeciles, 3; feeble-minded, 8; epileptics, 1; insane, 7; loathsome or dangerous contagious diseases, 277; professional beggars, 2; mentally or physically defective, 17; likely to become public charges, 293; contract laborers, 162; accompanying

aliens, 7; under sixteen years of age, unaccompanied by parent, 2; assisted aliens, 6; criminals, 19; polygamists, 4; prostitutes and procurers, 57; under provisions of Chinese Exclusion Act, 50; other causes, 1. The number of aliens landed at the various ports of entry for the month of January, 1908, was 27,220.



1. Mrs. Lula Mulder (Div. 5).      4. Carl Harkrider (Div. 5).  
 2. R. A. Bryson (Div. 2).      5. B. M. Marshall (Div. 88).  
 3. Bartine Burkett.      6. W. A. Pitre (Div. 57).

O. R. T. GROUP, SHREVEPORT, LA.

# PERSONAL MENTION

The following births have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. F. A. Rougeux, of Frenchville, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. T. Murdaugh, of Jackson, Tenn., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. W. Kelley, of Butte, Mont., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. O. Setty, of Terre Haute, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. M. Eggleston, of Golden Bridge, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. H. Spaulding, of Katonak, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. J. Arthur, of Edgewood, Ia., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. L. Seese, of San Pierre, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. A. Yoder, of Milan, Mich., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. N. Thornton, of Courtland, Va., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. H. Forbes, of Nappan, N. S., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. M. Tribble, of Columbus, Miss., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. E. Tschantz, of Dunfee, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. A. Shaw, of Jacksonville, O., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. L. Rudicel, of Markleville, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Edward Middlekauf, of Jonesboro, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. M. Shade, of Nanticoke, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. H. Wyman, of Quenemo, Kan., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. O. Brinkman, of Sunman, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. P. W. Raettig, of Eland Jct., Wis., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. F. Penny, of New London, Wis., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. O. A. Fiedler, of New London, Wis., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Byron Gray, Jr., of Akron, O., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. A. Buzza, of French Creek, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. V. Osborne, of Fort Gay, W. Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. N. O. Walthers, of Benedict, Neb., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. N. A. Knotter, of Fort Hill, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. P. King, of Fort Steele, Wyo., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. T. Glass, of New Hill, N. C., a girl.

The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

At Franklinville, N. Y., Bro. Henry Stevens, of Div. 135, to Miss Ella Wheeler.

Bro. C. J. Filer, of Div. 126, to Miss Blanche Seavey.

At Adrian, Mo., Bro. Harry L. Donahey, of Div. 31, to Miss Tessie Fern.

At Lonoke, Ark., Bro. E. Kisner, of Div. 126, to Miss Minnie Eagle.

At Plano, Tex., Bro. Chris Erland, of Div. 57, to Miss Josie Nelson.

At Ursina, Pa., Bro. T. S. Pitt, of Div. 33, to Miss Lillian C. Waller.

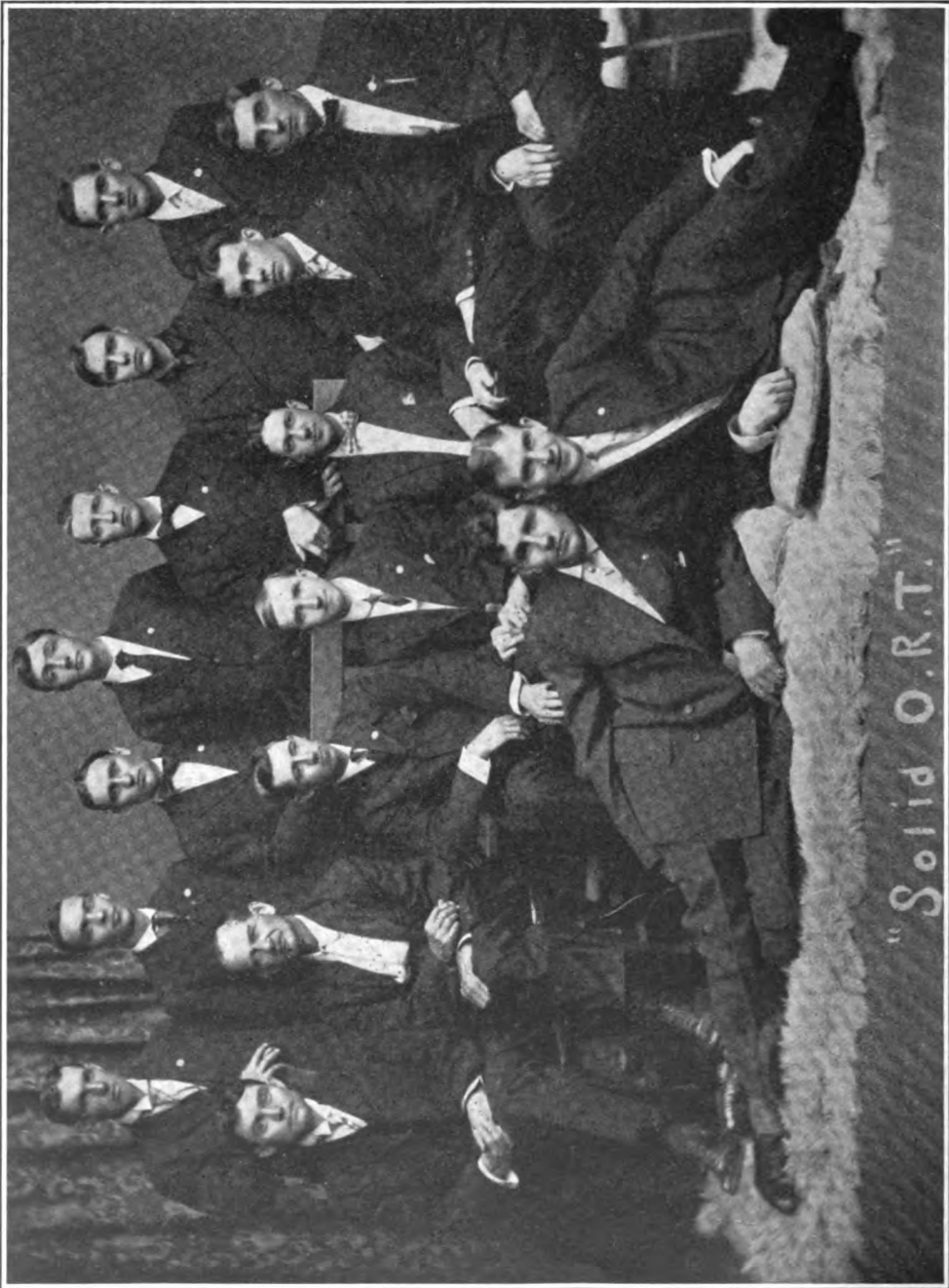
At Garrett, Pa., Bro. J. C. Tucker, of Div. 33, to Miss Laura Pyle.

At Roanoke, Va., Bro. Edward Moffett, of Div. 14, to Miss Wilhelmina Franklin.

At Greenville, N. C., Bro. J. H. Keel, of Div. 132, to Miss Alice Irene Smith.

At High Bridge, Ky., Bro. J. W. North, of Div. 62, to Miss Beulah McCrosty.

THE TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations to the happy couples.



Back row—L. C. Scott, A. E. Shingleton, Arden Lynch, M. F. Johnson, R. E. Smith, Roy Nestor, E. B. Scott.  
 Middle row—F. L. Losey, L. T. Graham, C. E. Ogden, C. E. Hosler, Local Chairman, C. M. Conley, J. C. Cain, U. V. Lang.  
 Front row—M. C. Owen, H. R. Thrasher.

SOLID O. R. T. GROUP—MONONGAH DISTRICT, BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD.

The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

At St. Louis, Mo., Wm. Clancy, of Div. 2.

At Ottumwa, Ia., Bro. G. E. Marden, of Div. 23.

At Auburn, R. I., Bro. John Wood, of Div. 35.

Chas. Stanton, son of T. H. Stanton, of Div. 25.

At Berlin, Pa., daughter of Bro. B. C. Bowers, of Div. 33.

At Nappanee, Ind., wife of Bro. C. J. Marsh, of Div. 33.

At Romulus, Mich., infant son of Bro. W. H. Sellers, of Div. 2.

At Clarkston, Mich., infant daughter of Bro. M. M. Smith, of Div. 1.

At Machias Jct., N. Y., father of Bro. D. F. Cashman, of Div. 135.

At Memramcook, N. B., Mrs. Patrick, sister of Bro. S. C. Charters, of Div. 63.

At Salt Lake City, Utah, Geo. T. Stains, father of Bro. Warren S. Stains, of Div. 49.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all.

#### WANTED.

Present address of J. H. Boyles.

C. H. FRY, Duncanville, Ill.

Present address of R. W. Hill. Last heard of at Tracy, Wyo., working for U. P.

W. B. Ross, Pine Bluffs, Wyo.

Present address of F. X. Hearn. Last heard of at St. Larent, Man.

S. C. HARRIS, Oak Point, Man.

Present address of R. Keeler, last heard of working for Santa Fe in New Mexico.

A. CHRISTMAN, Villa Grove, Ill.

Present address of J. A. Kelley, last heard of at Fremont, Neb. Any information will be appreciated.

J. S. DAVIS,

Box 6. Teegarden, Ind.

Present address of H. L. Blackstone. Last heard of in Butte, Mont. "Lee," if you see this write. Important.

AN OLD FRIEND, Lena, Wis.

Present address of M. C. Bunn, worked at Latonia, Miss., on M. J. & K. C. in 1902. Have some information for him.

G. L. JARNAGIN, Shipman, Miss.

Present address of W. T. Gettis. Last heard of at Warren, Ark., September, 1908.

LEWIS V. TRUEMAN,

215 9th St., N. W., Roanoke, Va.

Present address of W. J. James. Formerly dispatcher Mo. Pac. "W. J." if you see this write me at Waurina, Okla., P. O. Box 171.

J. F. HOOVER.

Present address of Wm. E. Mahoney. Last heard of on way to Texas. "Bill," if you see this write.

JACK,

60 East 127th St., New York City.

Present address of G. H. Morris. Last heard of at Stony Creek, Va. Worked for A. C. L., or Plant System at Hardeeville, S. C., about twelve or fourteen years ago.

J. E. BOYD, R. F. D. 4, Macon, Ga.

Present address of Perley W. Johnson. Last heard of was with N. P. Terminal Co., at Portland, Ore.

RALPH W. E. REMMEY,

Pine City, Minn.

Information as to the whereabouts of Walter Lacey, formerly of the South African Republic Telegraphs. Was with the Northern Pacific Ry. eighteen months ago. Information of value to Mr. Lacey can be had by addressing Wesley Russell, Room 930, Monon Building, Chicago, Ill.

Present address of Fred E. Chaffey. Last heard of, working for Western Union in New York City, supposed to have gone South about December, 1908. Anyone knowing his whereabouts, kindly communicate with

H. K. KLINGENSMITH,

243 Grandview Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

The following members desire to exchange souvenir postal cards with other members:

O. H. Milloway, Benaja, N. C.

Ray G. Barkley, Walkerton, Ind.

W. J. McDonald, North Mountain, W. Va.



J. L. Franks, 325 Beech Ave., Altoona, Pa.

W. L. Cornell, 512 N First Street, Olean, N. Y.

E. F. Bechtol, Orleans Cross Roads, W. Va.

### LOST OR STOLEN.

Card 6,991, Cert. 55, Div. 139, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 19,020, Cert. 2,085, Div. 59, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 17,590, Cert. 249, Div. 93, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 7,305, Cert. 3,115, Div. 2, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 7,584, Cert. 261, Div. 18, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 11,267, Cert. 426, Div. 29, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 2,702, Cert. 306, Div. 3, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 10,046, Cert. 1,566, Div. 2, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 7,478, Cert. 174, Div. 88, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 27,541, Cert. 604, Div. 2, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 20,792, Cert. 1,816, Div. 54, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 22,525, Cert. 2,070, Div. 31, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 18,255, Cert. 2,174, Div. 23, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 17,941, Cert. 597, Div. 14, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 13,268, Cert. 36, Div. 3, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 12,876, Cert. 1,496, Div. 53, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 14,062, Cert. 1,284, Div. 59, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 13,811, Cert. 87, Div. 109, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 6,028, Cert. 1,747, Div. 23, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 17,147, Cert. 540, Div. 7, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 22,714, Cert. 322, Grand Div., for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 15,888, Cert. 1,763, Div. 54, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 15,253, Cert. 2,273, Div. 93, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 15,431, Cert. 723, Div. 33, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 2,875, Cert. 2,018, Div. 130, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 7,170, Cert. 129, Div. 29, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 20,073, Cert. 2,162, Div. 7, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 13,681, Cert. 82, Div. 71, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 11,350, Cert. 420, Div. 43, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 20,403, Cert. 364, Div. 44, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 11,660, Cert. 150, Div. 82, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 19,230, Cert. 374, Div. 89, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 26,310, Cert. 912, Div. 6, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 18,757, Cert. 294, Div. 126, for term ending June 30, 1909.

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# GLEANINGS

Discontent is the mainspring of progress.

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Pay dues promptly and get prompt benefits.

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Organize yourself first, then attempt it on others.

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Can it be possible the Wright was wrong after all?

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When you ask for the Union Label, be sure and see that you get it.

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The telegraph and telephone operators of Paris, France, have won their fight.

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A union hat fits better and looks better than a scab-made one for the same money.

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The United Mine Workers of America demand an eight-hour day with no reduction of wages.

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The union stands for the integrity of its arbitration contracts, and their observance in letter and spirit on both sides.

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Some employers are making a persistent effort to destroy the union label. If they succeed the ballot is all that remains.

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In any of the numerous announcements of general reduction of wages, we have failed to observe that the princely salaries paid to the "executive" officers of big corporations have been cut. There's a reason.

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The Chilean Government has appropriated 6,000,000 pesos, or \$2,190,000 gold, to be used in building homes for the poor work-

ing class. A large portion of it is to be expended in the city of Valparaiso.

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Labor asks no immunity or special privilege for anyone, whether laborer or other, for any unlawful act; but it does insist upon equality before the law for every citizen, and will never cease its efforts until it achieves justice.

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The Musicians' Protective Union has adopted an amendment to its constitution which exempts from all dues and assessments members over sixty years of age, who have been members of the union twenty-five consecutive years.

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There are affiliated to the American Federation of Labor 118 International Trade Unions, with their 27,000 local unions; 36 State federations; 537 city central bodies of 650 local trade and federal labor unions having no internationals.

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Cast aside all petty jealousies in your union. Pull together and build. Any person can find fault. Only the true union man can overcome the small things in others, and become, by doing so, the bulwark of his organization.

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Cowardice has never won anything. The theory of a half loaf is better than none, is to next take a quarter of a loaf, then a crust, and finally to starve without protest. What is wanted is human rights and human justice. Capital is thoroughly organized to protect what they consider their rights, and the working class will never get anything but the short end of the stick until they also know enough to organize to protect their rights.

Mr. Gompers, Mr. Morrison and Mr. Mitchell, although being classed as "undesirables" by Mr. Justice Wright, are not wrong in their contention "that a free country must have free press and free speech."

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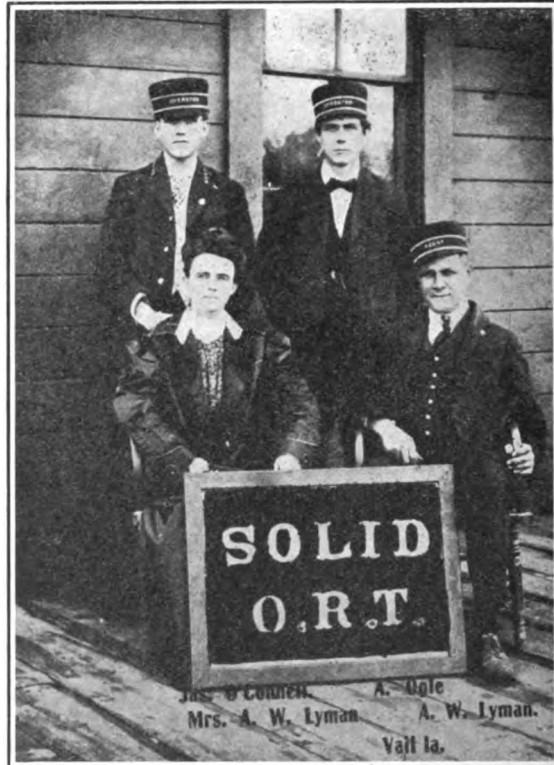
There is not a Bucks stove sold in the Toledo market. For over two years Mr. Van Cleave's product has been missing from

movement against government by injunction.

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Labor claims the right to organize and to be recognized in its organized capacity. It should not, and in fact does not, when properly conducted, object to the employer being organized.

It is far better to make contracts between organized bodies than with individuals.



O. R. T. GROUP, C. & N. W. RY., VAIL, IOWA.

that city as a result of the publicity given the non-union tactics of the St. Louis man.—*Exchange.*

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There seems to be no relaxation in the general protest against the decision of Judge Wright, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. The protest comes not only from organized labor, but also from various civic and progressive bodies throughout the country. The Socialist party locals are taking an active part in the

Discipline should and does come with organization. Individuals stand alone without any force or influence, and destroy mutual agreement. Individuals in their unorganized condition stand in the way of collective bargaining and better conditions. This condition is deplorable, the remedy is in the hands of the individual; therefore individuals outside the brotherhood "get wise," join the order, thus helping yourselves and helping those who are trying to help you.

The long-fought case of the Typothetæ of America against the International Printing Pressmen's Union was decided in favor of the union by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. The decision establishes an eight-hour day.

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Labor was known before capital was dreamed of, yet capital feels itself superior to labor. Any man of common sense knows that capital could not exist if it were not for labor, so we see no ground on which capital can claim superiority.

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In the realms of thought courts have no jurisdiction. No injunction can restrain us from thinking, nor from reading and equipping ourselves mentally to battle for our rights. Let us think and read and fortify ourselves with knowledge for future use in the cause of labor.

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New York.—The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, second department, sitting in Brooklyn, has determined that a contract made by a corporation with labor organizations to employ only union men in its business, should be upheld as valid and binding.

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When judges administer the law, their decrees, though manifestly erroneous, should be respectfully obeyed. This is necessary to good order. But if judges usurp authority, their lawless edicts should be ignored. This is necessary for the preservation of liberty.

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What labor secures it must be strong enough to take. A shorter work-day secured through the pressure of collective effort is of much more value than one secured through legislation, for the latter is frequently taken away by being declared unconstitutional.—*Moulders' Journal*.

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One of the most dangerous tendencies of modern times in democratic countries, is a certain blind worship of the judicial bench. Even as it was once said that the king can do no wrong, meaning that whatever he does must be loyally approved, so now it is

widely felt that the judiciary can do no wrong which it can not and will not itself repair. This tendency is dangerous, because it fosters submission to usurpation of authority by the bench.

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From ripened cornstalks are now obtained cellulose, celluloid, smokeless gunpowder, lacquer, roofing cloth, and a substance equal to papier mache. The old suggestion of the adoption of a cornstalk currency will have to be dropped. The raw material is too valuable.

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Trade unions are based on business principles, and are usually managed by business methods. The more complete the mastery of these principles the greater the success attained. There are labor organizations in this country that do a larger business than some metropolitan banks, and much more cheaply and safely. The idea once obtained that their existence promoted disorder and strife, but this opinion has been dispelled, for statistics prove not only that organized branches of industry experience less disturbance than the unorganized, but also that in proportion to the completeness of organization is the decrease of disturbance manifest.—*Moulders' Journal*.

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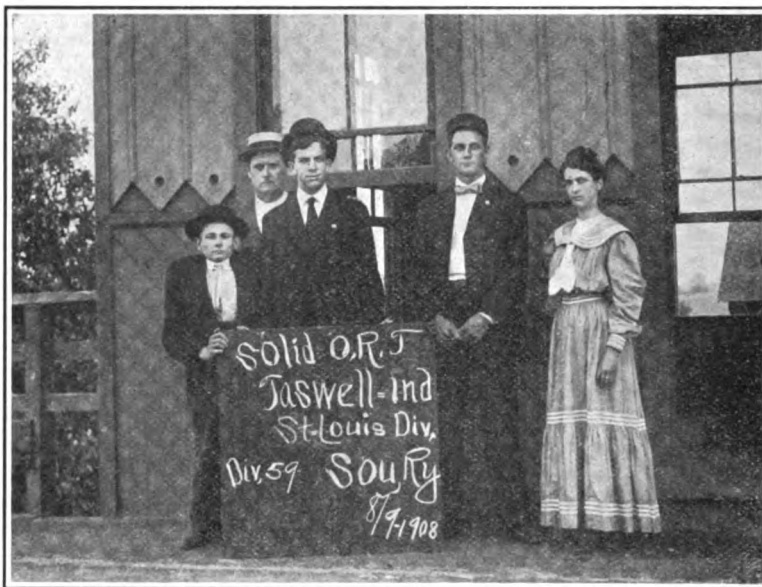
The despotism of capital and the growth and power of labor's organization are the two greatest opposing elements of modern effort. This is an age of unionism. The masses have progressed from a state of passive submission to a position of active and determined resistance.

Labor is irritated and discontented with unjust and overbearing conditions, and capital, denying the injustice of its methods, contends for the supremacy in the unequal co-partnership the two powers must preserve.

Without harmony these mighty principals in the great industrial problem can not hope for social and economic improvement.

The greatest good to humanity must result from harmony, and incalculable evil lurks in the latent fires of discord.

There are vital issues to be settled between capital and labor.—*Railway Times*.



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Justice Wright, of the District of Columbia Supreme Court, who sentenced Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison to jail for alleged contempt of court, has added insult to injury by shouldering upon these three gentlemen the burden of costs in the contempt proceedings, which amounts to about \$1,500. This is "rubbing it in" on labor's representatives, but there is still nothing whatever, in or out of court, to compel a person to buy a stove or range made by the "scabs" employed in the Buck Stove & Range Company's plant. This company's goods are still on the "unfair list," injunctions to the contrary notwithstanding.

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It is not generally known that Governor Cummings, of Iowa, who recently received the votes of a large majority of the citizens of that State to represent them in the United States Senate, an honor so long held by the late Senator Allison, is a carpenter by trade and a member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, and carries a paid-up card. At a recent meeting of local union No. 132, of Washington, D. C., a letter of congratulation was sent to Brother Cummings, and it was also decided to give him a grand reception on his arrival in Washington.

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According to a story from Philadelphia the United States Government has placed itself in the same class with the common, every-day labor crusher. Machinists and tool-makers for \$3 a day, with the understanding that they were to receive \$3.25 after six months, and ultimately \$3.75. When the six months' period expired recently, the men received word from Washington that "because of the industrial depression" the government could secure all the machinists desired at the rate of \$3 per day, and consequently there would be no increase as promised.—*Erie Labor Journal*.

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Whatever plan be followed organized labor must be alert and insist on having a voice in its operation. If the continuation school be adopted we must have representatives on the boards of education; if distinct technical schools be established working men must

be on the boards of directors. In this way we can prevent misdirected efforts, avoid inefficient methods, protect our interests, and in doing so we shall be guarding those of the students and of the general public. We must eliminate prejudice and give our hearty support to all practical propositions and so prevent the unscrupulous from using the demand for better technical education for unworthy ends.

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Much is being done in an attempt to alienate from the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union the sympathy of other labor organizations in its present fight with the employing interests. Remember, brothers, "united we stand, divided we fall." This is a crisis in the life of the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union wherein they need our help. Let us stand manfully by them, and absolutely refuse to buy any shoes except such as bear the union label of that organization. In buying shoes there is only one safe course for the members of organized labor to pursue if they are true to their principles as such, and that is to buy none but those which bear the label of the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union.

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Through all the years of trade union effort, it has been well known that in solidifying the ranks of labor, the lash of the employer has been more potent than the preaching of the organizer.

In spite of all argument and reason dictating the advisability that the forces of labor should be united and harmonious, they frequently divide in factions and quarrel among themselves until attacked by the employer, when they are then forced to unite for the purpose of common defense.

The American Federation of Labor issues an organizing circular entitled, "Why We Unite," which sums up the entire matter in a few words—"we unite because we must."

Though times may be prosperous, jobs plentiful and wages fair, those workers who neglect their union duties are sure sooner or later to be brought to a sharp realization of the stern necessity of Union and all that it implies.

The union label speaks an eloquent language. It tells of men's rights to the employment of life's best blessings and how they may be obtained.

It tells you that the goods you buy carrying the emblem were made in the union shop by union workmen, under union conditions. This is the mission of the label. It is up to union men and women to make it a glorious reality.

The label is beyond reach of the injunction; it can not be adversely affected by any court decision; when you patronize it you

are doing your part towards solving the questions of blacklist and boycott.

Keep in mind that every dollar spent for an article made by non-union labor is helping to deprive some union man or woman of employment.

We urge our union people not to become indifferent in regard to the importance of boosting the label.

Let every union man and woman be a label booster. The time has come when we must concentrate all our energies toward increasing the power of the label.



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# MISCELLANY

## FINISH OF A FEUD.

“THERE was a time around here when a gen’leman just nachelly couldn’t have no peace onless he was always shooting somebody,” said Judge Dudley Pennroyal, “but in a gin’ral way of speaking that ended when Colonel Bud Crittenden organized the Limestone County Pure Food Association. The whole transaction is still as fragrant and green in my memory as an April mint bed.

“I was setting over on the cotehouse steps one evening, waiting for fo’ o’clock to come, that being the reg’lar time for cutting the watermelons that we kept in the county clerk’s water bucket, when Colonel Bud Crittenden comes acrost the square and calls me round behind the sheriff’s office. He looked like he had a right smart on his mind. I suspicioned for a minute that he was thinking about his business. Owing to reverses due to the war and the action of some hellish yankee bankers in insisting on collecting certain notes which he signed in moments of exuberance, the Colonel had been compelled to sort of embark hisse’f into a mercantile pursuit, and at the time now being referred to, he was running the only hardware store and ammunition emporium in our fair city. Subsequent, he felt constrained to assign, naming his wife as preferred creditor, having first used up part of his stock in ventilating the pusson of a nail drummer from Pittsburg, U. S. A., who made hisse’f offensive by insisting on presenting an account or something after the Colonel had distinctly told him he regarded the whole transaction as a closed incident and had, in fact, crossed it off his books.

“But I started out telling about that there feud. As I says, I suspicioned for a minute the Colonel might have his business on

his mind, but right off the thought came to me that a high-sperited and chivalrous Kentucky gen’leman like Colonel Bud Crittenden wouldn’t let sordid business affairs pester him to no great extent, so I waited with consid’ble interest for him to narrate what he had to say.

“‘Judge,’ he says, ‘I have been thinking of late regarding this here Underbit-Talbottom feud, and I have about re’ch the conclusion that she air being overdid. Ordinarily speakin’,’ he says, ‘a feud, properly conducted, air a good thing for a county—it stimulates public interest, helps certain lines of endeavor, notably undertaking and hårdware, and keeps the populace from setting around too much and getting malarial; but there’s a limit,’ he says. ‘It’s agetting so,’ he says, ‘that these here Underbits and Talbottoms begin gunning whenever they meet up with one another on a county cote day or a circus day, and they not only thin theirselves out, but they almost invariably garner in more or less bystanders. It’s acutting down the Dimmycrat vote too fast,’ he says, ‘what with Republikans filling up the crik country and niggers coming in fum Tennessee. I view with alarm,’ he says, ‘the permanent removal fum amongst our midst of so many gen’lemen who could be depended on annually to vote at least oncet,’ he says, ‘for the imperishable, unchangeable and everlasting principles of Democracy just as soon as they could find out from Lincoln, Nebrasky, or New Yawk City, as the case mount be,’ he says, ‘what them principles was. The Talbottoms and the Underbits is all good Dimocrats, as yourself, Jedge, well knows, without me telling you,’ he says.

“I disremember exactly how that there feud started, but seems to me like it come up over a hound dawg. It’s mighty poor



etiquette, down here, to hurt another gen'leman's hound dawg's feelings. Well, anyhow, Pleas Underbit and Cal Talbottom had a misunderstanding one Sunday mawning coming out of church, and Pleas he 44'd Cal purty toler'ble bad. Got him five shots out of six. They had the services at the church the same day, being as Cal was right there on the ground, so to speak, and dressed up in his best clothes anyhow. And then, long in about two weeks, several of the Talbottoms kind of laywayed Pleas Underbit as he came along the big road from prayer meeting and shot at him in such a manner that it became necessary to bury him. Which they done so. While the mourners was on the way to the funeral they ran into a passel of Talbottoms and more sharp words came up. If I remember right, deceased lost an uncle and two pallbearers, but the Underbits had come out heeled and about half of the Talbottoms rid home as perishable freight. And then everybody see the unpleasantness was getting serious and began to predict a feud, and purty soon there was a feud.

"Every little while an Underbit would go down the lot to call the cows and be harvested by a Talbottom out gunning for a mess of the opposition; and then a Talbottom would get careless and walk in front of his window at night, with the light behind him and be plunked by an Underbit on duty just outside the garden fence. And so on. But it peared like after awhile that small investments and prompt returns didn't satisfy neither side no more. They taken to wholesaling—coming to town en massey every little while, hoping to get large bags, which the same led to the unhappy conditions set forth by Colonel Bud Crittenden to me behind the sheriff's office,

"All too true," says I to Colonel Bud Crittenden when he paused for breath, 'but what air you going to do about this here feud? Public sentiment is, as you are fully aweer, agin outsiders mingling with such private controversies in Limestone County.'

"I purpose to stop it unbeknowst, as it were," says Colonel Bud. 'I have a plan,' he says, 'which I do not feel at liberty to cloocidate at present,' he says, 'but it is

my intention,' he says, 'to organize anonymously a pure-feud association.

"A which?" I says.

"A pure-feud association," he says. 'I hear considible about 'em in the newspapers. Outside of the *Turf Register* I don't spend much time over literary pursuits, but my daughter, Virginia Ellen, reads the papers out loud, and it seems like they're getting up these here pure-feud associations all over the North, although 'twas news to me,' he says, 'that they had feuds in the North. But,' he says, 'live and learn.'

"Excuse me, Colonel, I says, 'but you air getting kind of twisted. They have but few feuds in the North and them too trifling to be took note of. But the discovery has been made that the Yankees is adulterating every necessity of life something scandalous,' I says, 'even whisky. It's got so,' I says, 'that the only way a gen'leman up there can avoid insulting his system with red ink and ta-arical acid and glucose and sich like,' I says, 'is for him to live on hard-boiled eggs and do the boiling hisse'f.'

"Even whisky, you said," he groans, sort of shuddering. 'Why, Jedge, it's a lynching matter.'

"In the North," I says, 'they don't lynch; they pass resolutions. But,' I says, 'in this case they have just gone on feeding themselves adulterated vittels and microbes and protaplasms and bivalves—'

"Not them," he says, with another shudder, 'surely not bivalves, Jedge?'

"Yessuh," I says. 'And worse. Coruscles—millions of 'em. But,' I says, 'the worm will turn. They have begin to organize pure-food associations, for the purpose,' I says, 'of securing better and more wholesomer vittels.'

"Then why," he says, 'don't they call 'em by the right name—pure vittels club or pure grub society, say? Anyway,' he says, 'mine is agoing to be the Pure-Feud Association—F-E-W-D—feud! and she will be ushered into glorious being on next Monday, the same,' he says, 'being county cote day. Jedge,' he says, 'remain silent and watch developments.'

"So I watched. You never see anything turn out more wonderful. Monday morning, bright and early the Talbottons and the Underbits came riding into town, by different roads, of course, bringing all their feuding tools with 'em. Each bunch rid up to Colonel Bud's store and got new cartridges all around, same as they always done on such occasions, and throwed away what few old shells they had on hand. Then they began maneuvering around the square for position, with wimmen and children hunting the cellars, and a few timid and gushing pussons climbing down inside of rain barrels. Presently, Tunk Talbottom he snook up close on Chad Underbit, where Chad was quiled upon the distillery steps, and taken dead rest on a hitchrail, let him have it six times about as prompt and expedient as he could work the trigger. Then he squatted down under the smoke to work a few button holes into any wellwisher of Chad's who might come up to look over the remains. He diskivered Chad Underbit, apparently unhurt, but consid'able surprised, in the act of drawing his Colts and preparing to do a little fancy work on Tunk's frame. Them two stood there five minutes shooting off cartridges about ten feet apart and never damaged nothing but their mutual peaces of mind.

"Simultaneous, similar distressing scenes were occurring all over our business center. To a man that knowed good shooting when he seen it, the spectacle was mighty nigh heart-rendering. Them there feudists were using up nough powder to burn down a stone monument, and not a leaf stirring. The head of the Talbottons, Uncle Peaceful Talbottom, worked his Winchester until he set his own whiskers afire, and then, realizing he hadn't hurt nothing but the fresh air, he set right down in the mouth of an alley and wept like a child. And while he was asetting there, overcome with shame and hoomiliation, the Reverend Anderson Underbit crope down the alley and let him have both barrels of a shotgun so close't he blowed Uncle Peaceful's wool hat hrough a window. When the fog thinned out and the Reverend Anse seen he hadn't even swinged Uncle Peaceful, he

busted out crying, too. There warn't but one pusson hurt. Talt Talbottom, in his disgust at not being able to filter the fattest Underbit in sixteen tries, throwed his repeater acrost the square and hit a mule and the mule came right over and kicked Talt with some violence where his suspenders crossed.

"Well, suzz, in about fifteen minutes the most disgusted gang of feuding gen'lemen you ever seen anywheres was standing around in plain view, in attitoods of deep dejection. There warn't a cartridge left in the crowd. It was at that crucial moment Colonel Bud Crittenden appeared in the square, somewhat ostentatiously displaying two large handsful of nickel-plated hardware.

"I would kindly ask the attention of all who have just took part in the fire-works display to a few remarks emanating,' he says, 'from myself. And for fear any gen'leman within the sound of my voice might so far forget hisse'f as to interrupt, would state that the speaker at least has not lost the rudiments of the art of manipulating a britch-loading planting iron. As per example,' he says, and bored a hawg that was rooting under the front steps of the Palace Millinery Store.

"Unaccustomed as I am,' resooms Colonel Bud, after the hawg quit expiring in an audible manner, 'to public speaking, I feel it my duty to let fall a few words on this occasion. The bumbardment which has just took place is enough,' he says, 'to pump salt tears to the eyes of every gen'leman who can distinguish the difference between a Roman candle,' he says, 'and the popular brand of pocket piece manufactured by Messrs. Smith & Wesson. This here feud,' he says, 'as at present constitooted, can serve no purpose except'n to bring the blush of shame to the fair escutcheon of Limestone County, whatever,' he says, 'an escutcheon mout be. Before night the whole world will be aiming the finger of scorn at our beloved community,' he says, 'as the only place in Kintucky where thirty men destroyed 700 cartridges in half an hour and the only casualties were inflicted by a mule. I move you,

therefore,' he says, 'that it be the sense of this meeting that this here feud be declared adjourned, siny die, world without end, amen.'

"And do you know, them fellers was so sick and sore and disgusted with themselves they agreed right then and there and quit. We ain't had no reg'lar feuding from that day to this. And not a one of them Talbottoms and Underbits don't suspicion nothing, neither. Most of them put their defective aim down to the lick they was drinking. Several changed brands right away, and Uncle Peaceful Talbottom taken it so to heart he come in one of swearing off altogether. Friends talked him out of it.

"Colonel Bud Crittenden told me how he done it the first good chance he got.

"'It was the cattridges, Jedge,' he says; 'excusing about a dozen I reserved for myse'f there wasn't a cattridge in the store that would 'a' killed a chinch bug. I spent several nights, he says, 'extracting all the lead in them cattridges and replacing it,' he says, 'with a little Yankee adulteration of my own. Which the same,' he says, 'ooked like lead and felt like lead, but which, under the infloence of gunpowder, jest natchelly scattered itself into thin air, without fear and without reproach, forming in so doing a kind of smoke which is not only not serious, but which,' he says, 'I have every reason to believe, if properly inhaled, mout cure the hay fever. Natchelly,' he says, 'my action in the premises entailed more or less pussonel sacrifice. Next to the undertaker, I made more out of this here feud,' he says, 'than anybody in town, but,' he says, 'whenever the grand old Dimmycrat party calls on Colonel Bud Crittenden,' he says, 'hes' right there, or,' he says, 'thereabouts.'

"And that's one of the things that makes me say Colonel Bud Crittenden is probably the most public-spiritedst gen'leman in Limestone County."—*Evening Sun*.

Some employers are making a persistent effort to destroy the union label. If they succeed the ballot is all that remains.

## THE TELEGRAPH IN PERU.

OWING to its remoteness, altitude and other peculiar features, a few notes from this part of the world may be of interest to some of the readers of *Telegraph Age*.

First of all, I will try to describe, briefly, this section of Peru, then to give a description of our telegraph service, which is unique in its being probably the highest telegraph line in the world throughout its entire length.

The town of Cerro de Pasco is said to be the highest town of any size in the world, and is the terminus of a modern and in every way up-to-date railroad known as the Cerro de Pasco Railway, which serves the rich copper mines belonging to the Cerro de Pasco Company. The other terminus of the road is La Oroya, a station on the Ferrocarril Central del Peru. The "Central" is our only outlet to the coast, and our supplies are shipped from New York to Callao via Cape Horn (in urgent cases via the Isthmus of Panama) and thence via rail to La Oroya. La Oroya is but 138 miles from the Pacific Coast, but in the first 106 miles the road has crossed the cordillera of the Andes (at an altitude of 15,665 feet above the sea) and begins its descent on the Atlantic watershed of the cordillera until Oroya is reached.

We have 175.3 kilometers of telegraph line (about 109 miles), 132.3 kilometers along the main line of the railway and 43 kilometers on the Branch. Galvanized iron poles are used between Oroya and La Fundición (the smelter) where but one wire is supported, but a substantial wooden pole line has been built between Cerro de Pasco and La Fundición where we have a number of wires.

At no place does the line descend below an altitude of 12,272 feet above the level of the sea, and the altitudes at the various stations along the line are as follows: Oroya, 12,272 feet; Tingo, 12,945 feet; La Cima, 13,822 feet; Junin, 13,555 feet; Carhuamayo, 13,568 feet; La Fundición, 14,011 feet; Vista Alegre, 14,199 feet; Cerro de Pasco, 14,208 feet.

The altitudes on the Goyllarisquisga branch are: Vista Alegre, 14,199 feet; Vinchuscancha, 13,822 feet; Alcacocha, 14,386 feet; Goyllarisquisga, 13,722 feet.

Our line wire is No. 8 G. I., and we use standard American instruments, 150-ohm relays and 4-ohm sounders, etc.; gravity battery is used and requires remarkably little attention, due, probably, to the decreased chemical action of the battery due to generally cold weather.

All of our operators are natives of the country, and we at one time used American Morse the same as in the United States, but the Government now requires that all telegraphs in the republic use the alphabet known as "International." This alphabet was published in the January 1 issue of *Telegraph Age*. The Peruvian Government requires the addition of the following to that which appeared at the date mentioned:

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Commencement of body of message: . — .

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"G.A." . . . . — .

"All copy" . . — . . — . — .

Naturally, this alphabet is slower than Morse, and to a Morse operator it is at first puzzling, to say the least. Spanish is, of course, the language all communication between the dispatcher and the operators is carried on in, and but two of our operators understand any English at all, and their knowledge of that language is limited.

The latitude is but some six degrees below the equator, but owing to the altitude the weather is almost always cold and snow storms are frequent, although the snow does not remain on the ground long, and the line of perpetual snow in this latitude is something like 16,000 feet. We are surrounded by high peaks—some of them 20,000 feet and more high, and they are

always covered with snow. The snow storms are almost invariably accompanied by violent electrical storms. Many animals (llamas, sheep, cattle and horses) as well as people, are killed on the pampa that extends for miles on each side and bears the name of Junin, and the electrical storms are no less severe in the mountains, but fewer people lose their lives from that source in the mountains than on the pampa, probably from the fact that the mineral in the adjacent peaks acts as a sort of conductor for the lightning.

Lightning is a continual source of trouble on the line, and nearly every storm blows out fuses and destroys arresters in several of the stations. We use Argus lightning arresters and they have given good results, as we have not suffered any damage to the instruments, although the helix of wire that is a part of this arrester has, in several instances, been fused by the discharge.

We have a telegraph installation in connection with our telegraph line, and it has done good work, but the lightning played havoc with the delicate tin-foil paper condensers that are bridged around the telegraph instruments in every office, and that are used between the telegraphones and the ground, until finally we installed single-throw double-pole in the telegraphone circuits, which the operators open at the first appearance of electrical disturbances, and in this way we are now protecting these instruments.

A system of electric train staff has been recently installed between Cerro de Pasco and La Fundición. There are two blocks or sections, the first between Cerro de Pasco and Vista Alegre—nine kilometers—and the second between Vista Alegre and La Fundición—five kilometers—and the same means of protecting these machines (the switches) has been adopted as that used for the telegraphones, although I do not believe as much protection is needed, the switches merely having been installed to reduce the likelihood of damage to a minimum. The "staff" has been doing fine work since its installation.—By OTTO HOLSTEIN, in *Telegraph Age*.

## WINIFRED'S DARKEST HOUR.

**A**S WINIFRED LAWRENCE came out of the skyscraper to the street a gust of wind caught her and whirled her about like a resistless leaf. In a way it seemed to express the hopelessness of everything. In that moment all of her troubles came to a climax. She had just learned that the last chance of work she had counted on was vain, though for the second it wasn't that that dulled her spirit so much as the holes in her umbrella, the wetness of her skirts about her ankles, and the consciousness that the wind was bringing her shabby shoes into full view. After all, it is not poverty itself one resents nearly so keenly as the small outward and visible signs of it that can not escape the eyes of one's neighbors. For a moment Winifred stood there whirling about, the tears of despair running down her cheeks. Then her sense of humor, which had withstood everything so far, stirred itself and came to her rescue. She smiled broadly into the red face of a puffy old man who looked at her in astonishment and then bravely trudged on to the elevated station to go home. By the time she climbed the steps of the station and the soles of her shoes began to feel clammy against her feet, the sense of humor had taken unto itself wings, and her troubles surged back upon her. She stood waiting on the platform shivering with cold and nervousness. She felt a sudden animosity towards the persons that passed her. She hated the women that seemed to flaunt prosperity and well-being in her face, and she began estimating the cost of one's furs and thought of the utter absurdity of a gold purse that swung from another's wrist, representing what a month's salary would do to Winifred.

"I wonder how many such trinkets she'd have if she had to earn them for herself," she thought, as the owner of the purse pushed her way ahead of her into the car. It was but one more straw that she had to swing to a strap while she saw a fat porpoise of a man plump into the only seat and spread his paper in front of him with satisfied air. A diabolical desire came

upon her to aim the point of her umbrella at his placid, rounded front, but she did nothing more desperate than to step on his foot with some emphasis as the train swung around a curve and to pretend not to see his scowl.

As she trudged the three blocks from the station to her room she determined on her course of action. She had exactly one dollar and seventy-five cents in the world. With seventy-five of it she would buy Fuzzy-Wuzzy a tube of rose madder paint. Fuzzy-Wuzzy lived on the top floor. He wrote soap advertisements in the day and studied illustrating at night, and was the only person that really cared. All his life seemed one mad scramble to purchase rose madder. With fifty cents she would buy a bunch of jonquils for the landlady, because Winifred loved them so herself that she felt if anybody were going to depart from the world owing her three weeks' rent, that would be the most cheerful companion she could have. Twenty-five cents she would appropriate for herself, with ten of it to buy ice cream soda and the other fifteen a grape fruit, because those two things at the present moment stood for luxury to her. And with the other twenty-five she supposed something could be purchased to ring down the curtain. Of course, she could be economical and just turn on the gas, but she fancied that made one all black and horrid, and she had an objection to Fuzzy-Wuzzy's—but she shuddered and would not follow out the thought. By the time she climbed to the top of the three flights of steps and reached her own door she had every detail of her plan arranged, and she took a bit of pride and comfort in it. Even the two cents she had set aside for the purchase of a stamp to write particulars to her old doctor guardian in the far-off village she had come from.

When she had lighted the gas she flopped down dejectedly on the side of the couch without any attempt to take off her wet things. Even that effort seemed useless. Her eye traveled listlessly around the room and stopped at a wooden box in the middle of the floor. She knew vaguely that it had not been there when she went out early

in the afternoon, and yet it meant nothing to her. She read the name on the top in a big, scrawly hand, "Miss Winifred Lawrence," and she repeated the first of it to herself two or three times. "Winifred, Winifred—why did it have to be Winifred? It has always reminded me of pink chiffon ruffles and beaded satin slippers. If I had been plain Mary or Ann, I could probably make up my mind with perfect calmness to go into a store and work behind the counter like any self-respecting girl should, instead of throwing it all like this. If only it made much difference to anybody in the world," she thought, "except to Fuzzy-Wuzzy, and I am only a bother to him."

Suddenly, through her clouded consciousness, it came to her that the box was addressed to Winifred Lawrence, and that there must be something in it that was meant for her.

She stooped down on the floor by it and examined the card that bore her name. The writing was strange to her, and there was no sign from whom it had come; just a blurred express tag. She must have sat there on the floor five minutes wondering foolishly how to get the box open, yet without making a move, when she heard Fuzzy-Wuzzy's step on the stairs. She called to him, and he popped his head in the door, with its mop of hair more towed than usual. It was that that had won his name at the art school, though Winifred made use of it because he seemed to her the finest of the lot.

"Hello! what's the matter?"

"It's a box for me, and I can't open it," said Winifred, hopelessly.

"Wege you trying with your fingers or a hairpin?" he asked.

"Please don't be silly, and go get a hammer," Winifred answered, and Fuzzy-Wuzzy hurried off downstairs in the region of hammers and the landlady. He was back in a minute with the necessary implement. There were nails and nails in that box. Winifred had to stand on one end while Fuzzy-Wuzzy hammered at the other end with all his might. Finally two boards were pried off and Winifred dived in. On the top, beneath several layers of

paper, was a card, "To Dear Miss Lawrence, from her fond friends, Mr. and Mrs. David Foote."

"Oh, Fuzzy-Wuzzy," Winifred gulped, "think of those blessed people doing that for me!" It was several seconds before she could explain that it was the couple up in the mountains where she had spent a month in the fall to rest and to paint to her heart's content. Tearing aside the paper, she brought to light something rolled in cheesecloth, and when there was revealed two fat partridges, she screamed with delight.

"Think of it! think of their doing that, Fuzzy," and Fuzzy was as glad as she, and almost as foolish. There was a dressed chicken, doughnuts, cookies, a loaf of home-made bread, a package of butter, a box of eggs, some jars of jelly, and all the vacant space filled up with potatoes big enough to have taken prizes at any county fair.

They went over the things again and again and fingered them. Winifred held the chicken above her head. "Look, Fuzzy, isn't it the most beautiful chicken you ever saw?" And he picked up each one of the eggs. "And the most flawless and shape-liest eggs that mortal hen ever laid."

"And home-made bread and doughnuts, and real butter. Oh, what a feast we'll have! Bless their precious old hearts! I'm so happy, Fuzzy."

He reminded her at last that she had not taken off her hat, and that her skirts were dropping all over the bread, so she sent him away while she dried off. With the aid of the chafing-dish and the one-burner gas stove, they would have a spread for the gods.

She sang disconnected snatches of songs as she flew around and made preparations, and sometimes she cried just for joy as she thought of the countryman killing those partridges for her, and his wife baking the bread and making the doughnuts, and of the long ride through the snow to the station to send the box.

"It's against the law to shoot partridges, too, and that shows a person really likes you when he breaks the law for you," she had said to Fuzzy.

Fuzzy came bolting in soon with a white tissue paper package in his hand. Unwrapped, it proved to be a big bunch of jonquils. "We had to have a centerpiece," he said, with frank joy.

The sight of the flowers brought everything back to her. Her face clouded, and she dropped suddenly into a chair.

"Oh, Fuzzy-Wuzzy," she said, "to think I had meant to end it all tonight!"

"You mean—the game?" he asked, looking at her with his face contracted with horror.

She nodded: "I know it was cowardly, but it seemed the only thing."

He came over to her side and stood there in silence a moment, looking at her as if he would protect her against herself. Then, with apparently little connection, he said: "I had a surprise, too, tonight. I have been promoted from soap to perfume."

Each was silent and looked at the other. Winifred knew that it was because of soap that he had never asked her. There was a question in his eyes now, and she turned away.

"I am so glad, Fuzzy," she said, adding quickly: "Will it mean you can always have rose madder?"

"Yes, dear—and you?"

For answer, her head fell into her hands and she sobbed. He stopped and gathered her in his arms. Neither noticed that the flowers had fallen to the floor, and it was several seconds before the smell of burning partridges penetrated their consciousness.—By KATHERINE GLAVER, in *Express Gazette*.

#### A PACK OF CARDS.

A PRIVATE soldier of the name of Richard Lee was taken before the magistrate of Glasgow for playing cards during divine service. The account of it is thus given in an English journal:

A sergeant commanded the soldiers at the church, and when the parson had read the prayers he took his text. Those who had Bibles took them out, but this soldier had neither Bible nor common prayer book, and pulling out a pack of cards he spread them before him. He first looked at one

card and then at another. The sergeant of the company saw him and said, "Richard, put up the cards. This is no place for them." "Never mind that," said Richard. When the services were over the constable took Richard prisoner and brought him before the Mayor. "Well," said the Mayor, "what have you bro't the soldier here for?" "For playing cards in church." "Well, soldier, what have you to say for yourself?" "Much, sir, I hope." "Very good; if not, I will punish you severely." "I have been," said the soldier, "about six weeks on the march. I have neither Bible nor common prayer book. I have nothing but a pack of cards, and I hope to satisfy your worship of the purity of my intentions." Then, spreading the cards before the Mayor, he began with the ace.

"When I see the ace, it reminds me that there is but one God; when I see the deuce, it reminds me of the Father and Son; when I see the tray, it reminds me of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; when I see the four, it reminds me of the four evangelists that preached—Matthew, Mark, Luke and John; when I see the five, it reminds me of the wise virgins that trimmed their lamps—there were ten, but five of them were wise and five of them were foolish and were shut out; when I see the six, it reminds me that in six days the Lord made heaven and earth; when I see the seven, it reminds me that on the seventh day God rested from the great work he had made and hallowed it; when I see the eight, it reminds me of the eight religious persons who were saved when God destroyed the world, viz., Noah and his wife, his three sons and their wives; when I see the nine, it reminds me of the nine lepers that were cleansed by our Saviour—there were nine of ten that never returned thanks; when I see the ten, it reminds me of the Ten Commandments, which God handed down to Moses on the tables of stone; when I see the king, it reminds me of the Queen of Sheba, who visited Solomon, for she was as wise a woman as he was a man. She brought with her fifty boys and fifty girls, all dressed in boy's apparel for King Solomon to tell which were boys and which were girls.

The King sent for water for them to wash. The girls washed to the elbows and the boys to the wrists; so King Solomon told the other."

"Well," said the Mayor, "you have described every card in the pack except one." "What is that?" "The knave," said the Mayor. "I will give your honor a description of that, too, if you will not be angry." "I will not," said the Mayor, "if you do not term me to be the knave." "The greatest knave I know of is the constable that brought me here." "I do not know," said the Mayor, "if he is the greatest knave, but I know that he is the greatest fool."

"When I count the number of spots in a pack of cards I find 365, as many days as there is in a year. When I count the number of cards in the pack, I find 52, the number of weeks in a year. I find there are twelve picture cards in a pack, the number of months in a year, and on counting tricks I find 13, the number of weeks in a quarter. So you see a pack of cards serves as a Bible, an almanac, and a common prayer book."

"You are discharged."—*Exchange.*

#### A CANADIAN ROMANCE.

"JUST listen to that!"

"That" was a particularly long drawn-out howl as the snow-laden wind made yet another futile attempt to wreck our shanty and render us homeless, the hard-frozen, powdery snow rattled against the frost-covered window pane and an eye-racking puff of smoke filled the one room of our dwelling and set us both coughing violently.

Manitoba, at all times lavish with her blizzards, was as my chum and brother bachelor, Ted Wade, expressively put it, "blamed well showing us what it could do this time."

At every fresh gust of wind the flimsy board shack shook to its log foundation, the snow filtered in long, thin ridges through cracks of the door, only to melt as soon as it came into contact with the fierce heat of the interior of our abode.

Ted was lolling back in his bunk, reviling in good, hearty English the cruelty of the

fates that took him and left him in a country where, as he said, a man was boiled to death one-half of the year and frozen stiff the other half.

He was a type of man to be adored, was my friend Ted—tall, and one of the build that made me contrast him enviously with my own meager five-feet-six and ten stone weight. Anyone who did not know him as well as I did would probably put him down as morose and sour-tempered; but Ted and I had been through hardships and grim struggles with ill times together, and I had grown to love that silent man with the love that surpasses that felt even between brothers.

After we had been silent for some little time, during which the wind had been continuing its attack on the creaking, protesting shanty, I crammed more poplar sticks into the voracious maw of the air-tight heater, which was roaring a defiant challenge to the elements outside and daring them to do their worst. Soon the fresh wood was cracking merrily away.

"Seems to me, Ted," I said, "that, considering everything, you might unbend a little and tell a poor beggar who is ever agog for new stories, how you ever came to leave your peaceful Eastern home to try your luck in a new land."

I looked sideways as I spoke; but Ted never heard my words for all the notice he seemed to take of them. He was puffing away at his pipe, and although it was bubbling horribly at every draw he took, the look of content on his face told me that such a little matter as a foul pipe was beneath his notice.

As I looked at him, his features cast in the shade of the dirty lamp glass, he presented a magnificent spectacle. In his shirt sleeves—which were rolled up above his elbows, exposing arms that would have delighted a Samson, and the collar thrown open to show the full curve of his massive throat—he looked a veritable god amongst men. I felt a thrill of pride pass through me as I recollected that this man had chosen me as his friend five long years ago, when I, as a friendless greenhorn, had entered a construction camp.



He raised himself suddenly on his elbow and looked at me with his fine blue eyes, with a slight, inscrutable smile playing round his lips. Then finding his pipe had gone out, he rolled out on the floor and came to the stove for a fresh light. The pipe going to his satisfaction again, he settled down into a home-made chair and answered me.

"It's not a nice tale, Phil," he began, "and I never told it to you before because I always thought you English despised a man who had slid from the strict path of virtue—though, perhaps, I might have known you yourself were not made that way.

"Well," he went on, caressing Bluff, our collie dog, who was lying contentedly at his feet in the full heat of the stove, "seeing that we both seem to be in a talkative humor, I'll tell you the story; and you can judge me accordingly.

"I told you, Phil, that I came from Ontario seven years ago, but if I remember right, I never told you anything more. Well, my father was or is, if he is still alive—one of the C. P. R.'s head men; and I was brought up with the intention of being something similar. I never told you, but I was sent to one of your English public schools.

"And then I started a course at the Institute of Civil Engineers. I met a girl then, and—and fell in love with her. I'm not going to trouble you with a glowing account of her; sufficient for me to say that she was everything a man could look for in a woman. I was merely a lad in those days; and she but a winsome little maid of eighteen summers; but we became engaged. Then I thought my cup of happiness was full to the brim; but there came to the college a bounder to whom I took an intuitive dislike. I couldn't have explained then why I detested the fellow, but it seemed fated from the very first that he and I should be enemies.

"The first thing he tried to do was to alienate my sweetheart's affections from me. But Madge—that was her name; she was the daughter of one of our professors—remained true to me, until—"

He paused and seemed to have lost himself in thoughts which, to judge by the dark look on his face, were far from pleasant ones.

"Yes"—Ted was still staring at the small opening in the front of the stove—"Yes, Phil, Madge Irving remained true to me until an incident cropped up that made me lose all faith in womankind forever.

"As you know, over here they do not think any less of a fellow if he indulges in a little gambling, so long as he can pay his debts. So you see it was quite innocently that I practiced my old habits. And nothing was said about it for a while. But one day a check was presented at the bank, and the cashier refused to honor it—said it was a forgery. So it was—it was made out in Madge's father's name, and the professor spared no pains to bring the forger to boot.

"Then my enemy got his work in. He began to spread tales abroad about my card-playing; and immediately I was under suspicion. Needless to say, I was innocent—but, well, you know yourself that if there is any mystery as to the personality of a wrongdoer it is invariably the gambler who is suspected.

"I would have stayed and faced the matter out, only that bounder—Morgan was his name—went and told the whole yarn to Madge, and I could not meet the cold contempt with which she treated me, so I skipped out and came back to Canada. Perhaps, I misjudged the girl; and I know I was a coward; but I suppose it is too late now to mend the matter. But I do know this: If ever I come across that Morgan fellow it will be a bad lookout for him; I have heard that he favored this country with—"Hullo!" he broke off suddenly.

Bluff had stirred uneasily at his feet, and then ran to the door of the shack, barking excitedly.

"What's got into the dog?" asked Ted wonderingly. "Surely there is no one outside on a night like this! I wouldn't turn a cur out in this weather. Lie down, Bluff, and behave like a good dog."

But Bluff would not be pacified. Instead, he whined and scratched at the door, till at

last Ted thawed out a spot on the window-pane and peered out.

"My goodness!" he said, "I believe the dog is right, and there is some poor wretch in the yard!"

I was hunting feverishly for my outdoor gear by this time; and Ted was not slow in following my example.

As we stepped out into the stormy night we saw dimly a team of horses, smoking in the frosty air, hitched to a cutter sleigh, but on looking closer we saw the outline of a huddled-up figure on the floor of the vehicle. It was the unconscious body of a man. Between the two of us we managed to carry him into the warmth of the shanty, and by the aid of much rubbing with snow we managed to restore life to the frozen limbs.

Once I saw the color returning to the man's face I bethought myself of his horses, and again went out into the night to find a bed for the poor shivering brutes. On my return our visitor was sitting up close to the stove and on the verge of sleep. I looked across at Ted, and was somewhat startled to see his face had grown very hard and grim.

"Know him?" I asked.

Ted nodded, but offered no further reply.

"Feeling better?" I inquired.

He was asleep, but started when I addressed him.

"Whose ranch is this?" he demanded.

He was a good-looking fellow at the first glance, but on looking closer it was apparent he had lived a somewhat fast life, though his appearance was that of a gentleman in spite of his ill-fitting overalls.

I took in these details while I answered his question.

"It belongs to me," I said, "and my partner is staying with me for the winter. His place is next to here. My name is Garside, and my partner is—"

"You need not tell him my name, Phil," interrupted Ted. "He wouldn't remember it if you told it."

He was standing in the shadow of the room, and though the stranger turned to look at him, he apparently did not get a very good sight of him.

"Well, sir," the stranger offered, "you've told me your name, so I suppose there is an explanation due to you. I'll tell you everything. I'm a homesteader and my place is, I should guess, about fifty miles from here, though it was hard to keep track of my whereabouts in that storm. My name is Wilks—"

I heard a peculiar sound issue from Ted's direction, and the stranger must have noticed it also, for he again peered closely at the man behind him, though he evidently got no more satisfaction than before.

"As I was saying, I am like you fellows, inasmuch as I am trying for the patent for my homestead, and I also have a partner living with me. He sprained his knee this afternoon, and I determined I would fetch the doctor to him. Well, I got lost in the blizzard, which is not to be wondered at, considering what a storm we are having. That is all, I think."

"Quite enough, too," came Ted's voice, in a tone I had never heard him use before. "A fine lot of doctors would turn out on a night like this for the sake of a sprained knee. No, you'll have to tell us something more plausible."

Wilks looked up angrily as he listened to my friend's words; then, as Ted stepped out into the full light of the lamp, he sprang to his feet with an oath.

"Heavens!" he gasped. "It's you!"

"Shouldn't be a bit surprised if you were right," answered Ted, coolly. He turned to me, after flashing a look of infinite contempt at Wilks.

"Would you like to know who he is, Phil?" he asked.

I nodded.

"All right, then, his name is Morgan. You remember we were talking about him just before he came along."

To say that I was surprised would be to put it mildly. I was astounded.

"Yes," Ted resumed, noticing my look. "Call it luck or coincidence, whichever you choose, but the fact remains that the day I have waited for so long has arrived at last."

There was something in my friend's voice that made Wilks' face turn deathly pale; but, by a supreme effort of will, he assumed

a careless demeanor, and made as though to leave the shack.

"Oh, no, you don't!" said Ted, as he intercepted his burly figure between Wilks—or Morgan—and the door. "I've something to settle with you before you leave here. You know what I am referring to, I dare say. Sit down!" Then, as Morgan seemed inclined to demur: "Do you hear." And so terrible was the expression in Ted's eyes that the coward fell back limply into the chair he had vacated. "That's better. Now, I'm not low-down enough to take advantage of a man who has been through what you have, so I'll leave over till tomorrow what I am going to do to you." Ted turned to look out of the window.

"Phil," he exclaimed hastily. "I do believe the storm is letting up a bit! Care to come out to the stable to see how things are doing out there?"

I glanced doubtfully at Morgan, who was sitting with his head buried between his hands.

"Oh, that's all right!" he assured me. "He won't move. Anyhow, he wouldn't try to get out without his horses, and as they are in the stable he'll have a time getting them when the two of us are there."

The storm had certainly abated somewhat. Though the wind was still blowing as hard as ever, the snow had ceased falling and the moon was to be dimly seen through the still whirling snow.

"Let's take a look at the fellow's outfit," suggested Ted. "I never said anything to you, but it struck me that team he came alone with was hardly the sort used by an ordinary homesteader. Too light, you know. Looks more like a business man's turn-out rather than a team that would pull a plough."

The same thought struck me, though not before Ted mentioned it.

My chum was feeling amongst the horse blankets in the bottom of the sleigh, and finally he picked them up, along with the heavy carriage rug he found, and carried them all into the stable, where by the light of the lantern he proceeded to examine them.

"H'm! Thought as much."

He turned the rug over, and on its reverse side was plainly to be seen the name McLeod.

"Why," I exclaimed, "that's the banker at Bridgeway, forty miles away!"

"You're right," agreed Ted. "It looks as if things had not gone very well with Mr. Morgan in this country, if he's had to turn to horse-thieving for a living. Ah, this plot thickens! What's this?"

Something had crinkled in the lining of one of the blankets. I ripped it open with my knife, and out fell a pile of bank notes. Ted whistled.

"Looks to me as though I am going to have a different revenge to what I had calculated on," he remarked thoughtfully. "I was only going to give him the soundest hiding he ever had in his life. As it is, the fact of being able to send him down will be enough for me. Shouldn't be surprised now I know the fellow's character, if it were he who forged that check that cost me so much. Hallo, the door's open. Shut it, Phil, please. We mustn't let the beasts get cold."

I turned to close the door when Ted's voice rang out, "Look out, Phil!" But it was too late. Something descended onto my head with crash, and, with a dull buzzing in my ears I relapsed into unconsciousness.

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The wind was still howling dolefully round the shanty when I opened my eyes to look dazedly about me.

"Feeling better, old man?" asked a voice gently, and Ted leaned over me anxiously.

"I'm all right, thanks," I replied, though my head was humming like a top. "What happened, though? Oh, I remember now! Did he get away?"

"Not he!" was my friend's grim rejoinder. I followed his gaze, and in the corner of the room I saw the figure of Morgan, bound hand and foot.

"I just gave him a touch of what he gave you—not quite so hard, perhaps, but hard enough to serve the purpose. As soon as it is daylight we'll march him off to the Mounted Police Barracks."

Morgan was listening, and as soon as he heard Ted's intention he began to moan pitifully.

"Denbig," he said. There was something more than fear in his tones, I thought.

"Well?" answered Ted gruffly. "That's my name all right, though its so long since I used it I had almost forgotten it."

"Denbig," repeated the prisoner, "do you remember Madge Irving?"

I heard Ted's breath drawn in a long gasp, then he released it in a long sigh.

"Yes?" he said briefly and inquiringly.

"I married her," went on the wretched Morgan. "Things did not go well with us, and we came out here. But they did not improve at all, and, to crown all, Madge took ill, and the doctor's verdict was that if she did not get out of this country she would not live another year. I hadn't the money, and so I—so I stole it, and the team you saw outside. There's only five hundred dollars, but it would be enough to get her away from here."

A fierce struggle was waging in Ted's breast, I could see. I knew what he was thinking of as well as though it were my own affair.

He turned to the prisoner.

"Is this true?" he asked, as though hoping the man was lying; but the man's face was sufficient good faith as to the veracity of his words.

"If you don't believe me," said Morgan wearily, "then you can come with me, and you will see Madge with your own eyes."

There was a deep silence, tempered only by the mournful wailing of the wind. For a full hour not one of us spoke, and as I watched him I could see Ted's face grow more and more haggard as he battled with himself.

At length he gave himself a prodigious shake, as though ridding himself of any remaining hesitation, and he said:

"I believe you, Morgan. I—I'll let you go free on one condition, and that is, that you tell Madge nothing at all about this affair?"

He stooped down and released the prisoner from his bonds. Morgan rose stiffly to his feet.

"You are a good sort, Denbig," he said huskily. "I know I did the mean thing by you over that forgery business. It was I who did that."

I half expected Ted to fall on his enemy and rend him, but when I came to look at him I saw that his face was alight with the joy of his new-made resolve.

"Now, Morgan," said he, authoritatively, "there's nothing more to say about the matter. If you manage to get clear away, do so. I won't do anything to stop you. I will drive you over to the place, if you will tell me where you live; but you must let the banker have his team back without loss of time."

"I will," said Morgan, gratefully. "But—but the money I stole. I shall have to send that back as well, I suppose?"

"You will do nothing of the kind," snapped my friend. "What would be the good of stealing it, and how would your wife benefit if you did?"

I stared amazed at the speaker.

"What—" I began; but a look from Ted silenced me, and his object dawned on me.

The next morning Wilks climbed into our sleigh, and Ted drove him away to his homestead, and that was the last we ever saw of him. I never mentioned the subject to my friend again, but a paragraph in a weekly newspaper told me as plainly as I could wish how he had solved the problem.

"The sequel to the daring Bridgeway bank robbery," so the paper ran, "is that both the stolen team and money were returned to the manager's hands anonymously yesterday. Apparently the thief was stricken with a fit of remorse at his action, and did it anonymously to save himself arrest."

There were only two men who knew the whole story, and of those two one only formed his conjecture by guess work. Ted himself offered no enlightenment, but that was just like him. But a little later in the year, when we had need for money, I noticed that Ted was surprisingly short of ready cash. And I knew he had \$500 in the bank that winter. Perhaps he saved Madge's life, after all.

I have often wondered if, had I been in Ted's shoes, Morgan would have got away free, as he did. It is hard to tell. Love takes some strange forms sometimes.—*St. Louis Star.*

### THE SINGING FROGS OF HATCHIE COON.

**"H**ERE'S a story about a scientific chap who trains flies to do acrobatic stunts," said the red-headed man in the corner, as he laid down his paper and struck a match. "Now, if he'd just train 'em to keep out of the butter he'd be the greatest man on earth."

"I read that story," remarked the passenger from Pittsburg, "and was much interested in one feature of the scientist's method of training. He says he just finds out what the flies want to do, and lets them do it. That idea opens up great possibilities in the training of animals of all kinds. If we can just—just—"

"Develop the talents with which nature endowed them," suggested the bishop.

"Er—yes," assented the Pittsburgundian, "that's it. There is music, for instance. Nearly all animals love music, and some have knowledge of the principles of harmony. Certain birds have been taught to sing tunes. Why not, then, train cats to warble arias from Italian operas. They have voices of great power and range, as all of us know, and they delight in the exercise of their vocal talents. Caruso himself can not develop the high notes with as great ease as a tomcat of my acquaintance. Fancy what a sensation the sextet from Lucia would make if sung by a company of well-trained felines. Of course, they couldn't bring out the words, but that makes no difference. Nobody ever has discovered what that sextet is about, but it's great, and just imagine—"

"Say," interposed the little man with the squint eye, "you think you're gettin' off somethin' funny, but I want to tell you, my friend, there's more truth than po'try in what you're sayin'. I don't believe a cat could learn to play the fiddle like that one in 'Mother Goose,' but I'd bet any money I

could teach one to sing if I wanted to and had the time an' patience."

"I am inclined to think," insinuated the red-headed man in the corner, "that you have had some experience in that line."

"You're guessin' about right," admitted the squint-eyed passenger. "I'm not a scientific investigator, nor a vaudeville performer, but I did a little stunt in the trainin' way once that would a made my fortune, but for one thing."

"How was that?" asked the sorrel-topped person.

"Well, I guess I'll have to begin at the beginnin' or you wouldn't understand it, an' maybe you wouldn't believe it. I'm a telegraph operator. Been at the business for thirty years, and expect to be poundin' a key, as we say, for the rest o' my life. An operator, especially a railroad operator, get's into queer places, sometimes. He's got to go where he's sent, and he can't be sure today where he's goin' to be tomorrow. Back in the 80s I was workin' at a nice town in Kansas. I'd been there three months, and was beginnin' to think I was livin' there, when I got orders to report immediately to Kansas City. When I got there the chief handed me a pass to 'Hatchie Coon.'

"'Where in the dickens is Hatchie Coon?' says I.

"'It's down on the Arkansas division,' says he. 'Tain't much of a place,' says he, 'but you can't miss it. The conductor'll put you off when you get there.'

"And he certainly did. He had to. I wouldn't 'a' stopped if he hadn't. It was down in the sunk lands in the northeast corner o' the State, about sixty miles from Memphis, an' it wasn't any town at all. It was right in the middle of a big swamp an' the only dry land in sight was under the railroad tracks. On both sides o' the road, close up, stood big cypress trees, hundred feet high, some o' them. The company had drove down a few posts, laid a platform, an' on top o' that put a tent about twelve feet square. That was the telegraph office. Not a house in ten miles. Straight up I could see a narrow strip o' the sky, below was a narrow strip o' dirt, an' all the rest

was black water an' cypress trees. Gee! but it was lonesome! Most o' that country's been drained since then an' they say it's gettin' to be the garden spot o' the world, but this was twenty years ago.

"The only company I had was the water snakes, the frogs an' the mosquitoes. I never did like snakes very much, an' the mosquitoes down there weren't a bit friendly, so for the lack of anything else to pass away the time I got to takin' a great interest in the frogs. There was all kinds there an' some o' them was as big as my hat. The noise those big fellows could make was somethin' terrific, and when the big ones an' the little ones and the middle-sized ones got to croakin' at once it was a regular concert. An' that's what put the idea in my head.

"I know a little somethin' about music, an' I had a concertina then that I could play on pretty well, if I do say it myself. Hearin' all those frogs a-croakin', each one with a different note, I got to 'imaginin' that I was leadin' an orchestra, an' I'd stand up there on the track an' try to beat time like Sousa. Man gets funny notions in his head when he's all alone. But that crazy notion led to another that looked crazier, but wasn't. Why not, thinks I, why not get a bunch of 'em an' train 'em. It wasn't any trouble at all to catch as many as I wanted, an' after a lot of experimentin' I picked out eight that had voices runnin' right up the scale an' makin' a complete octave, as they call it.

"Now, every frog has just one note. He knows that one by heart, and he likes to play it, but there ain't much use tryin' to get him to sound any others. I didn't try. My scheme was to get them to work as a team. In that way, you see, all I had to do was to train each one to holler at the right time, just like a piano key'll sound one note an' only one when you hit it. I petted 'em an' fed 'em until they got so they'd hop right up to me whenever I'd call, an' then I comenced teachin' 'em the first principles of harmony. I'd get 'em in a row an' then I'd sound C on the concertina until I got the big bullfrog at the foot of the line to croak. Then I'd take D

for the next frog, and so on up the scale. After days an' days they begin to catch onto the idea and would run up an' down the scale as fast as I could play it on the concertina.

"Then I commenced to teach them simple little tunes, and it would a' made your eyes water to see how the poor things enjoyed it. I'd git so interested sometimes that I wouldn't hear my call on the wire an' the train dispatcher 'ld crawl all over me he'd be so mad. After a while they learned to sing without the concertina, and every once in a while little snatches of music would come up from the pen I'd fixed up for them down in the swamp beneath the telegraph office. I tell you what, I was proud of 'em.

"A man never knows how big a little thin's goin' to turn out," pursued the operator, after he had paused to relight his cigar. "I trained those frogs just to pass away the time, not knowin' that they was goin' to save my life."

"To save your life!" exclaimed the bishop. "What do you mean?"

"Just what I said, parson. An' not only my life, but maybe a lot of others. One day a couple o' niggers dropped off the blind baggage on the Memphis express. I didn't see 'em at first, bein' busy at the wire. I'd just closed my key when I felt somethin' cold stuck against my head an' somebody said: 'Hands up, boss!' I didn't stop to argue the point. My hands went up. They trussed me up with a rope an' put a gag in my mouth an' then commenced lookin' for my switch key. From what they said I learned that their scheme was to throw the switch and run the Kansas City fast train onto the siding and into a string o' flat cars that was standin' there. Whether they was goin' to rob the wreck or just wanted to do some devilment, I don't know, but as soon as they found the key they commenced to argue as to whether they should kill me at once or wait a while. They were agreed that I had to be put out o' the way, but one of 'em hesitated. The other one insisted on immediate action, and my finish seemed to be pretty close, when out of the swamp there came the question, musically rendered:

"Where did you get that hat?"

"The niggers' eyes widened. They looked at me and then at each other. Out of the depths came another refrain:

"Granny, will your dog bite, dog bite, dog bite?"

"Fo' Gawd's sake, Eph,' one of 'em gasped, 'what's dat?"

"The other, the one who wanted to make quick work of me, didn't answer. He was scared almost white, but he went outside and looked around. There was, of course, nothing in sight, but Hatchie Coon at any time was enough to worry the superstitious and it was growing dark. He came back in, still trembling. Then there came the warning, seeming to be much closer:

"Run, nigger, run, pat-er-ol 'll catch you. Run, nigger, run, you'd better get away."

"And run they did. For all I know they're running yet. The train dispatcher couldn't get an answer from me, and he had the express stop there to see what was the matter. They untied me and I resigned by wire. I had all of Hatchie Coon I wanted."

"But what became of the frogs?" asked the red-headed man.

"Oh, I took 'em to Chicago," answered the squint-eyed passenger, 'expectin' to make a million out of 'em, but the climate was too much for 'em, or they was homesick or somethin'. Anyhow, they never sung a note again.'"—By C. S. Yost in *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*.

#### "OUR WIFE," AN EDITORIAL ON DRINK AND DIVORCE.

THE story opens in 1877, when, on an April morning, the yellow-haired "devil" arrived at the office of the Jack Creek *Pisenweed* at 7 o'clock and found the editor in. It was so unusual to find the editor in at that hour that the boy whistled in a low contralto voice and passed on into the "news room," leaving the gentlemanly, genial and urbane editor of the *Pisenweed* as he had found him, sitting in his foundered chair with his head immersed in a pile of exchanges on the table and his venerable Smith & Wesson near by, acting as a paper weight. The gentlemanly, genial

and urbane editor of the *Pisenweed* presented the appearance of a man engaged in sleeping off a long and aggravated case of drunk. His hat was on the back of his head and his features were entirely obscured by the loose papers in which they nestled. Later on Elijah P. Beckwith, the foreman, came in and found the following copy on the hook, marked "Leaded Editorial," and divided it up into "takes" for the yellow-haired devil and himself:

"In another column of this issue will be found, among the legal notices, the first publication of a summons in an action for divorce, in which our wife is plaintiff and we are made defendant. While generally deprecating the practice of bringing private matters into public through the medium of the press, we feel justified in this instance, inasmuch as the summons sets forth as a cause of action that we are, and have been for the space of ten years a confirmed drunkard, without hope of recovery and totally unwilling to provide for and maintain said wife. That we have been given to drink we do not, at this time, undertake to deny or in any way controvert, but that we can not quit any time we do most earnestly contend. In 1867, on the 4th of July, we married our wife. It was a joyful day, and earth had never looked to us so fair or so desirable as a summer resort as it did that day. The flowers bloomed, the air was fresh and exhilarating, the little birds and the hens poured forth their respective lays. It was a day long to be remembered, and it seemed as though we had never seen Nature get up and hump herself to be so attractive as she did on this special morning—the morning of all mornings—the morning on which we married our wife. Little did we then dream that after ten years of varying fortune we would today give utterance to this editorial, or that the steam-power press of the *Pisenweed* would squat this legal notice for divorce, a vinculo et thoro, into the virgin page of our paper. But such is the case. Our wife has abandoned us to our fate, and has seen fit to publish the notice in what we believe to be the spiciest paper published west of the Missouri River. It was not necessary that the notice should be published. We

were ready at any time to admit service, provided that plaintiff would serve it while we were sober. We can not agree to remain sober after 10 o'clock a. m. in order to give people a chance to serve notices on us. But in this case plaintiff knew the value of advertising, and she selected a paper that goes to the better classes all over the Union. When our wife does anything she does it right.

"For ten years our wife and we have trudged along together. It has been a record of errors and failures on our part; a record of heroic devotion and forbearance on the part of our wife. It is over now, and with nothing to remember that is not soaked full of bitterness and wrapped up in red flannel remorse we go forth today and herald our shame by publishing to the world the fact that as husband we are a depressing failure, while as a red-eyed and rum-soaked ruin and all-around drunkard we are a tropical triumph. We print this without egotism and we point to it absolutely without vainglory.

"Ah, why were we made the custodian of this fatal gift, while others were denied? It was about the only talent we had, but we have not wrapped it up in a napkin. Sometimes we have put a cold, wet towel on it, but we have never hidden it under a bushel. We have put it out at three per cent a month and it has grown to be a thirst that is worth coming all the way from Omaha to see. We do not gloat over it. We do not say all this to the disparagement of other bright young drinkers who came here at the same time and who had equal advantages with us. We do not wish to speak lightly of those whose prospects for filling a drunkard's grave were at one time even brighter than ours. We have simply sought to hold our position here in the grandest galaxy of extemporaneous inebriates in the wild and woolly West. We do not wish to vaunt our own prowess, but we say, without fear of successful contradiction, that we have done what we could.

"On the fourth page of this number will be found, among other announcements, the advertisement of our wife, who is about to open up the old laundry at the corner of

Third and Cottonwood streets, in the Briggs building. We hope that our citizens will accord her a generous patronage, not so much on her husband's account, but because she is a deserving woman and a good laundress. We wish that we could as safely recommend every advertiser who patronizes these columns as we can our wife. Unkind critics will make cold and unfeeling remarks because our wife has decided to take in washing, and they will look down on her, no doubt, but she will not mind it, for it will be a pleasing relaxation to wash after the ten years of torch-light procession and Mardi Gras frolic she has had with us. It is tiresome, of course, to chase a pillowcase up and down the washboard all day, but it is easier and pleasanter than it is to run a one-horse Inebriate Home for ten years on credit.

"Those who have read the *Pizenweed* for the past three years will remember that it has not been regarded as an outspoken temperance organ. We have never claimed that for it. We have simply claimed that, so far as we are personally concerned, we could take liquor or we could let it alone. That has always been our theory. We still make that claim. Others have said the same thing, but were unable to do as they advertised. We have been taking it right along, between meals, for ten years. We now propose, and so state in the prospectus, that we will let it alone. We leave the public to judge whether or not we can do what we claim."

After the foreman had set up the above editorial he went in to speak to the editor, but he was still slumbering. He shook him mildly, but he did not wake. Then Elijah took him by the collar and lifted him up, so that he could see the the editor's face.

It was a pale, still face, firm in its new resolution to forever "let it alone." On the temple and under the heavy sweep of brown hair there was a powder-burned spot and the cruel affidavit of the Smith & Wesson that "our wife had obtained her decree." The editor of the *Pizenweed* had demonstrated that he could drink or he could let it alone.—By BILL NYE, in *Hot Springs I. T. U. Souvenir*.



### THE LONG BOX IN THE FREIGHT HOUSE.

WHEN Dave Miller, night operator on the Erie at Sand Ridge, stepped out into the storm to walk a mile and a half to the lonely depot, he wished in his heart that he had a different job. It was late in December, and the blinding snow was made more disagreeable by a bitter wind that blew full in his face. Dave had never been in love with night work, and now that winter had come and the old station was more deserted and lonely than ever, his post was well-nigh intolerable. The slow ticking of the clock and the weird shrieking of the wind were often the only sounds of the night for long intervals, until the wire would finally "wake up" and someone would get a train order or a station report.

He kicked the snow from his feet, threw his overcoat on the desk, stirred up the fire in the old office stove and settled into his chair ready for duty.

"If anybody comes after that feller there, don't let 'em have him," said the station agent, pointing to a "rough box" that stood on a truck in the freight-house end of the depot. "They's a mistake in the way-bill that's got to be fixed up before we can let the old boy go," he explained.

Dave cast his eye through the open door and thought of the cheerful company that was to be his that dreary night and he nearly mutinied there and then, but the stern necessities of life held him back.

"Ain't they no way you can get rid of him tonight?" he asked. "I ain't so darned fond of workin' next room to a corpse all night."

"Nope," answered the agent laconically, "you'll haf to stick it out titl mornin'. Good night!" and the door slammed behind him.

Dave went grimly at his task, whistling lustily to keep his courage above zero, but ever and anon his eye would wander toward the sad long box on the truck. I was working the West Bloomfield station at that time and early in the evening he opened the key and began calling my signature. I gave him a "G. A." and it was

easy to notice the nervousness in his sending as he ticked off:

"Got a stiff in a rough box up here about twenty feet from where I am sitting. How would you like my job?"

I cheered him up by replying:

"Not for a million dollars," when the dispatcher broke in with a train order and saved more hard words about the dead. Along toward 11 o'clock tired nature came to Dave's relief and he dropped into a typical telegrapher's doze, a sleep from which his own office call will waken him instantly, but which a passing freight train will hardly disturb. This time, however, he woke with a jump of terror, for he was certain he had heard the truck move. He stared through into the dark freight room with dilated eyeballs. At last he was convinced that he had been mistaken, but he was nevertheless certain he could not stick it out until morning, and in desperation he went to the telephone and called up the undertaker:

"Say," he began, "You come down here right away and get your old corpse that's here in the freight house. I've had enough scares for one night and I want you to get down here and be quick about it, see?"

The undertaker's reply was brief and very much to the point. Having consigned Dave to the most torrid portion of the Inferno, he slammed up the receiver and returned to bed.

Dave was turning away in despair when the truck suddenly got under motion and went plowing into a towering stack of egg crates, sending the debris down with a deafening crash. At the same instant a blood-curdling yell burst from the rough box, the lid flew up and a wild-looking fiend came tearing toward the paralyzed operator. But in the shriek of the demon Dave had recognized the familiar voice of his friend "Doc" Boyd and with that timely recognition had come a return of his presence of mind. Timing the rush of the destroyer to a second, he pulled the rope that operated the trap door to the musty old cellar in the nick of time and the tenant of the rough box crashed through into the mud and debris and insufferable cold below.

Beside the discomforts of that awful pit the Black Hole of Calcutta would have been Paradise.

Doc suddenly grew good in those surroundings. He offered to apologize publicly on the postoffice steps if Dave would release him, but the operator was implacable. He slammed down the trap door, threw a couple of heavy trunks upon it, and left the ghost in those inhospitable underground confines that are usually considered the proper abode of spirits.

The nerve-racking experience of the operator in the earlier hours of the night was grand opera compared to the mental and physical anguish that befell his tormentor between midnight and morning. When Doc sat still the cold congealed him and the rats screeched around his feet. When he attempted to walk he stumbled into pools of muddy water and against stone piers and the cob-webs of ages dragged across his face. Neither his tearful appeals or his sulphurous cursings produced the slightest effect on the sphinx at the telegraph key, and when they dug him out after the day man came on duty, he was a pitiful wreck.

Thus it happened that the most elaborate plot ever hatched by "Doc" Boyd, the practical joker who would lie awake every night for six months to perfect something really good, perished in the final act. The agent, the undertaker and half the village were in with him; the rough box, the defective way-bill and the wiring of the truck were all correctly planned and plotted, but when the would-be villain went through the trap-door he became at once the most abject victim the village had ever known.

He spent twenty dollars for cigars before the demands of the crowd were satisfied and it took three days in bed to stave off a threatened attack of pneumonia. The evening he came out he chanced to meet Dave Miller on his way to work. He seemed much absorbed in other things and stared far over the operator's head without a word of recognition, but Dave only smiled grimly as he thought of the proverb about the man who laughs last.—By M. W. A., in *Railroad Men*.

# WHISKEY DRINKERS, READ THIS.

THE following story has been floating around the press for a good many years. Just now, when a prohibition wave is sweeping over the country, it is interesting as an evidence of the divergent views of two men who were at one time very much in the public eye. But if it be true, as many have stated who claimed to know Bob Ingersoll, that he was a total abstainer, and knowing as we do that Bishop Potter became sponsor for a saloon in New York, but a few years ago, the story could have no basis in fact so far as these two eminent gentlemen were concerned. It is a beautiful word picture, however, and interesting because of that, if for no other reason:

"Some years ago Robert J. Ingersoll sent to a famous Kentuckian a jug of old whiskey, and with it went the following note:

"I send you some of the most wonderful whiskey that ever drove a skeleton from the feast or painted landscapes on the brain of man. 'Tis the mingled soul of wheat and corn. In it you will find the sunshine and shadow that chase each other o'er billowy fields, the carol of the lark, the breath of June, the dead of night, the wealth of summer and autumn, rich content, all golden with imprisoned light. Drink it and you will hear the voices of men and maidens singing gaily the harvest home, mingled with the laughter of children. Drink it and you will feel within your brain the starried dawns and dreamy dusk of perfect days. For forty years this liquor joy has been within the staves of oak longing to touch the lips of man."

"The jug and the note were seen by Bishop H. C. Potter, of New York, who affixed the following postscript to the letter:

"I send you some of the most wonderful whiskey that ever brought a skeleton into the closet or painted scenes of lust and bloodshed in the brain of man. It is the ghost of wheat and corn, crazed by the loss of their natural bodies. In it you will find transient sunshine, chased by a shadow as cold as an arctic midnight; in it the breath

of June grows icy and the carol of the lark gives place to the foreboding of the raven. Drink it and your eyes shall behold strange women and your heart shall utter perverse things. Drink it and you have woe, sorrow, babbling, wounds without cause, and worse, orphan children mourning the loss of a father who yet lives. Drink it deep and long and serpents will pass in your ears, twine themselves about your body and seize you with their fangs; at last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder. For forty years this liquid death has been within the staves of oak as harmless there as purest water. I send it to you that you may put an enemy to your mouth and steal away your brains and yet I call myself your friend."—*Labor Clarion*.

#### HOW THEY REASON.

**T**HERE are men outside the ranks of organized labor who refuse to join because, as they say, "they want to work where they will, when they want to, as long as they want to, and for what they want to." They greatly prize their independence.

Some of these men are accepting the hours and wages created by organized labor without assisting in any way to further the cause of organized labor.

The man who insists that he will not join a labor union because he wants to work where, when, as long and for what he wants to, is a joker. Where can a man be found who can do it?

A man who is compelled to earn his living by hard work must accept work when and where, and on such terms as he can secure it. His boasted independence is a mere wordy vapor.

Organized with his fellows, he has an opportunity to have a say regarding his own labor, but alone he is as helpless as a sapling on a moor in a tempest. Many a good man outside of organized labor clings to this idea of personal advantage (which he believes he would lose if he joined a union), and issued by his brainier fellow-man who urges this idea upon him continually.

It is possible to understand this type of man, but it is difficult to get an angle of a man who will take a fellow worker's place when offered a premium to do so in order to starve his fellows into submission. No lower animal will treat his own kind worse than this. But then man is the only animal that hunts its own kind.—*Labor Review*.

#### "THE HOLY CITY."

**T**HIRTY men, red-eyed and disheveled, lined up before a judge of the San Francisco police court. It was the regular morning company of "drunks and disorderlies." Some were old and hardened, others hung their heads in shame. Just as the momentary disorder attending the bringing in of the prisoners quieted down, a strange thing happened. A strong, clear voice from below began singing:

Last night as I lay a-sleeping,  
There came a dream so fair.

Last night! It had been for them as a nightmare or a drunken stupor. The song was a contrast to the horrible fact that no one could fail of a sudden shock at the thought the song suggested.

I stood in old Jerusalem,  
Beside the Temple there,

the song went on. The judge had paused. He made a quiet inquiry. A former member of a famous opera company, known all over the country, was awaiting trial for forgery. It was he who was singing in his cell.

Meantime the song went on, and every man in the line showed emotion. One or two dropped on their knees; one boy, at the end of the line, after a desperate effort at self-control, leaned against the wall, buried his face against his folded arms, and sobbed, "Oh, mother, mother!"

The sobs, cutting to the very heart the men who heard, and the song, still welling its way through the court room, blended in the hush.

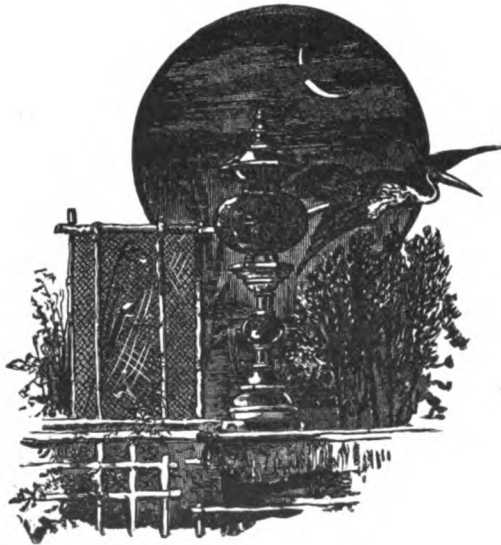
At length one man protested. "Judge," said he, "have we got to submit to this? We're here to take our punishment, but this—" He, too, began to sob.

It was impossible to proceed with the business of the court, yet the judge gave no order to stop the song. The police sergeant, after an effort to keep the men in line, stepped back and waited with the rest. The song moved on to its climax:

Jerusalem, Jerusalem! Sing for the night is o'er!  
Hosanna in the highest! hosanna for evermore!

In an ecstasy of melody the last words rang out, and then there was silence.

The judge looked into the faces of the men before him. There was not one who was not touched by the song; not one in whom some better impulse was not stirred. He did not call the cases singly—a kind word of advice, and he dismissed them all. No man was fined or sentenced to the workhouse that morning. The song had done more good than punishment could possibly have accomplished.—*Youth's Companion*.





Back row—T. J. Sullivan, I. T. Felch, C. W. McDermott, C. W. Sinclair, C. A. Wheeler, G. W. Harrigan, P. F. Moran, C. H. McLenna, J. I. Sareault.  
 Middle row—A. St. Jean, J. P. Rutledge, J. C. Ross, F. H. Willard, J. F. Mullen, G. H. Cook.  
 Front row—T. E. Denio, C. W. Collicutt, G. F. Riley, F. E. Healey.

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### The True Aristocrats.

Who are the nobles of the earth,  
The true aristocrats,  
Who need not bow their heads to lords  
Nor doff to kings their hats?  
Who are they but the men of toil,  
The mighty and the free,  
Whose hearts and hands subdue the earth  
And compass all the sea.

Who are they but the men of toil  
Who cleave the forests down  
And plant amid the wilderness  
The hamlet and the town—  
Who fought the battles, bear the scars,  
And give the world its crown  
Of name and fame and history  
And pomp of old renown.

These claim no gaud of heraldry  
And scorn the knighting rod.  
Their coats of arms are noble deeds;  
Their peerage is from God.  
They take not from ancestral graves  
The glory of their name,  
But win as once their fathers won  
The laurel wreath of fame.

—STEWART.

### Oh, Joy!

A Citizens In-dust-rial member one day  
Removed from the home of his childhood away.  
And took all his union disrupting repute  
To an organized town—now, wasn't that cute?

The retail stores there all observed union ways,  
And even gave Saturday half-holidays,  
He purchased no dry goods, his pantry was bare.  
The barbers were union—he cut his own hair.

He called on the butcher shops there, not a few,  
To find that these places were unionized, too,  
But they told him of one, way up the street  
Where they thought he could buy all kinds of  
scab meat.

Resolving he'd purchase the head of a calf—  
A beefsteak or pig's foot, some meat we must  
have;  
He toiled through the sun, oh, the walking was  
hard,  
And found at the butcher's—the Meat Cutters'  
card.

The butcher came forward, a smile on his face;  
The enemy charged with exceeding bad grace.  
Said he, "I would purchase the head of a calf,  
But no union meat in my house will I have."

The butcher then placed on the counter for view  
The head of a calf, but 'twas union clear through.  
"Wait just half a minute," he said with a smile.  
"The head I'll convert to exactly your style."

He picked up a cleaver, gave one hearty blow,  
And said with a wink, as he wrapped it up slow,  
"A union calf's head it no longer remains,  
'Twill suit you, I know, I've extracted the brains."

H. C. CREEL.

### The Other Fellow's Job.

The farmer looks discouraged  
He hates the rake and hoe;  
He wants to try the city,  
Where money seems to grow;  
The other fellow gets the grain,  
And leaves for him the cob,  
So in his heart he covets  
The other fellow's job.

The business man is worried,  
Both ends will scarcely meet;  
Last month he lost a million  
Upon a deal in wheat;  
He looks with longing to the farm,  
And drops a tearful sob;  
It seems to him like heaven—  
The other fellow's job.

The doctor notes with envy  
The lawyer's bouncing roll,  
And wishes he had studied  
With Blackstone as his goal;  
The clerk is far from satisfied,  
He sees the artist's daub,  
And cries, "Oh, how much better!  
The other fellow's job."

'Tis quite the style to grumble  
And sigh for other stars,  
To wish we were transported  
To somewhere, even Mars;  
And if we reach the Happy Land  
This thought the joy will rob,  
For some will surely covet  
The other fellow's job.

—Commercial Telegraphers' Journal.

**A Child's Faith.**

I met a little girl, one day,  
Beyond the railroad bridge;  
With a pail of berries she had picked  
Along the bank's high ridge.

"Where do you live, my child?" I asked,  
"And what may be your name?"  
She looked at me with eyes askance,  
And then the answer came:

"The house upon the bluff is ours,  
They call me Bonnie Bess;  
My father is the engineer,  
Who runs the night express.

"Ten forty-nine, on schedule time,  
Scarce ere a minute late;  
Around the curve his engine comes  
At quite a terrific rate.

"Sometimes a fog o'erhangs the globe,  
And the light he can not see;  
Then twice he whistles for mamma,  
And rings the bell for me."

"And are you not afraid," I asked,  
"That he may wreck a train,  
And there may be some sad mishap,  
And he nowise to blame?"

"God watches over us," she said,  
"And He knows what is best.  
What we must do is pray and trust,  
And leave to Him the rest."

How great the childish faith of hers!  
It made my own seem weak.  
I bent my head with throbbing heart,  
And kissed her on the cheek.

And I said to her in a cheery tone,  
"God bless you, Bonnie Bess,  
God bless your mother, and the man  
Who runs the night express!"

**"I'm Going to, Anyway."**

When you've set your head to do it,  
When your judgment says you're right,  
When your conscience gives its sanction,  
Then pitch in with all your might.  
Don't let anything prevent you,  
Though the odds seem big and strong;  
Every obstacle must vanish  
As the swift days roll along—  
If you set your jaw and say:  
"Well, I'm going to, anyway!"

While the whole world loves a lover,  
Yet it loves a winner best;  
Loves the man who, till he conquer,  
Stops not e'en for sleep or rest,  
Oft he may be worn and haggard,  
Often he may weary be;  
Yet the lion heart within him  
Has been firm as rock since he  
Set his quiet jaw to say:  
"Well, I'm going to, anyway!"

O the loose-hung jaws encountered  
In the course of but a day!  
O the lives devoid of purpose,  
That we find along the way!  
They the weaklings are, who know not  
What strong faith and will may do;  
Know not that the world's a servant  
To the man who's game and true—  
And who sets his jaw to say:  
"Well, I'm going to, anyway!"  
—S W GILLIAN, in *Los Angeles Herald*.

**Divided They Vote.**

The whistle has blown and each man takes his  
place,  
To toil for the world at a death-dealing pace.  
Each movement is skillful, each brain is alert,  
While they patiently work in the factory dirt.  
Just look at that picture and then make a note,  
That united they sweat, but divided they vote.

The machines and the belts and the shafting are  
still,  
And not a wheel turns—there's a strike at the  
mill.

A strike! Every workman has solemnly vowed  
To stand by his mates till their claims are  
allowed.

'Tis a brave thing to do, but don't fail to note  
That united they strike, but divided they vote.

The sun brightly shines as there passes along,  
In holiday raiment, the Labor Day throng.  
Each man is decked out in his Labor Day best—  
"Labor omnia vincit," the banners attest.  
Yes, labor may conquer, but never, please note,  
While united they march, but divided they vote.  
—ELLIS O. JONES.

**Courage.**

When the Beacons of hope have vanished,  
And the mile posts seem farther apart,  
The road of the future is doubtful  
To the weary and sad of heart;  
A longing for rest and sunshine,  
And the joys of childhood days,  
Comes over the soul that is burdened,  
At the parting of the ways;  
One is the pathway where Courage  
Illumines the way to the goal,  
And gives new life and vigor  
To the weary and burdened soul.  
The other, an abyss of darkness,  
With naught but the wings of night,  
Holds for the tired pilgrim  
No hope of eternal light.  
In the choosing, the mind is baffled,  
Despair seems to hold full sway;  
The struggle is vain, for the end to gain,  
Is farther and farther away;  
But the heart that will cling to its moorings,  
Imbued with the vigor of life,  
And fight with vim is bound to win,  
In this seemingly endless strife.

—PETER W COLLINS, in the *Electrical Worker*.

# FACETIOUS

## Natural.

Bishop Goodman was one day addressing a Sunday school when he said in a most impressive way: "And now, children, let me tell you a very sad fact. In Africa there are 10,000,000 square miles of territory without a single Sunday school where little boys and girls can spend their Sundays. Now, what should we all try and save up our money and do?"

And the class, as one voice, replied in ecstatic union: "Go to Africa."—*Ex.*

## His Instructions.

A certain Minneapolis wholesale house received the following message from one of their traveling salesmen in South Dakota:

Deadwood, South Dakota, 12-2-07.  
S—— & Company, Minneapolis, Minn.:

Snowing hard. Snow plows stalled. Good here for week. Wire funds and instructions.  
G. S.——.

The manager immediately replied:

Minneapolis, Minn., 12-2-07.  
G. S.——, Deadwood, S. D.:

Telegram received. Hundred telegraphed you. Lose no time. Play poker, remit winnings to house.

B.——,  
Manager.

—*Harper's Weekly.*

## Taking Her Pick.

The following was told at a smoker recently, and it is not so bad, either: The narrator told of another little feed he once attended, where eight men were sent home in one hack; and the driver simply rang the door bell and when a feminine voice called from an upper window, "Who is there?" The Jehu replied, "Missus, will you be so kind as to come down and pick out your baby?"—*Lippincott's.*

## Point Well Taken.

A bashful young couple, who were evidently very much in love, entered a crowded street car.

"Do you suppose we can squeeze in here?" he asked, looking doubtfully at her blushing face.

"Don't you think, dear, we had better wait until we get home?" was the low, embarrassed reply.

## He Knew.

Jaggsby (2 a. m.)—I shay, offisher, is thish—hic—Black street?

Policeman—Yes.

Jaggsby—Wish you'd—hic—d'rect me to 411. Goin' to 'tend lecture there.

Policeman—What! Attend a lecture at this hour of the morning?

Jaggsby—Yes. Thash's where I—hic—live, and I'm married. Shee?—*Chicago News.*

## What Happened to Jones.

One day a tall, gaunt woman, with rope-colored hair and an expression of great fierceness, strode into the office of a county clerk in Virginia.

"You air the person who keeps the marriage books, ain't ye?" she demanded.

"What books do you wish to see, madam?" asked the polite clerk.

"Kin you find out if Jim Jones was married?"

Search of the records disclosed the name of James Jones, for whose marriage a license had been issued two years before.

"Married Elizabeth Mott, didn't he?" asked the woman.

"The license was issued for a marriage with Miss Elizabeth Mott."

"Well, young man, I'm Elizabeth. I thought I oughter come in an' tell ye that Jim has escaped."—*Harper's Weekly.*



**The Real Issue.**

"My son wants to marry your daughter. Does she know how to cook a good dinner?"

"Yes, if she gets the materials for one. Does your son know how to supply them?"  
—*Baltimore American.*

**No Excuse.**

The judge had his patience sorely tried by lawyers who wished to talk and by men who tried to evade the jury service. So when the puzzled little German, who had been accepted by both sides, jumped up the judge was exasperated.

"Shudge!" cried the German.

"What is it?" demanded the judge.

"I tink I like to go home by my wife," said the German.

"You can't," retorted the judge. "Sit down."

"But, shudge," persisted the German, "I don't speak good English."

"You don't have to speak at all," said the judge. "Sit down."

The little German pointed to the lawyer to make the last desperate plea.

"Shudge," he said, "I can't make nod-dings of what these fellows say."

It was the judge's chance to get even for many annoyances.

"Neither can any one else," he said. "Sit down." With a sigh the German sat down.  
—*Tid Bits.*

**A Hot Weather Phantasy.**

They have such hot weather in Arizona in summer that heat stories of an almost incredible sort are bandied about, says an exchange.

They say that a Jerseyman once went to Arizona for his health. He settled in Yuma, and, by keeping a wet towel tied around his head, and bathing every hour, he managed to pull through the first few months of Yuma's intolerable climate. After that he got accustomed to the heat. He seemed to thrive on it.

A few years passed, and one July the man was so unwise as to take a business trip East. He had hardly gotten as far as Chicago, when an attack of pneumonia seized him. To be brief, he died of double

pneumonia, superinduced by exposure, in two days.

The man's friends decided to cremate the body. They took it to a crematory, wrapped it in a sheet, and consigned it sadly to the white heat of the great oven.

Then they waited in the ante-chamber. When the usual time had elapsed they gathered around to receive the ashes of their friend.

An attendant opened the great oven door, and, to the surprise of all, the man from Yuma sat up in his white sheet and shivered, and said:

"Shut the door! I never felt such a draught!"

**Following Precedent.**

A whole-souled citizen the other evening received the jolt of his career as a parent. While reading the evening paper the door bell rang, and a parcel from a big department store was announced. The cost was thirty cents, and he gave his little bright-eyes, a girl of six, a two-dollar bill with which to pay the boy. Half an hour later the subject recurred to him.

"Here, Mabel," he said, "where is that money I gave you for the boy?"

"Why, papa," was little bright-eyes' reply, "I did the same as you did yesterday with the newsboy, I told him to keep the change."

**Explained.**

Two laborers were having a friendly chat over a pipe and a pint when one of them said:

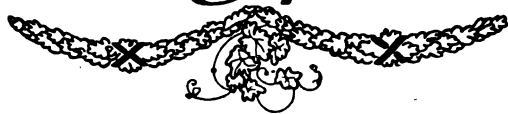
"Bill, what's all this 'ere in the noose-papers about liability companies?"

"Oh, don't yer know?" was the response. "Well, I'll explain it to yer. It's like this 'ere. You an' Jim, an' six others of our mates planks down a penny each, and yer goes and buys a clay pipe an' two ounces o' terbaccy. Then I calls myself the man-agin' director, an' I sets down an' smokes that pipe an' that terbaccy—an' there you are!"

"Yes, but where do we come in?"

"Ho! You! Why, you're the shareholders. You looks on, an' spits."

# Our Correspondents



## CULTURE—THE KIND WE NEED.

**T**HE wisdom of the ages has always proclaimed that "order is heaven's first law." That proclamation has been principally applied to the need of submission on the part of the plain people to any kind of social order we, the chosen of the Lord, saw fit to establish in the national compacts everywhere.

We have two old proverbs which run as follows: "Before you run in double harness look well to the other horse." "Even the best men are but men at best." How many wrongs and troubles we would have escaped from if those two proverbs had been applied to the social order! And what a disgraceful, disorderly order we have had in all nations thus far! It has been the order of human despotism, when it should be the order of divine freedom, the freedom of universal love for universal joy.

There is but a simple, fixed, scientific process with which to properly perform, in the shortest time and least effort, any mechanical job, from the most insignificant to the most important. Why should that law of creation cease to exist in the most important job, that of our human development? Why should there everything be a bundle of contradictions, a chaos of sins and blunders with every group of human creatures called a nation or anything else?

Then, why to assume that progress must be dreadfully slow? Slow progress means low, wrong, vitiated progress. It means that those who fight against wrong are either opposed by the powerful classes in each nation, or fight in forms spasmodic and empirical, when we give to wrong the power to react even when partially defeated. A slow progress means the absence of logic and sense in the supposed victories against wrong. It shows that the fights or

battles have only been against this or that isolated redoubt in the intrenched camp of evil. It proves that the citadel in that camp has never been even taken cognizance of by the attacking forces, by the powerful or the multitudes of plain people. When scientifically attached, that citadel, by at least a majority of the powerful and the good, in any given nation, then the citadel shall be rapidly captured and social peace shall rule forever. Thus far the select classes of nations have never had moral courage enough to even try to localize the citadel of evil. Hence our foolish, slow progress.

The unity and indivisibility of evil is as inexorable as that of the truth. There is but one essential distinction between those two indivisibilities or unities. That of the truth is for the purpose of evolving universal joy and completion with all conscious individualities in space infinite, willing to develop under the influence of God's laws. The unity and indivisibility of evil is inexorably connected with the evolution of universal sin and sorrow among any group of conscious individuals that may see fit to legislate in defiance of the eternal fixity and simplicity of divine truth, of divine commands, the very ones which deal with the mechanical order of the universe, as well as with the higher one of conscious development. The indivisibility of the truth rests on a few simple, forever fixed processes and details. Evil can work through a boundless diversity of processes and details evolved by consciousness when refusing to abide by the eternal simplicity of all divine ideals.

Take now that fantastic culture of all powerful nations. What has it done for our distracted humanity? Yes, we the cultured classes, we the uncultured ones, what have we done in relation to what we ought

to have done, when we have attained social importance enough to be a force in the healthy destinies of humanity? Why should not we all be cultured, with the real, useful culture, when nineteen centuries ago Jesus gave us the simple principles of that culture? "Gentleness blended with hunger and thirst after righteousness, and hence working for the few fixed principles of equity in all social activities that alone can place humanity, nations and churches, in peace and friendship with God." There we have the kind of culture we all need and badly lack, have always lacked.

Perhaps the most curious fact in the progress of all times is that the influential people have invariably spent all their energies in learning and teaching men how to stand and live under the extremely complicated, erratic and troublesome knowledge that runs away from all real joy. Yes, we have always refused to learn and teach how to live in accord with the extremely simple, easily apprehended and established wisdom of God. We have preferred the hardships of our own human wisdom to the joys of God's wisdom, in all our moral and spiritual development. Only outside of that have we accepted the gorgeous knowledge of the Omnipotent.

While we have a great many short and long cuts with which to prolong the kingdom of social wrongs, we have only one short cut with which to suppress that kingdom. All the simple, constructive processes of creation proclaim the short cut into all beauty and completion. We apply that short cut to ornamentation, to the artificial comforts of some of us, and even to the destructive processes of militarism. In health physical, mental, moral and spiritual, there we say we have no royal road, no short cut, no simple process to make human life sensible, honest, complete. What a barbaric philosophy!

Culture, intelligence and wealth, science, philosophy and religion—have we obtained all that as a substitute for the power of obedience to divine command? If so, have we not made a very wretched contract? Or is it possible that the simple and beautiful wisdom of God is practicable

everywhere in creation except among men on this little bit of a planet called the earth? What a fallacy!

The culture, intelligence, philosophy and religion we need is that which should place Christ's teachings on the throne of human laws, where they belong. If they are not there, then that criminal neglect poisons and distorts the life of everybody, from that of all the infants born yesterday in huts or palaces up to that of the top heroes and saints anywhere.

Perhaps it is through the labor movement that alone can we expect a genuine Christian civilization teaching men the need of goodness and Christianity, not only in the private acts of private individuals, but in the social conduct of all of us as individual members of national groups. "Put them in fear, oh Lord, that nations may know themselves to be but men." Even in the moral and spiritual order the larger sum includes the lesser. Hence the need of a Christianity embracing the whole life of every one of us, and not simply a few fragments of our private conduct. Why to trifle with the truth and thus prolong the miserable evolution which develops so many absurdities and crimes forever?

JOSE GROS.

#### A COMPOSITE VIEW.

The complexities of our boasted civilization prevent us from arriving at correct conclusions; the decisions reached usually depending largely upon the viewpoint. A subject from one point of view may appear sublime, but observed at a different angle, and in its relation to other subjects, may lose some of its importance, if not some of its sublimity. A correct conclusion regarding a subject can not be reached until that subject has been viewed from all sides and its relation to other subjects noted. The result will be a sort of composite view. This is not a newly-discovered truth, nor even a new way of stating a well-known truth, but regardless of the fact that we are conversant with this truth, most of us view a subject only from the side in which it happens to be presented to us.

There has been much said, in recent magazine articles, regarding the work in

experimental surgery at Rockefeller Institute. These experiments are of great importance to the science of surgery, and are carried on by unselfish men whose skill would bring them more money if employed in actual work instead of experimental research. The articles in question are well written and interesting and worthy their place in current literature, but their general tone gives one the impression that we care a great deal more for human life than we really do. One writer calls those engaged in these experiments, "Saviors of the human race rather than of individuals." Another writer predicts the time when consumption will be eradicated by the help of transplanting healthy lungs in place of diseased ones, and when the loss of a limb need cause no great concern since another limb may be grafted in its place.

The saving of human life is noble and those who labor to that end deserve our gratitude. Man will risk his own life to save his fellow-man from sudden death, and for doing so may receive a hero medal, which shows that we appreciate the value of life.

Men have labored, oftentimes unselfishly, and by their labor the art of healing has slowly advanced, conquering this and that supposedly incurable disease, performing one seemingly impossible operation after another, until today whole organs may be taken from one person and placed in another where they may go on functioning for a time.

Even in time of war our love of humanity asserts itself. Certain munitions of war are barred. Both sides furnish nurses and doctors to care for the injured of either side, and both have priests and preachers to give religious burial to the slain foe as well as their own dead, and to invoke Divine blessing upon the slaughter.

In contradiction to this seeming regard for life, both sides intend to kill all they can; and the strife between the resisting power of armor plate and the penetrating power of projectile continues. We still strive to make better guns, although our present engines of destruction equal, if not excel, any constructive machinery of which we can boast.

Our disregard for human life manifests itself in time of peace as much as in time of war. The number of persons killed and wounded by machinery, in America alone, in one year, exceeds the killed and wounded of any year in the great Civil War, the bloodiest and most fatal struggle in history. And the most of these industrial horrors could be prevented if necessary precautionary measures were adopted.

Consumption also has its industrial cause. The tenement houses, the garrets, the cellars, where some workers by half requited labor, or lack of work, are forced to live, the unsanitary mines and shops and mills, where not only men but women and children toil, are breeding places of the white plague.

Why should we be so elated over the transplanting of organs and limbs when we refuse to take the precaution necessary to preserve those we already have?

To place guards on the machine, to encase their dangerous parts, to adopt safety appliances, to render the mines and the mills and shops sanitary, would reduce the dividends. To replace the disease-breeding tenements with sanitary dwellings, to pay the laborer even a decent per cent of what, by the use of the machine, he produces, so that he may live decently instead of just exist; to employ men and pay them at least living wages, instead of women and children, because women and children can be hired cheaper; to furnish employment to the six million idle men in the United States, would reduce the profits. And therein you have the answer why it is not done. For while the saving of human life is noble, the saving of dollars is nobler. The rights of humanity are great, but the rights of property are greater.

Child labor, with all its demoralizing influence on the present and future generation, flourishes that some capitalist may acquire more profits and thereby live a more idle and useless life; that his children may enjoy the good things of life in proportion as some other children are deprived of them; that the good lady may wear raiment too fine for the childish hands that tended the looms, or the baby hands that

pulled the basting threads in the sweat shops; that the lady's lap dog may feast on such viands as Chicago's fifteen thousand starving school children never heard of. Children producing velvet blankets for dogs while the producers themselves are in rags! Two million child slaves in America alone! Do we value human life?

In one of the articles referred to above, the author, speaking of the surgical experiments performed on animals, seems to think some apology necessary for the slaughter of the dumb brutes in the interest of humanity and asks this trite question: "How many dogs is your baby worth?" Viewed from the point of child slavery, and in relation to the extravagancies of the over-rich, the question may well be inverted. How many babies is a dog worth?

The mother of a growing family, threatened with consumption, if she lacks the money to take curative measures, must die. The government has no help to offer. But if the hired man should tell the farmer that the old sow had the cholera, and the farmer should write the Department of Agriculture, immediate steps to save the hog would be taken. The hog is worth money. Another pertinent question suggests itself. How many mothers is a hog worth?

The doctors of the Rockefeller Institute are not the "Saviors of humanity." They can not be as long as the present industrial conditions prevail. The employers of labor can not be expected to do anything to better conditions. Many of them have no desire to do so, and if any of them should so desire, the spirit of competition would prevent them from putting that desire into effect. It is up to humanity to save itself; to work out its own salvation.

The key to the situation is union. United we stand, divided we fall, for in union there is strength. The present labor union movement, which on its face recognizes the class struggle, predicts the future political union of the workers of this country, and finally the carrying out of that entreaty voiced a generation ago, "Workers of the world, unite. You have nothing to lose but your chains, you have a world to gain."

EDWARD ELLIS BUTLER.

### THE MINIMUM.

I noticed an article in the November number of THE TELEGRAPHER by Bro. H. W. Lewis, of Div. 33. I most heartily approve of his plan for increasing our pay and placing our craft on the high plane that it should occupy. That is, on a par with, if not above, that of the B. of L. E. and B. of R. T. While his price may be a little high to start with, I think the main idea is excellent and it would be hard to improve upon it. I believe that if we stand together in a body all over the United States for eight hours, for every telegrapher handling train orders, and stand firm, we will get it. Of course, we must have thorough organization to do this. But if each member will talk to the non and give him the best arguments at his command, there is no excuse for not being thoroughly organized. I say, there is no non so hard-shelled but what some one can get him if the right kind of talk is used and each point reasoned out in detail. Do not take "no" for an answer. "Where there is a will, there is a way." Don't get discouraged. I had the honor of getting a non in the fold the other day who has been telegraphing for twenty-six years, and two local chairmen had been after him for a long time without success. I do not say this to brag of my ability, but to show what we can do if we persevere. The same is true of the eight-hour workday and the \$75.00 minimum. If we go after them right, we can get them.

Brothers and sisters, look at the other organizations that are getting from \$85.00 to \$350.00 per month, and tell me if any one of them has graver responsibilities than has the telegrapher. Tell me, if their schedules call for meal hours, do they sit down and say, "Oh, well, I don't need it." Remember, the meal hour you pass up is but a small thing in your eyes, but stop and consider how much effort has been expended in incorporating that meal hour in your schedule. Again, think you, if we pass up such points in our schedule, will the railroads be willing to comply with the larger ones? Do other organizations let any part of their contracts go unheeded? You wail because the chief or the trainmaster turns

you down on some point. Whose fault is it that our schedules are not lived up to by our employers? I can tell you. It is our fault. Yes, you and I, the very ones who have worked and toiled and sent our representatives to the management, and paid our money to secure these things, we are the ones who are letting the privileges that we have paid for go by default. Now, do you suppose for one minute that the railroads would let us fall down in the performance of any part of our duty? If you think so try leaving the office without permission from the dispatcher, fail to send in your daily car report, or let a train go by without reporting it and see how quickly you will receive a letter from the chief telling you "such services will not be tolerated." I am not speaking from hearsay, but from actual experience.

Yours for eight hours and \$75.00 minimum and better conditions.

CERT. 817, DIV. 31.

#### AGENTS' RESPONSIBILITY FOR U. S. MAIL.

It seems to me that this is a duty unjustly thrust upon an agent, as it is entirely out of his line of work, and I believe steps should be taken to relieve him of this responsibility. Of course, we realize that the railroad companies are under contract to handle the mail within a certain distance, but as they are compensated by the government, why should this extra responsibility be thrust upon the agent, who has a great many things to look after, especially at passenger train time? The most important duties are the handling of U. S. mail, baggage and express. We all know a man cannot be in two places at the same time, yet very often while he is unloading baggage and express an agent is called upon to deliver a piece of freight, baggage or express, or innumerable questions are asked regarding trains. At the same time his mind is constantly on the U. S. mail, else he may forget it and be forced to pay a fine, if nothing worse. Why is it so much responsibility is forced upon the agent's shoulders? Can some of it not be taken off? I would suggest that we be relieved of

the U. S. mail. I hope that this question will receive consideration at the hands of committees when in conference with the managements of the various roads, and that satisfactory results will be obtained

CERT. 955.

#### A REVELATION.

Recently I received a visit from an incorrigible "non." I seldom use anything but serious argument when dealing with this type, but for once I decided to be ironical and sarcastic. Picking up the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER, after he was seated, I apostrophized as follows: "Poor old O. R. T.! I have paid my last dues. When my card expires I am through with you, for what good have you ever been to me? I can not afford to pay anything more."

Imagine my surprise when the "non" opened up on me with an eloquence far surpassing that of Bryan, Cockran or Depew, and proved beyond a doubt that I could not afford to drop my membership. He especially called my attention to the fact that the New York State eight-hour law, which was before the Supreme Court of Westchester County, in a case to test its constitutionality, had been carried to the Federal Courts on an appeal; that the O. R. T. was undoubtedly under a burden, bearing its share of the expense of litigation, and how dreadfully stupid it would be for the railroad telegraphers—especially of New York State—to permit the case to fail because of the lack of proper presentation in the courts through an insufficiency of funds.

Now, this "non" was terribly in earnest—he held an eight-hour trick and knew it would affect him should the law be declared unconstitutional. I gasped, and before I could recover my breath to ask why *he* didn't "chip in" by establishing his membership, he "beat it" to catch his train.

What do you think of that for impudence? And isn't it a revelation? "Nons" well know what promotes their interests, but they accept favors secured by the Order in a matter-of-fact manner, knowing that we will continue to foot the bills and fight their battles. They feed on our rations and hang in the rear ever ready to demoralize

our retreat should we lose or to appropriate the glories of victory in case we win.

To call them parasites is a misnomer. They are of a more contemptible species, for they have one characteristic which distinguishes them from parasites—they seem to be anxious for the continued healthy state of the body whose life blood they are sucking.

F. PATRICK.

#### A PLEA FOR THE TWELVE-HOUR MAN.

I consider the time ripe for something to be done to better the condition of telegraphers at one-man stations. These men are compelled to work twelve hours each day without compensation for the three extra hours; while telegraphers at points where three men are employed enjoy the privileges accruing from the nine-hour law.

As union men we should all enjoy the same privileges in this respect, and it is unfair that telegraphers at one point work three and four hours longer than at another without extra compensation. If the way is not clear to legislate for these men, let us have the schedules revised.

I maintain that telegraphers at one-man stations have always had the greater amount of work to perform.

We should take into consideration that many are old-timers who have never missed an opportunity to assist in bringing the O. R. T. to its present high standing. Through thriftiness many have managed to get a little home of their own. Is it not too great a sacrifice for them to start life anew in a nine-hour locality?

Let us hope that something definite will be done ere long.

"BILLY GALE."

#### THE TELEGRAPHERS' EIGHT-HOUR LAW IN CANADA.

We have seen very little in THE TELEGRAPHER relative to the eight-hour law in Canada, therefore I would like to express my views.

Most all of us are aware that at the last session of Parliament, Mr. Ralph Smith, member of Parliament, representing Nanaimo, B. C., constituency, introduced an "eight-hour law" covering railway tele-

grapher in Canada; and owing to its being late in the session, the bill was laid on the table until Parliament convened this winter.

Now is the time we must all get busy if we expect to see this bill made a law. We are all aware that Third Vice-President Campbell is working hard, but he needs the assistance of the entire membership to make a success, and if we give him the support we should and which we are capable of rendering there is no reason why our efforts should not be crowned with success.

I believe every member should at once write the member of Parliament who represents the constituency to which he belongs, setting forth the reasons why we desire this bill passed and made a law, and further explaining that voters of the whole country are with us in this measure.

Hon. Rodolph Lemieux, the Minister of Labor, at Ottawa, should also be communicated with, as, by reason of his position, he will likely be a conspicuous figure when this bill comes up for discussion.

The people of Canada require that every precaution be taken to make traveling by rail as free from accident as possible, and will, no doubt, readily give us their support.

Fully 90% of the errors made by telegraphers are traceable to three causes: (1) exhaustion caused by working long hours, rendering the worker physically and mentally incapable of properly performing his duty; (2) multiplicity of duties, making it impossible to give proper attention to telegraphic train orders; (3) the employment of young telegraphers, undeveloped mentally and physically, and inexperienced in railroad work.

Some young and inexperienced telegraphers, ambitious to draw a large check, are willing to work night and day to make a little over-time, although in the end it ruins their health and keeps other men out of employment who may be badly in need of it.

These are a few of the reasons why a law should be passed limiting the hours of service.

There are but few men in the telegraph service who care to work over-time, as most

of us have reaped the usual reward of doing so to our sorrow, and experience has taught us that we are unfit for duty when kept at the key an unreasonable length of time. One may stand the grind for a few years, but it will eventually tell on him.

Although I have been telegraphing but eight years and need money as badly as anyone, I would not work a minute overtime, unless forced to do so. On one occasion I worked forty-eight hours at a stretch, and at different times thirty-six straight, and on each occasion I was, of course, completely exhausted and unfit for duty long before I was relieved.

The limiting of a day's work to eight hours, would, I dare say, do more to preserve health and prolong life than all the doctors and medicine in the land.

There is nothing in the world to be compared with good health; then why should we not place it above the almighty dollar? Medical scientists claim that close confinement to business, and the nervous and mental strain connected therewith, are doing more to undermine health and bring us to a lower standard of physical perfection than the amount of heavy, hard or dirty work done.

Is there a class of men to which this applies more than to the railway telegraphers?

Do you consider that 25c an hour overtime is sufficient compensation for one to receive (if we are to consider compensation) after having exhausted himself by a hard day's work?

Do you know how the hours in Canada compare with other countries? England, railway telegraphers, 8 hours; England, postal telegraphers, 6 hours; Russia, railway telegraphers, 8 hours; India, railway telegraphers, 56 hours per week; South Africa, railway telegraphers, 8 hours, with pay equal to one hundred dollars per month. There are but few countries in the world outside of Canada and Mexico where railway telegraphers are required to work 12 hours a day.

If the shortening of the hours of railway telegraphers in the United States was considered by Congress a good way to protect the lives of the traveling public, is there

any reason why Parliament in Canada should decide differently?

If actual experience has proved that fewer errors are made by telegraphers in the United States since this eight-hour law took effect, will it not do the same in Canada? Are not Canadians entitled to a law that will protect them against loss of life and limb while traveling as well as Americans?

Are not the telegraphers of Canada as hard working, honest, respectable, and therefore as worthy of an eight-hour law, as the telegraphers of the United States?

Are we not as fond of our families, health and liberty as Americans, and should we have to work four hours longer a day for same pay?

Are not the railways of Canada as able to put on the third man as those of the United States?

Are the railway clerks on the Intercolonial Ry. any more entitled to an eight-hour day than the telegraphers? They have an eight-hour day. Are they more skilled labor than telegraphers?

Cannot every telegrapher name from five to thirty telegraphers who are out of employment or who have entered other lines of business on account of long hours, poor pay and general unsatisfactory conditions in railway service? If so, would there be any trouble in securing extra telegraphers to put the eight-hour day into effect?

If an eight-hour law was enacted in Canada would it not attract a great many of the old reliable telegraphers to the service who deserted the profession on account of having to work from twelve to twenty-four hours a day?

Why are we not becoming alive to this movement and flooding all members of Parliament and the Minister of Labor with letters relative to this law? The people are with us in this movement, and if we do not secure an eight-hour day it will be our own fault.

In circulating a paper asking voters to support us in this legislation I first secured the signatures of the town officials, business men next, and had it full in a short time. Everyone was willing to sign and



nearly all wished us success. What better encouragement could we wish?

Something like a year ago, when this bill was introduced in Parliament, I wrote the M. P. representing this constituency requesting that he support it. Some time later I had a personal talk with him, and in speaking of the bill he informed me that I was the only telegrapher who had written him or mentioned it to him. This looks discouraging, and I hope he has ere this received a number of letters, as I promised him he would.

Probably a great many are not aware of the fact that the Department of Labor, in Ottawa, publishes an organ which gives the record and results of all labor disputes in Canada, legal decisions affecting labor, general conditions and demands of labor and government fair wage schedule on all government contracts.

This is supposed to be perfectly neutral, and as the subscription price is only 25c a year for the monthly issue, every member who is at all interested in trade unionism should become a subscriber. Likely it will contain articles relative to our eight-hour law as it progresses.

Below is a clipping from a daily paper which gives the Canadian Railway Commissioners the power to decide when railways shall put a regular agent at flag stations.

This will completely upset a novel scheme which the new Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. had arranged, viz.: They were intending to put on a man called a train agent. His duties were to sell tickets to passengers, deliver and receive freight at all stations, collect freight bills, issue receipts and do agents' work at each station. He was to remain on the train and act as agent at all points. He surely would be a busy man, and so would the farmer who drove into town with a tub of butter in the morning and had to wait until after noon, when the train came in, to get a receipt for it. This would be pleasant, of course, especially if it was raining or snowing, or if the train was a few hours late. No doubt everyone would always be on hand to receive freight receipt and pay charges to this train agent.

no matter when train came in, how far out in the country he lives, or what train freight came in on.

Let us all prepare to battle for the eight-hour law for telegraphers in Canada, and never surrender until victory is ours.

You will find below a clipping from a daily newspaper which is self-explanatory, also a list of the different members of Parliament, showing the constituency represented. This list, although not official, is very nearly, if not absolutely, correct. All petitions and letters relative to the telegraphers' eight-hour law should be forwarded accordingly:

The Winnipeg Jobbers' and Shippers' Association received yesterday judgment of Chairman Maybee in their application to the Board of Railway Commissioners for better facilities at flag stations. Mr. Maybee states:

"I think it not unreasonable that the company should, at all stopping places known as flag stations, erect a suitable shelter or waiting room which could be used for both freight and passengers; it should be provided with a door and windows. It would not require a caretaker to be kept, nor would it be unreasonable to require this building to always be kept heated or lighted. There should be some sort of platform and proper approaches. If the railway companies are willing to accept the foregoing views, the board will hear them as to the sizes of building and platform to be provided. If they desire to appeal from the holding that the board has jurisdiction, we will delay until such appeal is disposed of before settling these details.

"Dealing next with the question of appointing permanent agents at flag stations, I think the board has jurisdiction to so order if it deems a permanent agent part of the station equipment necessary to furnish to the public adequate and suitable accommodation for unloading and delivering traffic, or for receiving and loading of traffic, and in this view I am confirmed by the late chief commissioner. The question is what amount of traffic warrants the appointment of a permanent agent. I think the Minnesota law not an unreasonable one

in this respect. There the total freight and passenger carrying of \$15,000 requires the appointment of a permanent agent, and I agree with the recommendation of the operating assistant upon this point, and think the Canadian companies should be required to appoint and maintain permanent agents at stations where the total freight and passenger earnings amount to \$15,000 for the year, and that points where the business consists principally of shipping grain, where such shipments amount to at least 50,000 bushels, agents should be appointed and maintained at such points during the grain-shipping season, and at points of shipment where the telegraph operator is located for the handling of trains, such operator should, while he remains at such a point, be provided with the necessary equipment to enable him to take care of all traffic at such point.

"Strong objections are made, and, I think, with good reason, to the form of release required for traffic for delivery at flag stations, but I refrain from dealing with this matter, as it is now under consideration by the joint committee assembled, pursuant to the request of the board made in the circular of April last, and will be dealt with by the board when considering the standard form of shipping bill."

## ONTARIO.

Constituency.	Candidates.
Algoma—W. R. Smyth.	
Algoma, West—A. C. Boyce.	
Brant—Hon. Wm. Paterson.	
Brantford—Lloyd Harris.	
Brockville—Hon. G. P. Graham.	
Bruce, North—John Tolmie.	
Bruce, South—J. J. Donnelly.	
Carleton—R. L. Borden.	
Cornwall—Stormont—Maj. Robert Smith.	
Dufferin—Dr. John Barr.	
Dundas—A. Broder.	
Durham—C. J. Thornton.	
Elgin, East—David Marshall.	
Elgin, West—T. W. Crothers, K. C.	
Essex, North—Hon. R. F. Sutherland.	
Essex, South—A. H. Clarke, K. C.	
Frontenac—Dr. J. W. Edwards.	
Glengarry—J. A. McMillan.	
Grenville—J. D. Reid.	

Constituency.	Candidates.
Grey, East—Dr. T. S. Sproule.	
Grey, North—W. S. Middlebro.	
Grey, South—H. H. Miller.	
Haldimand—F. J. Lalor.	
Halton—D. Henderson.	
Hamilton, East—S. Barker.	
Hamilton, West—A. Zimmerman.	
Hastings, East—W. B. Northrup.	
Hastings, West—E. Gus. Porter.	
Huron, East—Dr. Thomas Chisholm.	
Huron, South—M. Y. McLean.	
Huron, West—E. N. Lewis.	
Kent, East—D. A. Gordon.	
Kent, West—A. B. McCoig.	
Kinkston—Hon. Wm. Harty.	
Lambton, East—J. E. Armstrong.	
Lambton, West—F. F. Pardee.	
Lanark, North—T. Caldwell.	
Lanark, South—Hon. John Haggart.	
Leeds—Geo. Taylor.	
Lennox and Addington—Uriah Wilson.	
Lincoln—E. A. Lancaster.	
London—Major Beattie.	
Middlesex, East—Peter Elson.	
Middlesex, North—A. Smith.	
Middlesex, West—W. S. Calvert.	
Muskoka—Wm. Wright.	
Nipissing—Geo. Gordon.	
Norfolk—A. McCall.	
Northumberland, East—C. L. Owen.	
Northumberland, West—J. B. McColl.	
Ontario, North—Capt. Sam Sharpe.	
Ontario, South—F. L. Fowke.	
Ottawa—H. B. McGiverin, Sir Wilfred Laurier.	
Oxford, South—M. S. Schell.	
Oxford, North—E. W. Nesbitt.	
Parry Sound—Jas. Arthurs.	
Peel—R. Blain.	
Perth, North—Dr. J. P. Rankin.	
Perth, South—G. H. McIntyre.	
Peterboro, East—J. A. Sexsmith.	
Peterboro, West—J. R. Stratton.	
Prescott—E. Proulx.	
Prince Edward—Dr. Morley Currie.	
Rainy River—J. Conmee.	
Renfrew, North—Gerald White.	
Renfrew, South—T. A. Low.	
Russell—Hon. Chas. Murphy.	
Simcoe, East—M. Chew.	
Simcoe, North—Daniel Wilson.	

Constituency.	Candidates.
Simcoe, South—	Jas. Campbell.
Toronto, Center—	E. Bristol.
Toronto, East—	J. Russell.
Toronto, North—	Hon. Geo. E. Foster.
Toronto, South—	A. Claude MacDonel.
Toronto, West—	E. B. Osler.
Victoria-Haliburton—	Col. Sam Hughes.
Waterloo, North—	W. L. Mackenzie King.
Waterloo, South—	Geo. Claire.
Welland—	W. M. German.
Wellington, North—	A. M. Martin.
Wellington, South—	H. Guthrie.
Wentworth—	W. O. Sealey.
York, South—	W. F. McLean (Accl.).
York, North—	Hon. A. B. Aylesworth.
York, Center—	Capt. T. G. Wallace.

## NEW BRUNSWICK.

Carleton—F. B. Cavell.  
 Charlotte—W. G. Ganong.  
 Gloucester—O. Turgeon.  
 Kent—Hon. O. J. Leblanc.  
 Kings-Albert—D. H. McAllister.  
 Northumberland—W. S. Logie.  
 Queens-Sunbury—Col. H. H. McLean.  
 Restigouche—James Reid.  
 St. John, City—Dr. J. Daniels.  
 St. John, City and County—Hon. Wm. Pugsley.  
 Victoria-Madawas'a—P. Michaud.  
 Westmoreland—Hon. R. H. Emmerson.  
 York—O. S. Crockett.

## QUEBEC.

Argenteuil—Geo. Perley.  
 Bagot—J. E. Marcil.  
 Beauce—Dr. H. S. Beland.  
 Beauharnois—L. J. Papineau.  
 Bellechasse—O. E. Talbot.  
 Berthier—A. Ecrement.  
 Bonaventure—Chas. Marcil.  
 Brome—Hon. S. A. Fisher.  
 Chambly-Vercheres—V. Geoffrion.  
 Champlain—P. E. Blondin.  
 Charlevoix—R. Forget.  
 Chateaugay—J. P. Brown.  
 Chicoutimi-Sagueney  
 Compton—A. B. Hunt.  
 Dorchester—E. Roy.  
 Drummond-Arthabaska—L. Lavergne.  
 Gaspé—Hon. R. Lemieux.

Constituency.	Candidates.
Hochelaga—	L. A. Rivet.
Huntingdon—	T. A. Robb.
Jacques-Cartier—	F. D. Monk.
Joliette—	J. A. Dubeau.
Kamouraska—	E. Lapointe.
Labelle—	C. B. Major.
LaPrairie-Napierville—	R. Lanctot.
L'Assomption—	J. A. Seguin, L. C. Lau-
rier.	
Laval—	C. A. Wilson.
Levis—	L. A. Carrier.
L'Islet—	E. Paquet.
Lotbiniere—	Edmond Fortier.
Maisonneuve—	A. Verville.
Maskinonge—	H. Mayrand.
Megantic—	F. T. Lavoie.
Missisiquoi—	D. B. Meigs.
Montcalm—	F. O. Dugas.
Montmagny—	E. Roy.
Montmorency—	Geo. Parent.
Montreal, St. Anne—	C. J. Doherty.
Montreal, St. Antoine—	H. B. Ames.
Montreal—St. James—	H. Gervais.
Montreal, St. Lawrence—	R. Bickerdike.
Montreal, St. Mary's—	M. Martin.
Nicolet—	G. A. Turcotte.
Portneuf—	M. S. Delisle.
Pontiac—	G. F. Hodgins.
Quebec, Center—	A. Lachance.
Quebec, East—	Sir Wilfred Laurier.
Quebec, County—	Jos. Turcotte.
Quebec, West—	W. Price.
Richelieu—	A. Lanctot.
Richmond and Wolfe—	E. W. Tobin.
Rimouski—	J. A. Ross.
Rouville—	Hon. L. P. Brodeur.
St. Hyacinthe—	A. M. Beauparlane.
St. John and Iberville—	Jos. Demers.
Shefford—	H. E. Allen.
Sherbrooke—	A. N. Worthington.
Soulanges—	Dr. Lortie.
Stanstead—	C. H. Lovell.
Temiscouata—	C. A. Gavreau.
Terrebonne—	Bruno Nantel.
Three Rivers and St. Mary's—	Hon. J.
Bureau.	
Two Mountains—	J. A. C. Ethier.
Vaudreuil—	G. Boyer.
Wright—	E. B. Devlin.
Yamaska—	E. O. Gladu.

## NOVA SCOTIA.

Constituency. Candidates.  
 Annapolis—S. W. Pickup.  
 Antigonish—Wm. Chisholm.  
 Cape Breton, North—D. D. Mackenzie.  
 Cape Breton, South—J. W. Maddin.  
 Colchester—Chas. Hill.  
 Cumberland—J. L. Ralston.  
 Digby—C. F. Jamieson.  
 Guysboro—J. H. Sinclair.  
 Halifax (two members)—R. L. Borden,  
 A. B. Crosby.  
 Hants—J. B. Black.  
 Inverness—A. W. Chisholm.  
 Kings—Sir Fred. Borden.  
 Lunenburg—A. K. McLean.  
 Pictou—E. M. McDonald.  
 Richmond—G. W. Kyte.  
 Shelburne—Queen's—Hon. W. S. Fielding.  
 Yarmouth—B. B. Law.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Comox-Atlin—Dr. Quinlan.  
 Kootenay—A. S. Goodeve.  
 Nanaimo—Ralph Smith.  
 New Westminster—J. D. Taylor.  
 Vancouver—G. H. Cowan.  
 Victoria—G. H. Bernard.  
 Yale-Cariboo—Martin Burrell.

## MANITOBA.

Brandon—Hon. Clifford Sifton.  
 Dauphin—Glen Campbell.  
 Lisgar—W. H. Sharpe.  
 MacDonald—W. Staples.  
 Marquette—Dr. W. J. Roche.  
 Portage La Prairie—A. Meighen.  
 Provencher—Dr. J. P. Molloy.  
 Selkirk—S. J. Jackson.  
 Souris—Dr. F. L. Schaffner.  
 Winnipeg—A. Haggart, K. C.

## SASKATCHEWAN.

Assiniboia—J. G. Turriff.  
 Battleford—A. Champagne.  
 Humboldt—Dr. Neeley.  
 Mackenzie—Dr. E. L. Cash.  
 Moose Jaw—W. E. Knowles.  
 Prince Albert—W. W. Ruttan.  
 Qu'Appelle—J. T. Brown.  
 Regina—W. M. Martin.  
 Saltcoats—Hon. T. McNutt.  
 Saskatoon—G. E. McCraney.

## ALBERTA.

Constituency. Candidates.  
 Calgary—M. S. McCarthy.  
 Edmonton—Hon. Frank Oliver.  
 MacLeod—A. B. McDonald.  
 Medicine Hat—W. C. Simmons.  
 Red Deer—Dr. Clark.  
 Strathcona—Dr. W. McIntyre.  
 Victoria—H. A. White.

## PRINCE EDWARD.

Queens (two members)—A. B. Warburton, L. E. Prowse.  
 Prince—Jas. W. Richards.  
 King's—A. L. Fraser.

## WILL MAMMON WIN?

The greed of Midas was his undoing; the penuriousness of Dawes lost him his eternal happiness. How truly it is said, "What does it profit a man, though he gain the whole world and lose his own soul." True, no right-thinking person cares to give up his chance for immortal life that he may satisfy his greed of gain, and still we have men on every hand today who eagerly grasp any scheme that will bring a little more wealth into their already overflowing coffers—anything, be it legitimate or not; the idea is to possess a little more of the filthy lucre. Men who will jeopardize their chance of heaven for a few paltry dollars; not that they need more cash in order to live, but the inexplicable desire to obtain; to possess it. Why do men give up so much and get so little in return. Men who are able to retire from business and live in affluence, will barter the most sacred in life in order to emulate the most wealthy. He it is who has such little thought of the public weal; the man who can afford to ever keep his representative in our legislative halls, lobbying for special interests—the interests of the aristocracy. Mankind has gradually won its rights from the aristocrat and the tyrant. The cycles of history are marked by documents declaring rights. In England, early in the thirteenth century, the common classes won the Magna Charta; in 1620 a band of pilgrims aboard the Mayflower confirmed the Mayflower compact before they landed on the shores of Massachusetts, and at once we discover

that in recognition and protection of human rights it was far beyond the principles of the great English charter.

The Magna Charta was granted by King John, only after repeated efforts on the part of the people to obtain some justice and respect for their inalienable rights, and, at last, when the country had taken up arms against him, he granted the charter. It was confirmed and signed at Runnymede on June 15, 1215, and was subsequently confirmed by kings and Parliament more than thirty times, and today this great article is the foundation of civil liberty in Great Britain.

The most important clause was: "No freeman shall be taken, or imprisoned, or be disseized of his freehold, or liberties, or free customs, or be outlawed or exiled, or any otherwise destroyed, nor will we pass upon him, nor condemn him, but by lawful judgment of his peers, or by the law of the land. We will sell to no man, we will not deny or defer to any man, either right or justice." Still, this did not give the English people the freedom they sought, and when America was discovered they came here that they might have the freedom they desired; the right to worship God according to their own belief, and to enjoy all the inborn freedom of man, yet England's tyranny pursued them.

Next we have the colonies declaring their independence, saying "all men are created equal; \* \* \* that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; \* \* among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," and, for once, patrician and plebeian were equal.

Our constitution gave us freedom of speech and of the press, and laws were made that each man's rights might be protected, but ere long our legislative halls began to be a resort for the man seeking a special privilege; not for protection of life, liberty or the pursuit of happiness, but a protection for his business, that he might increase his fortune.

Of course, the seeking of special privileges has existed from time immemorial. King John was clothed in special privileges. Could he have withheld the Magna Charta

he would have done so, as it was his desire to have absolute control of his subjects; to punish them at will. Likewise it is the desire of the men of wealth, the privilege-hunting class, of today, the aristocracy of this nation, to dominate and control the common class—to make serfs of them.

Thanks to the good sense of the men who long ago organized the common people—the people who labor for their sustenance—by united effort we may yet maintain our rights. Still, many of us, I fear, don't realize the importance of unity of action; we are too prone to be neglectful and to let our prejudice rule our better judgment; to forget that our own happiness should be in the uplifting of our fellowman. Let us try, if possible, to have our laws so amended that our labor leaders may not be facing a jail sentence for simply exercising their rights of freedom of speech and of the press. We might prevail on the judges to observe Section 2, Article 3, of our constitution, where it says: "The trial of all crimes, except in cases of impeachment, shall be by jury, and such trial shall be held in the State where the said crimes shall have been committed." I wonder if life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness would be better preserved if we could live in accordance with the constitution, instead of being ruled by judge-made laws and tried by a jury composed of a judge.

The trend of the nation, judging from events of the past two years, is toward the abolition of freedom of speech and of the press. I suppose we will still be classified as trusts, and our right to protest by speech or press taken away.

No doubt the next move, if Mammon has his way, will be to forbid a laborer to even think of unionism. It is queer that an organization working for the upbuilding and uplifting of the poorer class should meet with so much opposition. Many people will oppose us and then give a goodly sum to missionaries, that foreign heathens may be educated, but they have no thought of the poor families at home thirsting for education; that have time for nothing but work and sleep. The advocate of high protection for home industry might compatibly

advocate a little protection for home morals and Christianity. If the magnate is to be protected, why not give us a share? But as Mammon and altruism do not go hand in hand, we must look to ourselves and our fellow-unionists to outdistance our enemies, and thus gain the guarantee of equal rights to all.

CERT. 3124.

#### ED, THE MACHINIST.

He had no particular talent. He was just an ordinary machinist. But Ed Douglas was more highly respected by the two thousand men in the shop than any other chap in the place. His was one of the names that were familiar to nearly every fellow working in that big plant. Ed was not popular with the men because he set out to make himself popular by always agreeing with his shopmates. Indeed, he frequently went full tilt against their opinions, and, principally, against their actions. Often I have seen him approach the fellow who had just ripped out a string of oaths and rebuke him, although never with a suggestion of pharisaical supremacy. He was simply trying to show the blasphemer that it would pay him to cut out his foolish, senseless swearing.

He did not belong to any of the fraternal organizations, but I have known him to spend many a night with a sick shopmate. Frequently he left in the home part of the not over-abundant cash in his pocket, but, better than that, he left a smile on the face of the tired, discouraged nurse-wife; the children wished that he might come again, and the sick man felt the cheer of his presence.

He was an arbitrator in personal disputes in the shop, and the boys never repudiated his decisions. Not infrequently he dared approach the boss in behalf of a supposedly-wronged fellow-workman. The boys admired his disinterested nerve. Somehow, he seemed to know when the rest of us had met with adversity, or even the smaller discouragements which made life seem hard. Always was there a strong, cheerful word which usually braced up the fellow who thought that the whole world had gone wrong. The apprentices were particularly fond of him, because he appeared to have a

lively interest in their affairs. Never did he seem to hand out wisdom in large chunks, with an air of patronage or paternalism. Never was there a suspicion of cant. Ed was just a sane, healthy-minded, strong-hearted Christian working man, who felt that there was a place for Christian living outside of the church building and away from the Sunday services.

May his kind increase. We need them. The sympathetic touch of a shopmate counts for more than most of us imagine. Every morning brings its weight of woe, and every evening its burden. No matter what the cause, the need is ever the same, and relief is usually found in the simple, manly message of love and sympathy manifested in the life of the fellow who works by our side. At least, it will help, for it is doing just what the Great Carpenter did and what He would continue to do were He upon earth. That's what made Douglas, the machinist, a bigger factor in the lives of those two thousand working men than any other single individual. It paid him, too. Anyway, you'd think so, if you could see his face while he worked—worked for man and for God—just as a machinist.

REV. CHARLES STELZLE.

#### THE TELEGRAPHERS' HOME.

I wrote an article in September, 1908, *TELEGRAPHER*, proposing a plan to build a home for the old and disabled telegraphers. Now I want to take a vote on this proposition, as I have gotten several letters encouraging the movement. My plan is to raise the dues 50c higher than they are at present, this amount to be turned over to a special committee, elected by the membership, and put under bond, for the purpose of building and maintaining the home. Telegraphers who have been in the Order for a certain length of time to be eligible, time and other eligibility clauses to be determined upon after the home is built. I would like to know how the membership stands on this proposition and therefore ask every member to vote, sending ballots to me.

T. M. NELMS, *Local Chairman*,  
Arkansas Div. C. R. I. & P. Ry.,  
Germania, Ark.

**BALLOT ON TELEGRAPHERS' HOME FUND.**

I vote to build a home for telegraphers by raising the semi-annual dues 50c.

I vote not to raise the dues or build a home for telegraphers.

Name .....

City or Town.....

Street and No.....

Cert. No.....

Railway employed on.....

Vote by drawing line through the one you are against.

**THE ATLANTA CONVENTION.**

Soon after it was decided to hold the convention of 1909 in Atlanta, the boys in the southeastern territory began talking about the organization of a telegraphers' club, which should take in as members both commercial and railroad telegraphers located in the South. In February, 1908, a call was issued to all telegraphers by Mrs. E. B. Smith, requesting that representatives from roads in the South attend a general meeting of telegraphers. The meeting, while quite a success, did not come up to the expectations of the members in Atlanta. In March another call was issued, which resulted in but a small attendance. In April we met with the same disappointment, but the Atlanta telegraphers never gave up hope, and Mrs. Smith again issued a call for a meeting in May. This meeting was a success, a representative crowd being present.

At the May, 1908, meeting, the Dixie's Twin Order Telegraphers' Club was organized, and since that time we have not missed a meeting. In October, 1908, the arrangements for convention were talked over, and it was decided that in November, actual work looking to the preparations for convention would begin. At the November meeting, another representative gathering, the club selected an Atlanta General Committee, upon whose shoulders the details of the entertainment and accommodation of the big convention crowd would rest.

This committee, consisting of R. A. Clarke, chairman; C. H. Livsey, Mrs. E. B. Smith, O. S. Travis, J. C. Ewing, J. L.

Stanberry, P. L. Murphy, H. A. Morris, B. H. Harkins, Miss West, T. S. Whittiker, and Mrs. M. E. Patterson, was appointed by the president, Chas. H. Livsey.

Six regular standing committees have been appointed, together with sub-committees, which have been working diligently, and at the roll-call each committee has not failed to report work done, and plans laid for further work. In this manner these committees have been working for several months and have everything in shape for the arrival of Brothers Perham and Quick, when final arrangements will be made. Miss West, who is chairman of the Ladies' Entertainment Committee, already has the ladies of the southeastern roads in line, and before another month will have every lady detailed to some special duty. These committees are working with the regularity of an army of soldiers, and Miss West deserves credit for the efficient manner in which she has performed her duty.

The entertainment of the delegates and visitors to the convention will be strictly informal, and at each special feature of the entertainment the members of the Dixie Club desire that the delegates and visitors feel perfectly "at home." The ladies should come supplied with plenty of washable dresses, short skirts, and "sunbonnets." The gentlemen will be at liberty to remove their coats, make themselves comfortable and smoke.

The General Committee requests that all style and "stiffness" be laid aside; come with the intention of working during the hours of the convention, and then be ready to enjoy the many attractions which Atlanta holds for the visitor, among them being the battle ground of Atlanta, now set apart as "Grant Park;" Gen. Jno. B. Gordon's home, known as "Southerland;" the great Southern poet's home, better known as "Uncle Remus's Snap Bean Farm;" Stone Mountain, 18 miles from Atlanta, the largest solid rock in the world; the Federal cemetery at Marietta; Ft. McPherson; Federal Prison, and the many beautiful drives, including the drive from Brookwood to College Park. At Atlanta's great playground, better known as "Ponce de Leon,"

will be found the largest ball park in the South, and in all probability the Southern League will play several games in Atlanta during the stay of the telegraphers, so that all those who enjoy baseball can have their longings in that direction gratified. At this playground is located one of the largest skating rinks in the South, and at the Casino every night will be found the very best of summer plays, the plays booked there for the summer season being the best that have ever appeared on the summer stage. The Bijou and Lyric theaters, in the heart of the city, are booked to May 30, therefore these attractions will serve for many an evening's entertainment. The General Committee and the Dixie Club will give several splendid entertainments, which will be strictly "Southern style," and will be a treat to all those who have never visited the sunny Southland.

The souvenir badges are unique, and typical of the South in every detail, they being so made up that the medallions will, after the convention, serve as watch fobs, with the emblem of the O. R. T. thereon. Jerome Jones, editor of the *Journal of Labor*, will get out a souvenir edition of his splendid paper, to be presented to the delegates upon their arrival. This paper will

be a splendid creation, and will be a good reminder of the visit to Atlanta.

The souvenir cards, or membership cards of the Dixie Twin Order Telegraphers' Club, are now ready to be issued, and all telegraphers who receive THE TELEGRAPHER can secure membership by applying to Mrs. E. B. Smith, S. & T., P. O. Box 716, Atlanta, Ga. The cards are beautiful creations, and will be prized by anyone getting them as a memento of the convention of 1909. Not only those who attend the convention are urged to get cards, but those who are not coming—get at least this much of the convention. The price of membership, good to June 30, is 50c, the only provisions being that one must hold an up-to-date card in either the O. R. T. or C. T. U. of A. This club will likely keep up its splendid work after the convention is over, as the dues are only 50c per semi-annual term.

Those delegates who wish to stop at private homes or boarding houses instead of hotels will do well to communicate with Sister Smith as soon as possible, stating how many to room, etc. The Hotel Committee is now at the service of the delegates and visitors, and the sooner the information is in their hands the better accommodations can be secured.







### St. Louis Div., No. 2.

Bro. S. Parks, of Quanah, Tex., was a recent visitor at headquarters.

Through the efforts of the Secretary of No. 2, the following brothers secured positions: Bro. J. W. Fiedler, of the Grand, to the Frisco. Bro. T. E. Williams, of No. 36, to the Iron Mountain at Chester, Ill. Bro. R. H. James, of the Grand, to Madison, for the I. C. Bro. J. S. Lawson, of No. 119, to the Missouri Pacific, and Bro. J. C. Watkins, of Division No. 2, to the Wabash at Decatur, Ill.

Bro. A. O. Sinks, the "old-timer" from No. 53, member of Board of Directors, has just put in an appearance, and we are again reminded that another year has rolled around, and that another check of the receipts and disbursements of the Order will be made.

According to your correspondent's way of thinking the Order has been more successful during the past two years than during any two previous years of its existence. The numerical gain has not been so great, but we must remember we are now some twenty-three years old, and the work of organization becomes more complete each year. During the past year and a half the country has been in the throes of a financial and business depression, the like of which has not been seen for many years. Naturally the policy of the railroads has been retrenchment. Notwithstanding all this, the salaries of railroad telegraphers on scheduled lines have not been cut, and what to my mind is more important is the very material shortening of the hours of service. Many of us have plodded along for years and years, twelve long, weary hours a day, including Sunday, until life has become a monotonous drag. When the time comes that six or eight hours shall constitute a day's work, we can begin to sit up and take notice, and life will again be worth living. There is a way to bring this about. Will you help?

Div. Cor.

### Harrisburg Div., No. 3.

*Tyrone Division, B. E. V. Branch—*

We have expected for several months that some one would give our division a write-up. It can hardly be expected that our local chairman will do it all, as he has troubles of his own. Other divisions have division notes in the journal each month, why can not we? I hope every brother will send at least one item to our Local Chairman, W. E. Burkholder, Bellefonte, Pa., not later than the 22nd of each month, so it can be forwarded to St. Louis in time for publication.

There has been considerable changing on the Valley of late.

Bro. M. B. Williams, formerly of "MD" tower, assigned second trick at Powelton.

Telegrapher C. R. Lord, third trick at "NA" tower, assigned third trick at "MD" tower.

W. E. Beck assigned third trick at "NA" tower, and M. H. Hall, extra telegrapher, assigned second trick at "NA" tower.

Bro. M. E. Flynn has been assigned third trick at Snow Shoe Intersection. Telegrapher R. E. Shively, an extra man, is working second trick at "CX" tower, until it is bid in; Telegrapher C. W. Lorrah, formerly second trick at "CX" tower, having bid in Bro. Flynn's old stand, third trick at "CX."

Telegrapher C. R. Richards assigned to third trick at "MW," Martha.

No doubt it will be noticed that a number of these men are not members. Let us get our division well organized. Every little helps, and if the members will make an effort we will soon have a solid membership.

Bro. A. G. Hill, formerly third trick at Snow Shoe Intersection, has resigned and left for Rochester, N. Y. We understand he is acting as assistant ticket agent there.

Bro. C. A. Fetzer, third trick at "RU," Milesburg, was off duty one night on account of sickness; relieved by Telegrapher B. J. Frontz.

Bro. L. S. Way, second trick at Snow Shoe Intersection, off duty one night, attending the meeting at Tyrone; relieved by Bro. B. J. Frontz.

Bro. W. S. Hattwick, first trick at "MO" tower, Mill Hall, and family, visited their home at Woodland for a day.

Bro. S. L. Straley, third trick at "MO" tower, with his family, visited home folks at Williamsport, Pa.

Bro. W. A. Stallsmith, first trick at "BF" tower, Bellefonte, accompanied by his wife, visited Bro. Stallsmith's home at Hanover, for a week. Telegrapher L. R. Corman worked first trick during Bro. Stallsmith's absence.

Telegrapher A. J. McLaughlin, first trick at "RU," Milesburg, was off duty a couple of days recently, visiting his home in Snow Shoe. He was relieved by Extra Telegrapher L. R. Woodring.

Bro. H. C. Nagle, second trick at "RU," Milesburg, was off one night recently, visiting his home in Williamsport, Pa.

The brothers congratulate Bro. Burkholder upon having been elected local chairman of this division, and no doubt will do every thing in their power to assist him in the discharge of his duty.

YOU CAN'T GUESS.

**Lancaster Div., No. 9.**

The regular monthly meeting for March was called to order by Chief Bro. Shope, Jr. The regular routine of business was transacted. At this meeting the following officers (who were elected in February to serve the ensuing year) were installed by Past Chief Bro. Kacy. Chief Telegrapher, Bro. W. W. Shope, Jr.; first vice-chief, Bro. Harry M. Stevens; second vice-chief, Bro. E. R. Ebersole; secretary and treasurer, Bro. A. B. Hambright. The Chief, after the installation, made his usual appointments, including standing committees, which remain the same as in 1908. A better combination of officers could not be found, and it is our duty to give them our undivided support, and attend meetings. Show by your presence that you have the interest of the fraternity at heart, take part in its deliberations, remembering that the success of the division rests not upon one, or a few, but all, and in addition let each and every one of us endeavor to secure at least one new member during the year.

The auditing committee, composed of Bros. Hess, Aument and Stevens, made its report, which was received by the division, and a vote of thanks tendered the members composing the committee for the able manner in which they performed their duty.

The committee on by-laws, appointed some time ago and composed of Bros. Hess, Aument, Ebersole, Mohn, Stevens, Hartwick, Brandt, Kern and Kacy, would be glad to receive suggestions with the end in view of making our by-laws the most complete ever gotten up, when brought before the division for approval.

We are pleased to note that Bro. Harry Born-gesser, interlocker at "CG" tower, who had part of a finger taken off on March 4th by being caught in a switch, has resumed duty.

Bro. Harry Cox, of Manheim, Pa., has gone to Cincinnati, O., to visit friends. Bro. Cox was at one time wireless telegrapher in the employ of Uncle Sam, and while so employed was one of a party of five who held the record for setting up a wireless station in the shortest time.

We are glad to know that Bro. A. J. Mowery, "CG" block, who has not been in the best of health for some time, is improving. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

Bro. A. B. Hambright, our secretary and treasurer, has moved to Elizabethtown, Pa., on account of not being able to get a house at Landisville, Pa.; therefore, after April, 1909, all mail should be sent to Elizabethtown.

At our last meeting we were pleased to have with us Bros. Steiner and Crouse, from the low grade. We trust they will call again, and bring more of the brothers from that territory.

We are in receipt of a book containing 133 pages, entitled "Labor Conference." Proceedings of the conference with the representatives of labor held in the office of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, February 10th and 11th, 1909, at Washington, D. C., and note that our Worthy

President, Bro. Henry B. Perham, was called on for an address, to which he responded in a very able and creditable manner.

The two special trains run over the Philadelphia Division, the latter part of March, known as "The Orchard Demonstration Train" and "The Educational Special Train," were well received by the farmers and others enroute, and it is expected much good will result. The running of these trains shows to what extent the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. is interested in the material welfare of the people whom it serves. The management is to be congratulated for its foresight and the able manner in which these trains were handled. We feel safe in saying that all who attended these lectures were well pleased and well repaid for their trouble.

By the time you are reading this, Bro. Kacy will be looking Atlantaward, where he expects to represent Division No. 9, and take care of her interests. Any suggestions will be gladly received by him.

If you know of any items not chronicled here, please remember it is impossible for one to gather all the news without assistance. When you hear of anything that would be of interest to the fraternity, please notify the division correspondent, who will see that it is printed. We especially urge all brothers to send a few items by the 23d of each month, as they must be in the hands of the editor not later than the 28th. Thanking those who have assisted us, we are yours for success.

Div. Cox.

**Sunbury, Pa., Div., No. 12.**

I hereby make the following appointments for the term:

Marshal, G. R. Blecker, Catawissa; inside sentinel, W. T. Dyer, Sunbury; outside sentinel, E. S. Boyer, Selinsgrove; division correspondent, A. R. Johnson, Catawissa; assistant correspondent, W. K. Brobst (Schedule No. 1); assistant correspondent, W. J. Engle (Schedule No. 2); assistant correspondent, C. L. Keyser (Schedule No. 3); assistant correspondent, W. S. Pegg (Schedule No. 4); assistant correspondent, W. W. Boyer (Schedule No. 5).

The assistant correspondents will send their communications to Bro. Johnson, who will forward them to THE TELEGRAPHER.

Assistant secretary, G. O. Stahl.

Relief Committee: W. P. Johnston, H. F. Hagan, J. A. Montgomery, S. H. Kern and W. D. Grant.

Committee on Entertainment: W. D. Grant, G. N. Cooke, G. E. Burns, J. D. Mettler, G. O. Stahl and W. H. Dunkelberger.

Committee on By-Laws: B. A. McCracken, W. D. Grant and C. W. Kase.

(Signed) W. H. DUNKELBERGER,  
Chief Telegrapher.

Bro. J. H. Barto, who formerly held down "WN" office, called on Wilkesbarre, Pa., friends recently. He is holding a responsible position at Yardley, New York Division, of the Philadelphia

& Reading. We are advised he has about closed a deal with a chiroprapist of E. Northampton St., Wilkesbarre, and will desert the key to embark in this business. He, therefore, solicits your patronage.

Bro. K. A. Ashworth, who has been having extremely poor health lately, has taken a two weeks' vacation. We learn he is rusticated at Wapwallopen, Pa. We hope he will soon recover.

Bro. C. E. Bryant also contemplates a two weeks' vacation, we understand.

We note several new men on the division. The old familiar faces are disappearing, and new ones are taking their places. Bro. J. G. Ashworth, who for years gave good service on the Sunbury Division, is now holding a responsible position in the superintendent's office, at Dunmore, Pa., on the Erie R. R.

Bro. C. R. Miller, another old Sunbury Division boy, was last heard from at Savannah, Ga., where he went to accept a position as "lightning manipulator." He will endeavor to interest some of the boys in the advantages and fine climate of the South.

Bro. C. E. Hummell, who for years held down Buttonwood, has resigned, and retired to his farm in Lancaster County, Pa., where he expects to pass his remaining years. He declares he never knew what it was to enjoy peace and happiness until he was relieved of the responsibilities of a telegrapher.

Bro. T. J. Hahn, who held down Buttonwood a number of years, is now "One-of-the-Finest," on the Wilkesbarre, Pa., force, and any time you visit Poli's Theatre you will find him doing special duty and always delighted to give an old comrade the glad-hand. He is one of the many who could not see his way clear to serve a two weeks' suspension when he did not deserve it.

Bro. J. R. Brandon, our ex-local chairman, has had a somewhat varied career since leaving our division. He worked on many roads from Chicago to the Pacific Coast, returning East to spend the holidays with his parents. He accepted a position on the Baltimore Division, P. R. R., but found the East too tame. He is employed at Emerson, Ia., on the C. B. & Q., at the present, and would be glad to hear from any of the boys who contemplate a trip to the "wild and woolly" West.

Bro. C. E. Bryant was called to Philadelphia recently, on important business.

Bro. T. F. Walker spent his relief day at his home, in Pottsville, Pa., renewing old acquaintances and having a chat with a number of the boys.

Some of our boys appear to be color-blind, as they continue to display a blue card instead of the drab. Perhaps they think the one card is good for the year. Keep your optics on these fellows and try to put them wise.

We learn that Bros. H. P. Aurand, Joseph Nucklace and H. K. Bright, have bid in and now hold positions at "RX," L. & S. Junction.

Some of the offices on the division are not in a sanitary condition. They would scarcely pass

inspection should the health board visit them. Is it possible that three men in an office will permit this state of affairs? Eight hours' duty is very nice, but it might be wise for some of the boys to pay more attention to the condition of their offices during their hours on duty, for fear they might be given a little suspension, as a result of which they would feel very sore.

We note a number of changes in and around "S" and "SB" offices, at Sunbury. These frequent changes keep the boys in suspense. It is a hard matter to determine where they will get on and off these days.

Bro. J. J. Murray is off a week visiting friends and relatives in New York City; relieved by Telegrapher Ashworth.

There are a few men in our midst over which doubt of joining us is expressed, also some who have not satisfactorily explained where they were and what they were doing during the commercial strike. It would be a good idea for the brothers to practice the "No Card, No Favors" motto more than we have been doing heretofore.

Bro. Ed. Hess, who has had considerable sickness in his family this winter, was off a few days this month, on account of the illness of his wife, but is again on duty.

Some of the third trick men working on the upper end of the branch are doing a considerable amount of sleeping on duty. All ye guilty ones cut this out. Your carelessness brings censure not only upon yourselves, but upon the Order as well. Let us be careful that by word or act we reflect nothing but credit on O. R. T.

The article in the February TELEGRAPHER in regard to Telegrapher J. A. Diehl, should have read Bro. J. A. Diehl, as he is a worthy member in good standing.

Some persons have been agitating forming a system division to include Division No. 12. If this were passed by our men we might not get one meeting in a year. Our chief telegrapher might be located in Philadelphia, and our secretary in Pittsburg.

In my mind, this is not a good plan; we need and want our own officers and committee. Our division is well off in membership and cash, we will have meetings at Nescopeck, and make everything as convenient as possible for all the members to attend and find out what is going on.

Telegrapher Ed. S. Breisch, of "AG" tower, has resigned to accept a position with an oil pipe line company in Ohio; getting better pay and having less responsibility.

Bro. A. R. Johnson, second trick at Bluf, spent a six days' vacation at his former home, Zion Grove, Pa.; relieved by Telegrapher John Schuster.

March 24th the block instruments were removed from offices, and all trains between "DY" tower, Sunbury and Nescopeck, are being blocked by telephone. It is reported the train dispatching is to be done by telephone after April 1st.

Business is getting very slow on the divisions, many train men have been laid off at Sunbury.

I greatly regret to inform you of the double misfortune that has befallen Bros. J. F. and T. J. Coan, both members of our division. Their father died February 24th after a brief illness, and Bro. T. J. Coan, one of the surviving sons, was seized with appendicitis, which made it necessary for him to be removed to a hospital in Philadelphia, while the father lay dead at home. The father was not buried until the 27th, and the operation on Bro. J. F. Coan was to have been performed on the 26th. We have received no word as to how Bro. Coan is getting along, but wish him a speedy recovery and extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

Div. Cor.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Death has entered the home of our esteemed Bros. T. J. and J. F. Coan, and removed from it their beloved father, be it

*Resolved*, By the members of Division No. 12, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, in meeting assembled, that we extend our brothers our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this hour of affliction; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our records, a copy sent to the Bereaved family, and one sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

G. O. STAHL,  
W. D. GRANT,  
G. N. COOKE,  
*Committee.*

#### New Haven Div., No. 29.

The meeting of Division No. 29, March 5th, was successful from every point of view. Much business was disposed of, including the reading of the reports of the secretary and treasurer, general chairman and general secretary. These reports show a satisfactory advance in unionism, as well as a thoroughly well-kept division of the Order. The report of our general chairman shows good work, and proves the good judgment of the members on the several divisions on the N. Y. N. H. & H., in placing a general chairman on the road to attend wholly to the affairs of the organization. It also shows that a local division can support a general chairman and general committee in this manner.

The auditing committee reports finding the books of the division in first-class condition, and gives us figures indicating the conclusion of a very successful term. All of these reports fill us with pride, and the future looks very bright and encouraging.

Much to our regret, Vice-President Bro. T. M. Pierson was called away on committee work at the last moment. The unusually large amount of business on hand kept us busy until a late hour, but cigars, eatables and coffee, with an occasional joke or speech, kept every one in excellent spirits.

We believe that the members should make it a point to be present on the first Friday evening of each month, and allow nothing unimportant to interfere with this arrangement. While we have a

good attendance, we believe that others could be present if they would make an effort. We know it is inconvenient for some of the members to get to New Haven and return, but it seems as if they could make the trip once every other month at least. The business of a division is transacted by its members, and every one who can possibly attend should do so, and cast his vote, thereby lessening the chances of dissatisfaction with the manner in which the business is conducted.

Your humble servant, whose name is appended hereto, was recently appointed division correspondent, and will serve to the best of his ability. If the brothers, on, both the New Haven and the C. N. E., will lend their assistance by contributing items each month, they will be assured of a better representation. Forward them by United States mail to Box 163, Brewster, N. Y., on or before the 15th, which will enable your correspondent to get them to the editor in ample time for publication.

T. A. ALLEN,

*Division Correspondent.*

#### Western Division—

Bro. Stevens, second trick at Stormville, visited relatives and friends in Greenfield, Mass., the latter part of February.

Our Worthy Chief, Bro. Lee H. Dowd, first trick at Danbury, was sick and off duty a few days during the early part of March; relieved by Bro. B. H. Dunbar, the second trick man.

Bros. Dunbar and Halsted, of Danbury, visited Waterbury recently.

Bro. Porter, of Ansonia, has been absent a few days, on account of the death of a friend.

Bro. O. C. Wheaton is subbing at Hawleyville Junction, while regular man is holding down Hawleyville until it is bid in.

Bro. Aiken, of Ashley Falls, is away for a few days, attending the funeral of a friend.

Bro. Percy and family, of New Milford, recently returned home from a four weeks' trip in the South.

During the absence of Bro. Percy, Bro. Van Deusen covered first trick; Bro. Shepherd, second trick, and Bro. Kane, of Canaan, third at New Milford.

Bro. Shepherd made a flying trip to Waterbury a few days ago, to look over the new tower jobs.

Bro. Osborne, of Brookfield Junction, has been on the sick list for the past four weeks. He has our sympathy.

Bro. Ryan, of Still River, spent Saturday and Sunday, March 6th and 7th, in Bridgeport, seeing the sights. Bro. Smith, of Lime Rock, relieved him.

Bro. O'Connell, of Canaan, is on the sick list, but we understand his condition is improving.

Bro. Gordon, of Derby Junction tower, attended the inauguration ceremonies at Washington, March 4th.

Bro. Baker, third trick at West Pawling, is sick and off duty. He is being relieved by Telegrapher McKnight.

Div. Cor.

## Providence Div., No. 35.

Surprises were numerous at the March meeting of Division No. 35: First the resignation of chief telegrapher-elect; second, resignation of division correspondent-elect, and third the absence from installation of a division official-elect.

Past Chief Bro. Joslin, ably assisted by Bro. W. J. Smith, acting marshal, performed the installation ceremony in an impressive manner.

Division No. 35 is prepared to creditably handle any condition that may arise during the coming year. There were about forty brothers present. Two applications were received, and committees appointed; four favorably voted upon, four initiated by mail, and two received by transfer from other divisions. This is the record for the past month.

Again we are called upon to mourn the loss of a beloved brother. One whom to know was to love and esteem; one whose every thought, act and almost every breath was for the good of his fellow-man; one who considered no labor too hard or sacrifice too great, when taken in connection with his beloved Order or division. In the death of Bro. John Wood the Order in general and Division No. 35 in particular suffered an irreparable loss. A loving husband, a staunch and true friend, a wise counselor, coupled with a spirit of honesty that could never be questioned, he was respected and loved by all. Division No. 35 stands today as a memorial to Bro. John Wood. May he rest in peace.

The annual report of the general chairman was both instructive and interesting, showing the amount of labor which, contrary to opinion, is connected with the office. We have in Bro. Manion the right man for the place.

Bro. Frank Gardiner bid in first trick at Slocums.

Bro. E. J. Gardiner transferred to second trick at Slocums.

Bro. Cafferty, from third trick at East Greenwich, to third trick at Sharon Pit.

Bro. Hearn, from third trick at Wood River Junction, to nights, Midway yard.

A. Stevens, a C. T. U. of A. brother at Midway yard, to third trick at East Greenwich.

Bro. Greene, third trick at Holden St., Attleboro, had the misfortune to sprain his ankle, putting him on the shelf for a few days. He is again on duty and as lively as ever.

Bro. W. Graham is covering third trick at "CN," Attleboro, waiting for some one to bid it in.

Bro. H. A. Savarice, second trick man at "CN," Attleboro, is off duty on account of rheumatism.

Bro. Pinault, second trick at Holden St., Attleboro, is also suffering from an attack of rheumatism.

The brothers on the east end are highly pleased over the unanimous choice of Bro. Joslin as local chairman.

Div. Cor.

## IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, On the 11th day of March, 1909, God, in his infinite love and wisdom, saw fit to call our beloved Bro. John Wood to his reward in heaven; be it therefore

*Resolved*, That in the death of our dear friend and co-worker we have lost one of our best members; one to whom we have always looked for advice and counsel; and who, by his rugged honesty, courage and devotion to our cause, endeared all with whom he came in contact—a manly man—one whose example and memory we will always cherish, and which will be an inspiration for all that is good and true.

*Resolved*, That we deeply sympathize with the family in this, their great loss, and that we remember them in our prayers to Almighty God; asking Him to comfort and sustain them and give them grace to enable them to say: "Not our will, but thine, O Lord, be done." Be it further

*Resolved*, That our charter be draped for six months; a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this division, a copy given to our departed brother's family, and a copy sent THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. R. MAXWELL,  
GEO. E. JOSLIN,  
JOHN TRAINOR,

Committee.

All members of the Order in New England are mourning the death of our oldest member, Bro. John T. Wood.

Bro. Wood was born at New Orleans, La., October 21, 1856, and was the son of Emma J. and the late John Wood. His death, which occurred on March 11, 1909, deserves more than passing mention in the history of the Order, as he was one of the pioneer members in the Order, and particularly in the New England States, joining in 1888. The members on scheduled roads in New England have much to be grateful to him for, as it was his mind that directed and brought about the movement in 1895 that gave birth to Providence Division No. 256, by arranging for a meeting of the isolated operators in Southern New England, who carried membership cards of the Order, in the parlors of the old City Hotel at Providence, R. I.

Bro. Wood was the first chief telegrapher of Division No. 256, and their first delegate to the Peoria convention in 1897. He did not content himself to stay idle, but continued to advise and watch over this division and younger divisions that grew up in the vicinity from this movement, and to the time of his death was a consistent attendant of every meeting of his division, which, through a change in 1901, was renumbered Division No. 35.

Providence Division No. 256 was the nucleus from which emerged the splendid organization that exists on the New York, New Haven & Hartford R. R., and which enjoys one of the best schedules east of the Mississippi River. The labor movement among the operators in New England spread

from this success until practically every road in the northeast corner of the United States is protected by a working agreement.

Bro. Wood's untimely and sudden death was particularly sad, and a severe shock to his many friends, he being stricken down with paralysis of the entire left side, while on duty in Auburn (R. I.) signal tower, March 9th, and loyal to the last, managed to attract attention from the outside that the traffic might not be impeded. He soon after lapsed into unconsciousness, dying within forty-eight hours. Division No. 35 had charge of the funeral at his late residence in Auburn, R. I., and escorted the body to Franklin, Mass., where they were met by the Franklin Lodge of Masons, and accompanied them to the grave for the last rites.

He received his early education in the public schools of New Orleans, La., and at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn. His railroad career began at Delta, La., on the Vicksburg, Shreveport & Pacific Ry., 1872. In 1876 he came North and worked on the New York & New England Ry., at Boston, as train dispatcher, resigning this position in 1879 to go to Texas. His popularity among the operators at that time was demonstrated by their presenting him with a solid gold chain and charm. Returning to Boston in 1881 he was re-employed, November 11, 1881, by the same company, and in the same position, and in Hartford, Conn., when the offices were moved to that city in March, 1882, and remained until August of the same year. He was married to Clara A. Hosie, on December 12, 1881, who is also an operator. He again went to Texas, and was agent at Gonzales, Gainesville, Tex., and Paula Valley, Ind. Ter., and at Texas Creek and Pueblo, Col. While agent at Annona, Tex., in 1890, he studied law with Capt. Burdett, and was admitted to the bar, at Clarksville, Tex., March 21, 1890, and by the Supreme Court, at Austin, Tex., March 19, 1891. Not finding the practice sufficiently remunerative he once more removed North and entered the employ of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., at Stonington, Conn., on December 24, 1892, and in June, 1893, secured Auburn tower when the block system was installed and held that position until his death.

#### New York Div., No. 44.

Division No. 44 held a very interesting meeting on March 13th, and quite a volume of business was transacted.

The following elected officers were duly installed by Past Chief Telegrapher Bro. F. H. Surine: Chief telegrapher, Bro. C. B. Van Nostrand; first vice-chief telegrapher, Bro. Edward Aston; second vice-chief telegrapher, Bro. J. J. Breen; secretary and treasurer, Bro. A. A. Leonard; trustee for three years, Bro. J. L. Martin.

There seems to be a general awakening among the members, and we hope it will continue. It is encouraging to the officers to see both sides of the hall filled with good O. R. T. brothers and sisters.

Since our January meeting the average attendance has been fifty-five. We would like to see that number at each meeting, if not more. There does not appear to be any plausible excuse for the brothers or sisters who work on the west end of the Island for not attending the meetings. Train service is good to all points and members working first and third tricks should lay aside all personal engagements for the one night we meet, and come out and assist the officers in making a success of the organization.

We would like to receive a few notes from some of the brothers on the east end. Don't be afraid that we will be swamped if you write a few; just think that there is no one else sending any, and send all you can to the secretary.

Bro. W. D. Ruse, of Sheepshead Bay, has bid in Vanderveer Park, and before this gets into print will, no doubt, be transferred.

Sheepshead Bay and Sea Cliff up for bid.

Bro. Jim Robinson, who has been regular relief agent for the past two years, has bid in Bay Side. Sister Leonard has accepted the position of telegrapher at Bay Side.

Sister Wall leaves Garden City to take second trick telegrapher and ticket agent position at Hempstead.

Bro. F. H. Haley has resigned the agency at Sea Cliff, and will go into other business. Bro. Haley made many friends among the employes and also the patrons of the company during his stay at Sea Cliff. He handled that station better than any of his predecessors, and all who know him wish him success in his new field.

Bro. C. C. Carey has again taken to the road, and will act as regular relief agent. Bro. W. E. Rogers returns to Peconic in place of Bro. Carey.

Bro. Ira Baker, who has been with the New Haven for the past year or more, has returned to the little old L. I. R. R.; and is stopping at Cedarhurst for the present.

Bro. W. S. Leahy has resumed duty as North Shore relief.

Mr. J. T. Sheldon has been installed as agent at Winfield.

Once more Mr. Lewis has shown that he is a fair and square man, and will do business on the level and play no favorites; therefore be it said that Bro. Jack Lynch has been appointed manager of "HP," Long Island City.

It is not necessary to go into details in connection with this appointment; suffice it to say that Bro. Lynch was the oldest man in point of service, with a clear record that bid for the position, and he secured it.

Now brothers, it looks as if we were entering into an era of fair play and honest dealings. Mr. Lewis has been with us long enough to show that he is a fair and just man, so far, at least, and it behoves every member of Division No. 44, no matter in what department he is employed, to put his shoulder to the wheel and render the very best service possible.

The agent whose duty it is to sell transportation must be a business man, and sell it to the best advantage.

The telegrapher should attend to his duties in a business-like manner, and give A1 telegraph service.

The tower man and signal man should be careful in the performance of his duties. Remember a derailment costs the company money. A serious accident costs a large amount of money. Avoidable accidents are a reflection on all concerned, to say the least.

It is therefore hoped that there will be no laggards in the ranks of Division No. 44, that each and every man will do his part, and help to make Mr. Lewis' administration a success, and from the way he has treated the employees, for whose acts he is responsible, he deserves the best there is in them. See that he gets it.

A few pointers in regard to the coming business for the summer: If any employe knows the name and address of parties who have engaged cottages, or houses, on Long Island for the coming season, or board at the various hotels, send name and address to Mr. W. Van Valkenburgh, superintendent, so that he can supply the patron with information in regard to the L. I. R. R. system of transferring and handling baggage, which system is unknown to many travelers. And it would be well to send the above information to Mr. H. M. Smith, general passenger agent, so that he could supply maps, time-tables, rates, cab information, etc.

Remember, this means dollars to the company, means dollars to you.

Long Island is the greatest summer resort in the world, and it is our business to let those on pleasure bent know it. Don't neglect these matters. Attend the next meeting, there will be a talk on this subject. Times are hard, and we must get the money.

Well, it has just leaked out. We thought it was so, but was not positive, so did not dare mention it, but it's a fact, nevertheless. Ed. Rixon of "GO," Long Island City, one of the most popular, as well as one of the best telegraphers in New York City, and a prince of good fellows, has gotten married; and the lucky girl is none other than the genial, charming as well as very popular Telegrapher Miss Agnes Sullivan. Here's luck to the happy couple. May their joys be many and their sorrows few.

Bro. A. F. Hellar was called to his old home in Pennsylvania recently, on account of the serious illness of his father.

What some of the members on the east end are doing:

Bro. Corwin, of Sag Harbor, busy with real estate.

Bro. Rodney Valentine, of Rockville Center, takes great pride in the fact that he's a union man. Says it makes him feel good when he shakes hands with one of the train men, looks him in the eyes and says I am as good as you are. You know the engineers, conductors, firemen and

brakemen have little or no respect for agents and operators who do not carry an up-to-date card.

Bro. E. M. Robinson, of Manorville, the same honest, sincere, true friend and brother, is secretary for the Long Island Produce Association.

Bro. Schwartz, of Farmingdale, ordering cars for the spring cabbage crop.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to call to his heavenly home our dearly beloved Bro. Irvin C. Sickels; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, By the members of New York Division No. 44 of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family, in this their great bereavement; and be it further

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be presented to his family, a copy be spread upon the minutes of this division, and a copy be published in THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.

C. B. VAN NOSTRAND,

E. ASTON,

A. F. HELLAR,

F. H. SURINE,

*Committee.*

Bro. G. J. Turner and wife on a two weeks' vacation in Delaware, visiting Bro. Turner's parents; relieved by Mr. Decker.

Bro. Hudson, first trick at "WT" tower, seriously ill, and confined to his bed with a severe attack of bronchitis; also the measles, but at this writing is some better; all hope for a speedy recovery; relieved by Bro. Donovan.

Cards are out announcing the wedding of our popular Bro. E. E. Lewis to Miss Agnes May Fredericks, one of Jamaica's most estimable young ladies. The Division extends them its most sincere congratulations, and wishes them a long and happy life.

Bro. A. A. Leonard was taken seriously ill a few days since, of ptomaine poisoning; off duty one week; relieved by Bro. P. J. Hopkins.

Bro. Thos. Curiale, third trick at "JE" tower, Jamaica yard, wanting purer air and a daylight position, bid in first trick at Far Rockaway.

Bro. M. S. Scotton, third trick at Jamaica Cross Switches, bid in first trick at Chestnut St. Junction, "The Air Ship." Relieved by Bro. Rowland, temporarily, until job is advertised.

Bro. Jesse Wilkins, third trick at Hollis, has left the service; understand has a better position on some other trunk line.

Bro. A. P. Sinderhauf returned from a two weeks' vacation from the Sunny South. Rumor has it that he was accompanied by Mrs. Sinderhauf. Congratulations are in order.

Bro. Wm. Scally bid in St. Albans Cabin, third trick, and is now holding forth there.

Sister Wall, at Garden City, transferred to some better position on North Shore Division.

Bro. G. C. Sprague returning home from work one night last week, at 1 a. m., came in contact

with somebody's picket fence. What the game was I am unable to say. But he came away with only part of his coat; probably the rest is still there. Moral: "Keep away from back fences." "Especially when bull pups are around."

Bro. Cornell has left the service; understand he is connected with a broker's office in the city; we all wish him success in his new venture.

Bro. H. G. Penny and family visited a few days with his parents at Cutchouge, L. I.; relieved by Mr. Frank Carnnan.

Sister Terry, who has been off duty for nearly a year, is still unable to resume duty, and is spending part of her time with friends at Catterport, N. Y.; all wish her a speedy recovery.

Bro. C. T. Curran is back to his old position at Jamaica Block, after relieving Bro. P. H. Hayes at Fresh Pond Junction, who in turn was at White Pot on main line, where construction work was being done for the new branch to Glendale Junction.

Bro. Peterson, of New Haven Division No. 29, is working third trick at Hollis, until vacancy is filled.

Bro. H. Oliver transferred from third trick at St. Albans Cabin to second trick at Chestnut St. Junction.

Bro. E. V. Willis spent a few days with friends at New Haven, Conn. Relieved by Bro. D. H. Powers.

Bro. Frank Heisch, agent at Slatbush Ave. subway station, dealing out the pasteboards in approved style. The right man in the right place.  
Div. Cor.

#### Pittsburg Div., No. 52.

Second regular meeting in February, held February 27th, presided over by Chief Telegrapher J. J. Standley. All officers were present. Ten petitions for membership were read and acted upon, including eight from the Allegheny Division, and two from the Conemaugh Division, P. R. R. Bills amounting to \$18.75, and sick claims amounting to \$25.00, were read and ordered paid. Secretary announced the result of the election of local chairmen as follows: Pittsburg Division, P. R. R., John Kiger; Allegheny Division, P. R. R., D. M. Young; Mon. Division, P. R. R., H. A. Roberts; Conemaugh Division, P. R. R., C. B. Courtney; P. & L. E. Division, P. & L. E. R. R., E. G. Andrews; Yough. Division, P. & L. E. R. R., H. H. Kreiser; Mon. Division, P. & L. E. R. R., T. H. Alexander; all of whom assumed the duties of office immediately. Various subjects were discussed, after which meeting closed at 10:15 p. m. Number of members present, thirty-three. First meeting in March, being installation night, the usual routine business was dispensed with and the officers elected to serve for the ensuing year were installed by second Vice-President T. M. Pierson, after which the balance of the evening was at the disposal of the entertainment committee, who had prepared a most excellent program for the occasion. Those present were served with refresh-

ments, which could not have been improved upon. This entertainment was a fitting finale in every respect to a very successful year for this division. The entertainment committee deserves the thanks of the entire division for the able manner in which they handled the social affairs of the division for the year which has just drawn to a close.

Officers elected for the ensuing year: Chief telegrapher, A. A. Kolb; first vice-chief telegrapher, J. L. Collins; second vice-chief telegrapher, R. J. McCombs; secretary, H. K. Klingensmith; treasurer, C. C. Campbell; trustee, D. M. Young.  
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#### Wilmington Div., No. 58.

##### Maryland Division—

The meeting night of this division has been changed to the third Friday night, instead of the third Wednesday night of each month.

We have taken in quite a number of new members since the first of the year, and trust the good work will continue. So, boys, turn out and give us a helping hand.

Bro. J. T. McGonigal bid in second trick at Iron Hill, and is going to engage in farming as a side line. We wish him success.

On March 1st Mr. P. E. Richter was assigned second trick at Stanton, until further orders, which we trust means that he is to hold it permanently.

The boys were kept busy handling specials during the inauguration period. All went well until a severe blizzard set in around Baltimore and Washington, which badly deranged schedule trains, causing them to run several hours late.

Bros. Melvin, Kennedy, Denny and Mr. Uffelman were out on construction trains for about one week, testing wires, but have returned to their respective positions in Wilmington office. No doubt the boys were glad to get back home.

Mr. Ayden has been on the sick list for a few days; Bro. Steel is filling his place, and Bro. Cosden is working the owl in "D" office.

Bro. C. S. Dempsey, of Newark, was absent several days during March, owing to the death of his father. He has the sympathy of Division No. 58.

Bro. H. B. Arrison, our genial relief telegrapher, was assigned to other duty during the inauguration period, and the relief discontinued for that time.

The eight-hour day has now been in operation for more than a year and I am sure we are all under obligations to the O. R. T. for same (not exempting nons), through the instrumentality of which it was secured. Boys, let's turn out and give our officers hearty support at our monthly meetings.

Judging by the way schedule trains were delayed during the blizzard, on account of telegraphic communication being cut off, it appears that the telegraph figures prominently in the running thereof, and it will be some time before we will have to seek the soil for support.

Brothers, any items for next month's write-up will be appreciated by your division correspondent; get busy and let's hear from all.  
Div. Cor.



**Moncton Div., No. 63.**

The regular meeting of Division No. 63 was held at St. John, March 20, 1909. Fifteen members were present. Bro. H. W. Jones, chief telegrapher, occupied the chair. This being the last meeting for this term Bro. H. W. Jones vacated the chair in favor of the newly elected chief, Bro. R. A. Brown, who was duly installed as chief telegrapher; Bro. A. L. Fullerton, first vice-chief telegrapher; Bro. R. R. Smith, second vice-chief telegrapher, and Bro. R. M. Gross, secretary and treasurer, for the ensuing term.

The brothers of "63" were delighted with the work of Bro. H. W. Jones while chief telegrapher, and no doubt will be called upon to act in the same capacity at some future time.

Bro. J. F. Kelly, of Island yard, "OR," has been quite ill, but is improving rapidly; relieved by Bro. P. C. Ryder.

Bro. J. H. Forbes has been called to Halifax, on account of the illness of his wife, who has been visiting her parents; relieved by Bro. Fairweather, of Rothesay.

Bro. Ross Brown, who has been on a three months' leave of absence, returned last week, and is expected to resume duty soon.

We regret to hear the sad news of the death of Mrs. Pattrickin, sister of Bro. S. C. Charles. We extend to the members of the bereaved family our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this hour of affliction.

There are two or three members who have not yet paid the special assessment. It is decidedly unfair for some of the brothers to pay these assessments, while others pull through without doing so.

Another thing, we are two slow in paying dues. It is true, we can put this matter off a month or so, and still save our necks, but by procrastinating we become careless, put it off too long and soon find ourselves suspended. This causes the secretary a great deal of unnecessary work.

We are glad to see business improving so rapidly. Everyone looks forward to a good season's work. We must make an extra effort to increase the earnings of the road by keeping on the alert for business.

I have received letters from several of our members who have left this road, asking why Division No. "63" is not represented in the "Fraternal" department of the journal. Notes from this division are always interesting to members who have worked within its jurisdiction; therefore, I would request that the brothers make an especial effort to furnish the division correspondent with items for publication.

Div. Cor.

**Oskalooska Div., No. 71.**

Sister Weldon, of Mason City, days, has returned from a week's vacation. She was relieved by a Mr. Covey.

Another change of agents at Mason City Junction. The lucky (?) man this time is a Mr. Kelly.

The company finally concluded to put on three men at Hampton and Marshalltown. At Hampton, Roberts goes on at 9 a. m., works till 3 p. m.; Telegrapher Covey from 3 p. m. till 12 midnight; Telegrapher Vaughan, 12 midnight to 9 a. m. At Marshalltown, Mr. Nutz, a non, is working first trick; Bro. Mitchell, second, and Mr. Pixley has been working third, but can not say whether he is there at the present time.

On March 9th, No. 2 struck four feet of snow between Geneva and Faulkner, and stuck in it for fourteen hours. No. 41 stalled between Geneva and Hampton for several hours from same cause. Trains were delayed on all roads from one to several hours, and snow shoveling was the order of the day.

Bro. J. W. Rankin, of Liscomb, is off on a three weeks' vacation. He is being relieved by Bro. L. Quinlen.

Two of the daughters of Bro. Flynn, of Belmond have had the diphtheria this winter, but we are pleased to say that they have gotten over it nicely.

The new superintendent (Mr. Kruse) has failed to show his "Smiling Face" on the Algona branch thus far.

A large delegation is expected at the April meeting, if the passes materialize. There must be a "nigger" in the wood-pile somewhere, regarding this pass business. We've got to do something.

Understand Geneva agency is to be vacant April 1st.

Bro. J. W. Howard and family, of Olds, have returned from Florida, where they have been spending the winter.

Bro. C. R. Hunter has been transferred from Marsh to Little York.

Bro. J. P. Sweet, of Fremont, was recently called to Des Moines on account of the serious illness of his wife, who had undergone an operation at one of the hospitals a few days previous. We have since heard that Mrs. Sweet died, and was buried at Des Moines, March 20th. This leaves Bro. Sweet with several small children. He has the sympathy of the entire division in his bereavement.

Bro. M. J. Cahill, who has been acting as relief agent at Olds, was called to Union a few days since, on account of sickness in his family; relieved by Bro. J. B. Odem, of Division No. 2.

The last meeting was not very well attended on account of so many of the boys getting turned down on transportation. This will be something for our committee to look after. It was agreed, and always has been understood that our boys would be furnished transportation to these meetings. We are having too many new officials to break in, all in a bunch.

We understand that Ross Brown has resigned as chief clerk to the superintendent, and that he has again taken his old position as day ticket clerk. This pushes the other boys back to their old places. A gentleman from the office of general superintendent, of C. & N. W., relieved him.

Bro. Walker, of New Sharon, attended our last meeting. He is thinking of resuming duty in the near future. This brother has been doing some "missionary" work while convalescing, which certainly goes to show that he can see something in the O. R. T.

W. A. Heritage now holds first trick dispatching on east end.

Up to March 24th, our committee was still waiting for Superintendent Krause to relieve them, and give them that long promised "pow-wow." We are advised, by a member of the committee, that the sixty-day limit will soon be up, and that Mr. Krause has asked the members of the committee to meet him in Oskaloosa, Sunday March 28th, to go over the preliminaries, although he has not yet relieved them, claiming he can not find men to do so. We hope this Sunday meeting will be the commencement of the grind.

Agent H. T. Boyd, of Mason City, is to be transferred to position of contracting freight agent for the Iowa C. M. & St. L., at Des Moines, relieving Mr. Hannam, who is to go to a like position at Minneapolis. Understand the agent of M. & St. L. from Waseca will be transferred to Mason City.

No card, no favors.

CORRESPONDENT.

#### Scranton Div., No. 87.

Bro. M. D. Moot has been re-elected local chairman of this division, and all correspondence from the main line should be sent him, including grievances.

The local chairman has appointed Bro. E. S. Taylor, assistant chairman, covering the Nineveh Branch, and Bro. F. S. Stephenso, assistant, covering the Honesdale Branch, and all correspondence, grievances, etc., on those branches should be forwarded accordingly.

At our March meeting the following officers were installed: Chief telegrapher, W. F. Davenport, Archbald, Pa.; first vice-chief telegrapher, H. C. Miller; second vice-chief telegrapher, W. E. Taylor; secretary and treasurer, M. G. Grennell, Carbondale, Pa.

The division is holding its own very nicely at present, but we want to do a little better in the future. Before the summer is over we want to be able to say that every telegrapher on this division of the road is a member. The grand secretary and treasurer has agreed to assist in this matter, and if every member of the division will put his shoulder to the wheel this will be an accomplished fact before fall.

The local chairman and assistants are going to meet in the near future, and they will outline a plan which, with the assistance of the membership, will, we hope, solidify the whole division.

Numerous changes have taken place on this division during the past winter. In fact, they have been so numerous that it is almost impossible to keep track of them.

Messrs. Betts of Indiana, Tennant of the Erie and Lewis of the D. L. & W., are working in the

dispatcher's office, taking the place of Messrs Clune, Bolles and Hastings.

Mr. Clune has a very nice position in the dispatcher's office on the A. & S. Division. Mr. Bolles is working first trick in Lookout tower, Carbondale, and Mr. Hastings is working first trick at "WB," Wilkesbarre yard office. Bro. Doyle changed from Lookout to Moosic tower, first trick. Bro. Berry from first trick to third trick at Moosic tower. Bro. Davis from first trick at Moosic to third trick at Carbon St. tower, Scranton. Mr. Knickerbocker is working second trick at Moosic tower, while Bro. Danks is on a temporary leave of absence.

Report is ripe that Bro. Danks is going to give the flour and grain business a trial, and if he makes a success we will have to bid him a fond adieu.

Bro. Clancey is working second trick at Green Ridge, vacated by Bro. Yorke, who is now working at Avoca for the Erie.

Bro. Smith, of City Station, Carbondale, who had leg broken some time ago, is getting along nicely at this writing, and the chances are that before this is in print he will be back on his old job.

Bro. J. W. Samson has accepted the position as agent at Olyphant, which was vacated by C. W. Connelly, who is off duty on account of ill-health.

Barton Williams has accepted the position of agent at Providence, formerly held by Samson.

P. H. Mullen, formerly with the Laurel Line, has accepted the position of agent at South Scranton; formerly held by R. Taylor.

At this writing Bro. Broad, at Jessup-Peckville, is off on account of illness, and Bro. Spellman, of Winton, is acting agent in his place.

REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

#### Nineveh Branch—

Business continues to be brisk, despite the miserable condition of the power. Engine failures are an every-day occurrence.

Mr. C. W. Armstrong, first trick at Tuscarora, is yet unable to see the benefits of the O. R. T. Still he enjoys the eight-hour day and his seniority rights as much as anyone.

Bro. E. S. Taylor, second trick at Lanesboro, attended the inauguration of President Taft. He reports rubber boots and umbrellas as being in vogue the 4th.

Bro. R. A. Unangst, second trick at Tuscarora, was called to Binghamton recently, on account of the illness of his mother. She is improving at this writing.

Bro. Edison, at East Windsor, is still wondering when the night telegraphers will make their appearance at his office. We understand they were to have arrived there about February 1st, but have not yet shown up.

Mr. M. H. McMasters, the "Professor" at North End, is enjoying a forced vacation, owing to a derailment at North End recently, when three cars jumped the track at the switch points and damaged the track for a considerable dis-

tance, and tying the road up for five or six hours. We understand that the switch was not properly latched, hence the vacation. Have been unable to learn whether the "Prof." or one of his numerous students threw the switch, but understand that there was a "ham" around the office when the accident occurred. Perhaps he can appreciate the true value of a ham now. A Mr. Sherry, lately of the Erie, is working in the "Professor's" place.

The yardmasters at the turntable between Lanesboro and Jefferson Junction have been replaced by men who are telegraphers, and the dispatcher's wire cut in their office so that they may keep themselves posted as to the position of trains. Mr. W. D. Bachman has the day trick and S. Traynor has the night trick. Lee Foster and Stephen Maroney, who formerly held these positions, have been transferred to Carbondale and Wilkesbarre, respectively. COR.

### Chicago Div., No. 91.

At our last meeting, March 27th, a large number of members were present, and we pleased them all by adjourning promptly at 10:30, as we stated we would do in our notice in the February TELEGRAPHER.

First Vice-President Newman was present, and as usual made an interesting talk for the benefit of the members. At the conclusion of his remarks, the division passed the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That Division No. 91 tender First Vice-President Newman a rising vote of thanks, for the interest he has taken in our division, and for the instructive and beneficial talks made during the past; be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, and a copy forwarded to Grand Secretary and Treasurer Quick, for reproduction in the April number of THE TELEGRAPHER.

The following officers were elected for the term commencing March 1, 1909: Chief telegrapher, G. Dal Jones; secretary and treasurer, W. F. McDonald; First vice-chief telegrapher, W. E. Carter; second vice-chief telegrapher, A. E. McCullough; delegate to the National Convention, in May, Geo. H. O'Brien; alternate to the National Convention, A. E. McCullough; delegate to State Federation of Labor, Past-President G. D. Ramsay; alternate to State Federation of Labor, G. Dal Jones; delegate to Chicago Federation of Labor, to serve the unexpired term of W. C. Long, E. M. Moore.

The members present were requested to consider methods of establishing central relief bureaus for members of the Order, and to report at the next meeting.

Bro. Thomas, of the Illinois Central Terminal Division, spoke briefly, calling the attention of the members to the appeal for aid from Bro. E. C. Wells, of Division 32, on page 270 of the February TELEGRAPHER.

Bro. Downie, one of our earnest workers, was present and spoke on the benefits of the Bond Company.

Meeting adjourned promptly at 10:30, and everybody present was delighted with the idea of having the proceedings start promptly at 8 o'clock and close in time to catch their trains and get home at a reasonable hour. This new rule is going to be kept in force so all brothers can attend, knowing that they will not be asked to wait until midnight in order to hear the entire proceedings. S. & T.

E. J. & E. Ry.—

Bro. G. E. Balesbaugh is holding third trick at "EJ" tower, Chicago Heights. We understand that he hails from the U. P.

We have a smoke coming, as Bro. W. E. Aultz, second trick, Chicago Heights, was married February the 18th. Here are hearty congratulations to both. Bro. E. W. Schillo held second trick at Chicago Heights during Bro. Aultz's absence, and Bro. Hylton is working the first trick.

Bro. Knitter, third trick at Frankfort, was off a few days, Mr. Allen, from Chicago, taking his place.

It is understood there are to be changes made at Frankfort, Walker and Chicago Heights the first of March, but we are unable to say what they are.

Let's hear from some of the boys each month. No items appeared in the February TELEGRAPHER from this end of the pike. CERT. 485.

### Meridian Div., No. 94.

Our election of officers resulted as follows: Chief telegrapher, Bro. R. Del Buono, Yellow Pine, Ala.; secretary and treasurer, R. L. Howell, Mobile, Ala.; first vice-chief telegrapher, H. C. Gilmer, Fruitdale, Ala.; second vice-chief telegrapher, W. J. Hubbard, Elrod, Ala.; local chairman of Mobile Division, M. & O. R. R., R. Pearson, North Port, Ala.; local chairman of Southern Ry. in Mississippi, L. M. Tribble, Columbus, Miss.; representative to Grand Division, R. Pearson, North Port, Ala.; alternate, L. B. Duncan, Reform, Ala.

Now that the election is over, I hope that every member will do his part towards accomplishing thorough organization. Our membership is so strong on the lines covered by this division that it should be an easy matter to get in the few who are not now members. I have received a number of complaints from members, claiming that the railroad company is not living up to the contract. Now I want to say just a word to all the brothers on this subject: First you should study your schedule carefully, and endeavor to live up to it in every respect; and you should strive to give the company the very best service of which you are capable, and then you should demand that the officers of the company fulfill their part of the contract. As a general thing the management of railroads is in the hands of broad-minded, capable men, but they sometimes

make the mistake of promoting narrow-minded subordinates who cause the telegraphers trouble. The average telegrapher is such a meek fellow that the management seldom hears of his grievances. Now that you have good committees there is no reason why you should be backward in making a complaint when you are not treated right. Tell your local chairman of your troubles, and let him advise you what is best to do. Some people don't seem to understand what the duties of a local chairman are, and to these I would say that he represents you before the company the same as an attorney represents a client in court. As an example, should the company for any reason decline to allow you overtime, as provided for in the schedule, first write a straightforward business letter to your superior officer, calling his attention to the fact and requesting that he straighten the matter out; you should keep a copy of this letter, and if a satisfactory reply is not received within a reasonable length of time, refer a copy of the letter to your local chairman and request him to either handle the matter or advise you what to do; in other words, make all your kicks to your local chairman, and give him something to do, and quit kicking in the air. With best wishes to all, and hoping our present grand officers will be re-elected at the convention, I am,

R. L. HOWELL, S. & T.

#### *Southern Railway in Mississippi—*

Boys, wake up! And see what is in store for you.

I hear some one say, "Oh! Since we have been cut loose from the 'Old Southern' and been placed under the management of the M. & O., we haven't got any show." This is a mistake. The trouble lies in us; we haven't been doing anything for the good of the Order; waiting on the other fellow. There was hardly enough interest manifested recently to nominate a brother for local chairman. However, we are glad to say that Bro. L. M. Tribble was nominated and has been duly and constitutionally elected to serve us for the ensuing year.

Bro. Tribble says this election was very much against his wishes, not that he is not willing to serve for the good of the Order, but that he feels there are others who are better fitted for the place. We would like to say to Bro. Tribble that we are not sure about this. With the assistance the members of this division are going to give him in way of organizing, and otherwise, no doubt before his term expires he will be proud of the fact that he served in the capacity of local chairman. Let every member who holds an up-to-date card write Bro. Tribble, giving him his certificate number, and names of nons he may chance to know; also gives name of delinquent members. I am not very well acquainted with the situation at present, and am unable to furnish our local chairman with the complete line-up he desires. If we make no effort, what can we expect?

Bro. S. O. Neyman has resigned as agent at Mathiston; relieved by Mr. J. C. Green.

Everybody seems to be getting along smoothly with but a few changes.

In future we will try to keep in touch with everything, and report to our local chairman, who will give us a write-up each month.

A MEMBER.

#### Elmira Div., No. 100.

##### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Supreme Ruler of the Universe has called to her reward, in the great beyond, the mother of our esteemed Bro. C. M. Weeks; be it

*Resolved*, By the members of Elmira Division No. 100, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to the brother and relatives our heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this memorial be spread upon the records of the division, a copy sent to our brother, and a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

C. R. ELLIOTT,  
H. S. TIPTON,  
C. S. ROBINSON,

*Committee.*

#### Ayer Div., No. 104.

Regular meeting of Division No. 104 was held at Clinton, March 21st; Bro. Willard presiding. The attendance was very good, and the meeting throughout was a lively one. Speeches were made by the newly elected officers, who were installed at this meeting. Bro. Willard, who has served the division faithfully for the past two years as chief, turned over the gavel to Bro. Cook, who will serve us for the next year.

The applications of Mr. Randall, of Worcester; Mr. Murphy, of Nashua, N. H., and Mr. Jones, of South Acton, were received and acted on at this meeting.

Organization work is advancing very nicely on this division; "slow but sure." We are sorry to say that there are a few who are holding off, although they have been members and know and admit that the O. R. T. has benefited them. Let us hope that they will wake up before another month.

We are lately in receipt of General Chairman Bode's report for the year ending December 31st. This report is just the thing to let the members know what the general committee is doing, and should enlighten the nons by showing them what has been done and what is being done for them. Everyone should read it.

Now that we have started the ball rolling by having an open meeting, let's all get busy and help to make the W. N. & P. Division solid. There is much work to be done on the west end and on the Keene Branch. Let each individual member take it upon himself to see the nons, show them the benefits they are deriving through the efforts of the Order, and convince them that

it is to their advantage as well as to the advantage of their fellow-workers to get in line.

Another thing which needs our attention is the attendance at meetings; we have good times and get in touch with the work of the Order. Come to the meetings and put up a kick for your rights. Don't stay away and then say that you don't like the members who have been elected officers, or that you don't like the way things are run. You have the same privilege as others if you attend meetings, as every loyal member should.

Division No. 104 has started out for big game, and has appointed a committee, composed of Bros. Willard, Harrigan and Rutledge, to formulate plans for a big open meeting, to be held in Fitchburg, Mass., some time in June, the date to be determined later. Cor.

#### Concord Div., No. 105.

Our February meeting was well attended. An election was held and Bro. Hall was chosen "Chief," Bro. Walters declining re-election. Bro. Marshall was elected "Marshal," and Bro. Gage, delegate to the convention. He was also nominated for local chairman, and ballots are out.

The pension question was discussed, and by the way it is understood, think the boys would like to see it go into effect.

When the question was asked "What shall we do about the switch-light?" Bro. Haley briefly answered "light 'em," which seemed to be about the proper answer for the question.

We understand the committee meets in Boston early in March to revise the wage scale, and probably by the time this is in print we will have a copy of the schedule. Here's hoping that Article V will be changed to our advantage.

Bro. Gage went over the C. & C. recently, and no doubt applications will soon be coming in, as the nons talk the right thing, and all seem to be with us in spirit, if not in membership.

Have you paid dues yet for the period ending June 30th? If you haven't, do so. Not a member has been suspended or dropped during the past year. This is a pretty good record.

I trust some of the boys will send me news now and then.

This will make THE TELEGRAPHER more interesting to the members, especially those who cannot get away from their duties to attend meetings. Secy.

#### Renovo Div., No. 110.

The regular Emporium meeting was held at the St. Charles Hotel, Emporium, March 17th, with a good attendance. The newly elected officers were installed for the ensuing year. Chief telegrapher, J. E. O'Leary; secretary and treasurer, A. L. Goodwin; first vice-chief telegrapher, M. L. Vought; second vice-chief telegrapher, L. R. Newberry; marshal, I. B. Perry; delegate to convention, J. N. Edwards, with I. B. Perry as alternate. Bro. Edwards was unanimously elected local chair-

man. With these able and loyal brothers at the helm, the prospects of Division No. 110 look very bright. All are men of the highest standards of character and fidelity, and it is safe to say that they will fill their respective offices with credit and honor.

In these times of uncertainty and antagonism, it behooves us to stand together and not allow personal grievances to hamper the good of the Order. Every member will have his opportunity in due time, and I hope by the time this article appears that everything will have resumed its normal condition. If I may be allowed to digress a little into verse, I will say this:

"For better conditions, let our energies blend.  
Stand firm for the Order, may our zeal never end.

Put malice aside; warm our hearts, one and all,  
For 'united we stand, divided we fall.'"

There will be a meeting in Kane some time in April, to arrange for alternate meetings to be held at Kane and Emporium, monthly instead of twice a month as heretofore. This seems to meet the approval of the membership.

We are sorry to announce the death of the infant son of Bro. J. E. O'Leary, of Emporium, and also "13" Mrs. O'Leary is in very poor health. We extend sympathy to the brother, and hope for his wife's speedy recovery.

Former Bro. W. J. McCartan, of Renovo, lost his wife on March 10th, after a short illness. As Mr. McCartan has been unable to make both ends meet for some time past, he was unable to keep up his dues, and had to drop from our rolls. However, he informs us that he will be in the fold as soon as circumstances will permit, and the entire membership extends heartfelt sympathy to himself and his family in their great sorrow.

As usual, the division correspondent is up against it for news, so don't kick if the division is not well represented in the journal. There is a good Smith-Premier and a hustler to run it, who is anxious and willing to publish the ideas and views of the members through the columns of the journal. Will expect something from Bro. James, of Garland; Bro. Griskey, of Kane, and in fact every one of you for the April write-up.

Now brothers and sisters, wake up once and give us a few words. "PLYMOUTH ROCK."

#### Shamokin Div., No. 117.

It has been so long a time since anything appeared in THE TELEGRAPHER from this division, that I am inclined to believe our worthy correspondent has gone into politics and left us in the lurch.

Last night's meeting was one long to be remembered by the boys of No. 117. In the first place, not a single one knew at what point in the city the meeting was to be held, and we came strolling in like a country band. Up and down the streets we roamed, staring into the faces of all passersby and searching coat lapels until

finally we collected into one large group. Then the crowd went in search of the hall. Stairs, stairs, stairs galore; up and down, all over town. At last some accommodating chap said he had heard of a brass pounders' meeting in a hall near the jail. Now a blind telegrapher would have no trouble finding the bastille, and so the victory was as good as won.

Bro. Wallaner, chief telegrapher, opened the meeting. The Secretary, Bro. Michael, was absent on account of illness, and Bro. Keyser acted in his stead.

We had just gotten down to business when Bro. Pierson, accompanied by Bros. Martines, Boylon and Phillips, of the N. Y. C., arrived. They had also discovered that the city of Biltown is noted for its many stairways.

The illness of several members had a great deal to do with this misunderstanding, and no one in particular was to blame, but Bro. Pierson was not aware of this fact, and had a choice lot of ammunition in readiness to discharge at the earliest opportunity.

Notwithstanding this, we enjoyed his address all right.

The meeting was fairly well attended. The P. R. R. boys disappointed us somewhat, as we expected quite a number from Division No. 24, whereas only one, Bro. Konkle, of South Williamsport, was present.

The P. & R. boys were not there in force. They haven't all seen the light as yet.

Brothers, there is work to do. Let us not rest until the scalp of every non on the division dangles from our belts.

Give your employer your best services. Teach him that you are more proficient and trustworthy than the non, that he can depend upon you at all times, and that you are not a member of the O. R. T. simply to strike and cause him trouble.

Your employer already respects you above the non. He realizes that the man who has no respect for himself or his craft can have little for anything else.

Several applications were presented last evening.

Newberry Junction, Halls, Milton and West Milton were well represented at the meeting.

Bro. Ernst, of "NF" tower, has bid in third trick at Williamsport.

Bro. Caldwell hustled around to hear Bro. Pierson, after his relief came, at 9 p. m.

Don't forget the next meeting. CERT. 17.

### Olean Div., No. 135.

*Chautauqua Division, Pennsylvania Ry.—*

Bro. Buckley, at Cemetery, was home for a few days this month on account of the sickness of his father. He was relieved by Telegrapher Brown.

Bro. Carr and wife, of Mayville, attended the motor-boat show in Buffalo, one day this month.

Bro. Ide, of "BC" tower, was off duty a couple of days last month, and was relieved by Telegrapher Brown.

Read over your block rules and time-tables, and be ready for a trip to Oil City. Do not let the officials catch you napping when they call you in for examination.

Several of the second and third trick boys were called in for examination last week.

Bro. W. H. Williams is off duty for ten days, and is being relieved by Mr. McKnight, who has returned to us after a year's absence.

Division Operator Foults has been on the sick list for the last three or four weeks. We understand that he has been confined to his bed.

Organizer Mayhood visited a few of the boys lately.

How about that ham factory at Twenty-mile Siding? We understand the "farmer" working first trick has two "sausage grinders" at work. The rest of the boys there are "O. K."

Have you been keeping an eye on the markers lately? We "13" that the last time the pay-car went through they took markers down at certain stations, and put them up again before they got to the next. Look out for it.

J. J. Pettitt, formerly second trick at Sherman, has gone into the milling business at Summerdale, and the position is being filled by Mr. Scott. We have seen nothing of the bids for this position.

Sister Dutton, of Sherman, was off a few days last month; do not know who relieved her.

Bro. McKnight is now relieving Mr. Scott at Sherman.

Bro. L. D. Webster was off three days this month; relieved by Bro. S. L. Kilpatrick, the first day, and by Bro. B. J. Meising the other two days.

A good many extras are now running between Mayville and Corry, on account of the ice business.

The discipline list looks very bad. Whether members of the O. R. T. or not, we should strive to give first-class service. It is especially expected of the members, as they have been frequently admonished and know better.

We had a struggle to get the nine-hour law through, and now that we have it we should appreciate it, and see that no man works over the nine hours, except as provided by law.

Let us work in harmony with the officials, and stand by them as they have stood by us. In this way we can do more for our cause than by being continually at swords' points.

Remember that if you have a poor record, and the company for that reason declines to promote you, we can do nothing for you, as it is your fault. If on the other hand your record is clear the matter can be investigated. CERT. 179.

*Pennsylvania Ry., Buffalo Division—*

Bro. Shear, first trick at Ebenezer, was absent three days last month, on account of the death of his father-in-law. He was relieved by Bro. Hixon.

A. J. Joslyn, agent at Ebenezer, is taking a trip through California; relieved by Bro. Farnsworth.

Bro. Granger, third trick at East Aurora, was off duty several days last month, visiting friends.

Bro. Minard was off a week last month; relieved by Telegrapher Eddy.

Bro. Plack, Protection, off duty one night last week, attending a ball at Buffalo.

Bro. Cashman, of Chaffee, was absent from duty several days recently, on account of his father's death. He was relieved by Telegrapher Snell.

Bro. Kettering bid in third trick at Delevan.

Bro. Brownell and Bro. Burt, of Delevan, were in Buffalo one day last week. CERT. 23.

### Grand Trunk Ry.

#### *Members Northern and Eastern Divisions—*

The result of the recent election of officers leaves me unable to find words with which to express my gratitude. I can but thank you for the honor conferred, and say that I feel the responsibility resting upon me. I assure you that I shall keep the interests of this division ever in mind.

Many important questions requiring prompt and energetic action will confront us during the next few months, and I hope that each and everyone will realize his responsibility and act accordingly. Let me urge upon each member the necessity of earnest action in the matter of soliciting membership. The results of individual effort will be astonishing and well worthy the slight effort put forth.

Again thanking you for your confidence, I am,

Yours fraternally,

J. A. BELL,

Local Chairman.

#### *Western Division—*

Let us make an effort, and, no doubt, by June 30th, the Grand Trunk can be made nearly solid. Don't depend on the other fellow to do the work, but "get busy" yourself.

Each and every one of us should be able to land at least one new member.

We have a local chairman who is making every effort to get us into line, and I am glad to note that his labors are not in vain. He should be assisted and encouraged by the members at every opportunity.

Bro. R. G. Sillway, of Ada, has gone into the hardware business. We regret to see him leave, as he was a good worker.

Bro. Diamon, of Burt, has been acting agent at Montrose for the past two months; his predecessor, a well-known student instructor, being a bit light for the position.

Cut out this student proposition, and let the road furnish a porter if the work can not be done by one man.

A number of Grand Trunk employes are members of the Order, but belong to foreign divisions. They should transfer to Division No. 1, and give the home lodge the benefit of dues.

CERT. 690.

### Wabash Ry.

#### *Peru Division—*

As proof of the inefficiency of the telephones for handling trains, read the following:

Columbus, O., February 27.—Five people were severely injured and a score were shaken up, bruised and slightly cut when a "line car" on the Ohio Electric Railway Company dashed around a curve, a mile east of West Jefferson, and crashed into a car from Springfield, filled with passengers. No one was killed. Misinformation through making reports over the telephone is said to have caused the collision.

Remember this is the first time in the history of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers that wages have been maintained during a business depression. If some are disposed to feel discouraged because their committees were unable to procure the desired concessions at the last conference with the management, they might experience a peculiar sensation up and down their spinal columns by reflecting on what the conditions of the telegraphers would be were it not for their organization. I notice almost every day where wages have been reduced in other classes of labor, especially the unorganized. Knowing this, I take a little firmer hold on my faith in the O. R. T., and look in my inside pocket to make sure that I am armed with the necessary weapon to defend that faith—an up-to-date card.

Bro. Lipsett has tendered his resignation after having taken a sixty days' leave of absence, in which to try his hand at other business. He purchased a motion picture show, and after trying it sixty days decided it was much better than the grind coincident with railroad work.

Sister V. M. Baker, of Ft. Wayne, laying off a few days. Telegrapher Edwards is doing the work in the absence of Sister Baker.

Bro. Edson, the third trick man at West Peru, is off duty a few days, visiting friends at Indianapolis. Mr. Todd, an extra man, is relieving him.

Dispatcher Webb is taking a fifteen-days lay-off. He was last seen at the Daugherty horse sale at Wabash, Ind.

There is some talk of opening the gravel pit at Attica this month.

Dispatcher Cavanaugh is laying off for thirty days to kill a few "ducks" in the Kankakee marshes.

Mr. Todd, a new face on the Wabash, worked a few nights for Mr. Lennon at West Peru. Mr. Lennon was at the bedside of his mother at Logansport, who was reported very low.

Mr. W. C. Seiple has accepted the agency at West Lebanon, Ind. He has been working at Defiance, O., as telegrapher for some time.

Mr. L. C. Finch has been checked in as agent at Elmira, Ohio.

Telegrapher Brake, at C. C. & L. Crossing, is laying off, on account of sickness in his family.

Second trick at Maumee is open for bid.

Bro. R. E. Helwig, of West Lebanon, is relieving Bro. Jones at State Line for a few days.

Bro. Cox, of Libery Center, has resumed work, after being off for several days.

Miss Laura Ulerich has accepted the agency at Monclova, Ohio.

Mr. R. M. Smith is working first trick at Defiance, until the place is awarded on bulletin.

Mr. G. C. Kinsman, superintendent telegrapher of Wabash Lines, was in Peru on official business, with Chief Dispatcher J. T. Cullen, last week. CERT. 141.

#### *To All Members, Peru Division:*

Hoping to assist in bringing about thorough organization on this division, I have decided to try the plan of offering prizes for the securing of applications for membership.

The first prize will be an official emblem ring, valued at \$4.50, and will be given to the member sending me the greatest number of applications for membership between March 19th and July 1st, 1909.

The second prize, a solid gold front lapel button, valued at \$1.00, bearing the official emblem, the wreath and sounder, will be given to the member sending me the second largest number of applications between the above dates.

I believe a smaller number of applications will win these prizes than in other contests, because of the limited territory. The chances of winning are proportionately greater, because of fewer competitors. Two or three applications may win first prize, and, moreover, every application secured adds just that much more strength to our division, so all should take an interest and make an extra effort to enroll new members.

In case of a tie some plan can be mutually agreed upon for the awarding of the prizes. All get busy, until nothing but "undesirables" are left.

Blanks will be furnished upon request. Send all applications to me, and ask that they be credited to you in the contest.

Yours for a solid front,  
W. P. SHUTT, *Local Chairman.*

#### *Detroit-Chicago Division—*

Sister Frances Jones bid in Cone agency, which was made vacant by Sister Jennie Wiley accepting the agency at Millersburg.

Bro. D. E. Taylor, of Milan, is off for thirty days; relieved by Telegrapher Wilkins.

Telegrapher Turner relieved Bro. J. Nelson, of Ennis, for a few days, while Bro. Nelson visited friends in Toledo, O.

Sister V. R. Towns, of Sand Creek, visited relatives in Indiana a few days; relieved by Bro. F. J. Osburn, who later went to Gary and relieved Telegrapher Don Wilkins. Wilkins relieved Telegrapher Lowe at Montpelier.

Bro. Frank Hitchingham, of "BO" tower, was at the hospital at Peru for a few days. Did not hear what was the trouble; Bro. N. E. Long relieved him

Bro. and Mrs. J. M. Seibert, of Romulus, visited Bro. and Mrs. L. A. Yoder, of Milan, one day last month.

What a great improvement can be seen in the service of the telegraph department of this road, since we have been working shorter hours. This especially applies to the night telegraphers. You don't hear the dispatcher breaking his arm calling sleepy men as was the case when we were working twelve hours or longer.

We incurred the displeasure of the officials by fighting for the nine-hour law, as they could see nothing in it but an added expense with no benefits. It was natural that they should fight it. Now let us prove to them that they are getting as much benefit out of it as we. We can do this by paying strict attention to our duties, and being prompt and painstaking in everything we do. If trains are handled quickly and safely, it will increase public confidence and consequently increase the business of the road. There are many little things that we can do that will cost but a small effort on our part, but that will go a long way toward proving that the nine-hour law is for the benefit of all concerned.

There can be but very little complaint made of the telegraph service; still there could be a little improvement. There are still a few, a very few of us, who persist in sleeping on duty. Trains have been delayed and other trouble caused by this lack of attention to duty, and if we get into trouble through it and are dismissed from the service, we can expect no one to help us. The Order was organized to raise the standard of railroad telegraphers, and a person who will shirk duty or sleep on an eight or nine-hour trick, certainly is not helping to raise that standard, and, therefore, can not look to the Order for protection. Everything we do for the betterment of the service is a stepping stone for our own betterment.

Div. Coa.

#### *Springfield Division—*

Bro. Guinan, third trick at Kinderhook, is off duty a few days; relieved by Bro. Lipcamon.

Bro. Frederick, agent at Valley City, resumed work March 12th, after thirty days' vacation.

P. R. Metz, agent at Naples, has resigned and sought greener pastures; relieved by Mr. Geo. East, formerly helper at Barry.

M. T. Driscoll, agent at Griggsville, is taking a month's vacation. Relieved by C. S. Klinefelter, from second trick, who was relieved by Bro. Chas. H. Claus, regular third trick telegrapher at Berlin. Bro. Claus was relieved at Berlin by Telegrapher Abbott. Bro. Claus was called home (Pittsfield) recently by the death of his sister.

Bro. Hatfield, agent at Illiopolis, is visiting home folks at Naples for a few days, on account of the illness of his mother; relieved by telegrapher Chinn, a new man from C. M. & St. P.

Mr. O. C. Little, car distributor from Springfield, was going over the road on locals early in March, with a view of getting in closer touch with the car situation on the division.



Mr. P. J. O'Brien, from the general offices in St. Louis, accompanied by Trainmaster Karnes, went over the division the latter part of March, getting a line-up of the cars on this portion of the road, and also seeing that the station records are correctly kept. Hope none of the brothers were found wanting.

Mr. E. F. Hatfield, the wire chief at Springfield, is off on a vacation; relieved by W. P. Patter.

W. V. Mills, who has for some years been occupying the position of telegrapher and ticket agent at Quincy, Ill., has at last been rewarded for his faithfulness, and been promoted to cashier in the freight office at that point. This change, we know, will be very much appreciated by Mr. Mills. He deserves the advancement and the increase in salary which the new position carries with it.

On account of the transfer of Mr. Mills to the position of cashier in the freight office at Quincy, Ill., Bro. Taylor, second trick, will hold forth as telegrapher and ticket agent at that place.

It is reported that some of the men are sleeping on duty. Let us hope that none of the brothers have given cause for this complaint, as there is absolutely no excuse for a man sleeping on duty, especially where he is working eight hours.

Bro. Green is now working as second trick telegrapher and ticket agent at Jacksonville.

Business seems to be pretty good, judging from the amount of freight that is being moved. We trust it will improve steadily at the rate it has been doing in the past. Perhaps, then, with the return to the 3-cent rate, we might get that "60 per" we have been dreaming about so long.

Commencing March 8th the locals between Springfield and Hannibal were allowed but two brakemen instead of three. Curtailment of expenses was thought necessary, owing to present conditions.

Private car No. 3, occupied by General Superintendent Cotter, of St. Louis, was attached to the rear of No. 3, March 3d, at Springfield, and passed over the division to Hannibal.

Private car No. 2, occupied by President Delano, of Chicago, passed over the division as a special, March 25th, in charge of Conductor Ashley.

Don't wait for the local chairman or his assistants to do all the work. Speak to that non with whom you are working. Do a little personal work. If you will refer to the January copy of THE TELEGRAPHER you will find a list of prizes offered for securing new members. Some of those emblem rings or watch charms should be won by members of this division.

We desire to thank the brothers who contributed to this write-up. Don't wait for a personal request for items, but if you know of anything of interest notify the correspondent.

We shall be pleased to receive the report of the convention to be held in Atlanta, Ga., in May. This report will show the progress made by the Order during the past two years.

CERT 957.

## Mobile & Ohio Ry.

### St. Louis Division—

The general situation looks favorable, several new members are dropping into line, and I believe we will be thoroughly organized in the near future.

News is very scarce, as there are very few changes along the line.

Bro. Kimball, second trick at Shannon, has resigned, and gone to Booneville, Miss. He was relieved by Bro. Newsome, of Mayfield, Ky.

Bro. Estes, of Clamore, is laying off a few days. Relieved by Mr. Franklin, of Moscow, Ky.

Mr. D. E. Cunningham, of Trenton, Tenn., has resigned; Mr. Rutledge is his successor.

Bro. Robertson, agent at Moscow, was off duty one day recently, attending court at Clinton. He was relieved by Mr. R. Cunningham, of Cayce, Ky., who is an extra man.

Bro. Beadles, agent at Berkeley, is off duty on account of sickness. Relieved by Bro. M. P. Rutledge.

Mr. O. Burke, day telegrapher, "WC," Murphysboro, off on vacation; relieved by Mr. J. D. Wilson.

Mr. Jno. Nelson is working second trick at Columbia.

Mr. W. N. Nolan, has been placed at Red Bud, second trick.

Bro. Earl Taylor, second trick at Percy, is taking in the sights of St. Louis. Relieved by Mr. R. A. Haynes, of Red Bud.

Mr. Loyd Lawrence, second trick at Pomona, is off duty for a few days, on account of the death of his uncle, at Columbia. Relieved by Mr. James Donahue, an extra man from Burkesville. Div. Cor.

## Union Pacific Ry.

### Nebraska Division, Second District—

Everything quiet but bulletins, which are numerous at present.

The third trick at Gothenburg has been made permanent, which relieves Bro. Hannum of telegraph duties. Bro. C. T. Winters draws first trick; R. F. Miller, third trick, and second trick is on bulletin.

Bro. F. H. Rice, agent at Brady Island, has resigned, to take charge of a ranch he purchased near that place. Suppose that instead of trying to decipher feed reports, which were not type-written, he will soon be riding stock trains and furnishing the material from which to construct those reports.

Bro. Dart, third trick at Brady, has bid in the agency.

Third trick at Lexington bid in by Bro. B. O. Byrne, who has been in the hospital for over a month. He will soon resume duty. Bro. Gabriel having left the service; this leaves third trick Cozad open for bid at present.

Bro. C. E. Ford, third trick at Watsons Ranch, has resigned to go to his ranch in Colorado,

where he will have nothing to worry him but that which makes him the most money. No one will dispute the fact that almost anything will yield more profit than a salary of \$60.00 amounts to. Can not say who lands third trick at Watsons.

T. D. Grimes, at Oconto, is off duty for a week or so; relieved by G. D. Neal.

Bro. W. C. Stevenson, at Pleasanton, off duty two weeks; relieved by J. H. Hansen, a telegrapher from Denmark, who is getting next to how we work over here. He seems to have no trouble getting American Morse.

We notice how our French brother knights and their fellow-workers are trying to free themselves from a yoke that has become unbearable. And the prime cause of the trouble, Mr. Symian, has the law and army of France to back him. No wonder he is arrogant and arbitrary. It is where men have been given a superfluity of power that great wrong has been done to the working masses, or the public in general. We will watch for the result anxiously.

Bro. Gard has returned to work after a long vacation, a trip to the West and a chance to show Assistant Superintendent Cornell and Chief Anderson his ability in the vocation in which Nimrod was so proficient. Messrs. Cornell and Anderson tried it upon one occasion and succeeded in getting the trip written up in song and story by the Grand Island Independent, in a way that was not most calculated to give them the reputation of bagging everything in sight, including decoys. They went with Gard and brought back enough ducks to feed every one in Grand Island and headquarters in Omaha. We would not attempt to hold Bro. Gard responsible for their good luck, but believe they are both willing to vote him a jolly good fellow, whether it is rounding up business for the U. P., or in rounding up ducks for the slaughter.

As promised before, G. C. Hansen, who recently climbed up to the seventh heaven of telegraphy as he often dreamed of it, via the George Washington (Seivers) route, that most scenic route which allows you stop-over privileges at Boyles School of Telegraphy, has developed the practical view of the matter, and has lined up with his craft. Verily, things are not as they seem, sometimes. We believe more will follow. Let us emphasize the fact when one affiliates with a labor organization he is not taking sides as a sworn enemy of his employer. It is true, some unthinking persons on both sides seem to have this view, but an unbiased person knows this to be wrong. The corporation managers co-operate for their mutual benefit, and so do the employees.

I am enclosing an article mailed me by Bro. Smith, recently elected local chairman for the Nebraska Division. In conclusion let me ask that you read it carefully. Let us get together on the principles he outlines and give him our heartiest support. Let each one feel his personal responsibility.

CERT. 765.

#### *To Members of the Nebraska Division:*

As the members at the recent election saw fit to choose me as delegate to the convention, and elect me local chairman for the coming term, I deem a few words not inadvisable. Those who know me intimately are pretty well acquainted with my ideas. We must work in harmony with the same end in view. The members should not depend on the local chairman to do all the work, but rather work in unison with him for the best interest of the division.

We have no apologies to make for the existence of labor unions. That we are here and here to stay every one knows. In a speech made in Chicago lately, Mr. Park stated that unions were necessitated by reason of petty discriminations, etc. Of course he could have gone to the bottom of the thing and said the whole system had been started wrong, but he hardly dared to do that. He tacitly admits there is a cause which we, too, well know. We have nothing to be ashamed of, as to support the union is honorable and manly. For this reason we ask every one who works with us to assist in strengthening and maintaining our Order.

Mr. Park intimated in the speech referred to that the union antagonized the "company man," or in other words, that union men did not have the company's interest at heart. This we emphatically deny. Take your own case for instance, you are working on an average fifteen hours a day, doing the station work required of you. How much time have you left to devote to rustling stock shipments, soliciting coupon ticket sales, and arguing freight rates and Interstate Commerce Commission ruling with prospective customers? Wipe every union out of existence, conditions would be even worse than at present, and I believe I am right in saying that the service would not rank so highly as it does. The union tends to equalize everything, not only wages, hours, etc., but work as well. The day of strikes is passing; the day of arbitration is being ushered in, and welcome it. When differences are left to arbitration we shall have unprejudiced and disinterested men to convince, and to them we are willing to submit our troubles. Give us the logical short hours, sufficient help, let us share more equally in profits, and I am here to state that there is not one man in a dozen who would not take an interest and do everything in his power to better the service and increase business for the company.

Each man knows the truth of the above statements. I read an editorial this week in *Leslies*, in which the editor said, "What is needed in the union today is the pacificator not the agitator." I take it by agitator, he meant one who continually stirs up strife. If so, I heartily agree with him. In the past the railroads have treated us more or less contemptuously and forced us to go outside for aid. Within the last year or so they have realized their mistake. They have not said so to us, but witness their desire to have us line up with them, as shown in every public speech

recently made by railroad officials. To again quote Mr. Park, he recently said in a speech at Denver: "Railroad men have made mistakes as well as others, they had no precedent to guide them." Diplomatically, they have said to us, "We have been wrong in driving you to the other side to get your grievances adjusted, the combination is too disastrous to us. Come back, resume old relations and we will make it right." This, I believe, we are most willing to do. We did not want to go away from home for our rights, but necessity has compelled us to do so. Now, that we can get together again, we should show the railroad managers that it is right and profitable to take us into partnership with them. We are told that we are dependent upon them. Is it not equally true that they are dependent upon us? Certainly. Then, brothers of the Nebraska Division, my word of greeting at the beginning of the new term is to voice the hope that such a reunion may occur during the coming two years. I truly wish to do what I can to be a pacificator and not an agitator of strife. However, we do not feel we are getting a just remuneration for our services. We have our agreement with them, which we want to see observed as evidences of good faith, and as adjuster I shall always be at your command. As your servant and spokesman I shall, to the best of my ability, always be ready to "agitate" better conditions for the men, and also do anything I can to foster good feeling between the management and the telegraphers. I firmly believe our next meeting with the management of the Union Pacific will reveal the fact that they desire the friendliest relations to exist between the company and the men. I want to ask that you, as members of the O. R. T., begin now and, by every means possible, show them in advance that this is your feeling on the matter. It doesn't rest with the committee to convince the management of this, but with each member individually in whatever capacity he may be employed. It, therefore, rests with you what we shall tell the management, and for you to back it up with something tangible. With the resumption of good business conditions in prospect, and this evidence of our desire to meet them half way in this policy which they have lost no opportunity to publicly proclaim lately, I am sure they will do their part by us. In conclusion, let me say that no one feels his responsibility more than I, and none has a greater desire to assist in this work of uplifting his fellow-man and creating amicable relations between employer and employee. Do you desire to help? Line-up with us, get every man in reach of you, and I assure you it will not only be a duty, but a great privilege for me to assist in any way in my power to better the condition of our members.

G. H. SMITH.

Gothenburg, Neb., March 31, 1909.

*Editor Telegrapher, St. Louis, Mo.:*

We wish to thank the members of the Nebraska Districts, Union Pacific Division No. 6, for their kind assistance and the beautiful wreath of flowers

sent us for the funeral of our beloved daughter, Edna. Their kindness will abide with us like unto the memory of our dear child. Friends in need are friends indeed. We can truly say that it is good to be identified with such an organization.

We desire to especially thank Local Chairman Bro. G. H. Smith, at Grand Island, for his action in our behalf, and the kind letter of cheer to us.

MR. AND MRS. R. F. MILLER.

#### *Wyoming Division—*

Have you joined the "Optimist Club" yet. If you haven't, you don't know what you're missing. What! don't know what the fraternal order of optimists is. Just another name for the O. R. T., that's all. Anyway you'll have to hurry if you want to get a good seat on the O. R. T. band wagon, for we've only a few more left on the old Wyoming Division. You never met a good genuine O. R. T. man in all your life who was not an optimist, that's one reason there are so many happy faces to be seen between North Platte and Rawlins. You aren't going to spoil the scenery by wearing that long-drawn countenance so conspicuously displayed in the visage of the confirmed non are you? I think not.

To tell the truth, I don't know of a single individual on the Wyoming Division that you could class among the "hopeless case" element. That is why I am going to venture the prediction that by June 31st every available telegrapher in this territory will be enrolled with us, and we will all go marching toward better things.

I received a letter the other day from a young telegrapher, not far from Cheyenne, who said although he did not figure on remaining in the business but a short time longer, owing to other interests, he deemed it his duty to lend his assistance to so good a cause, and was keeping his card up-to-date; that it would always be a source of satisfaction to know that he had not been a draw-back to the best interests of the profession. Isn't that a patriotic and honorable way to look at it? I'll bet he sleeps well. I'd like to meet him.

Boys, if you would be happy and prosperous don't be selfish. By helping others you are bound to help yourselves. The world hates a dead one, and there never was a non who belonged to that classification very long that was a live one.

It's good business judgment to carry an O. R. T. card. Financially as well as socially. It is a certificate of intelligence; a letter of introduction to a business man, and a pass-port to the esteem of men who stand for a square deal everywhere. Those are a few of the things it means to you when you are traveling and among strangers. When you are at home, it assures honorable treatment from your fellow-telegraphers along the line. It is, beyond the question of a doubt, a guarantee of proper treatment from your superior officer, and in the event of actual trouble it is a retainer for counsel to represent your side of the matter. I say it means all these and many

other good things to you, provided only you are a man, and the O. R. T. has long since reached the point where she wants none but real men. Men of honor and respect. So the Wyoming Division wants none but men who will lend prestige to our union. Men who are willing to work for a living. No booze-fighters or dynamiters are desired. This explains why there are one or two telegraphers now working between North Platte and Rawlins, whom we are pleased to see remain on the outside. But the good men we welcome. In fact, we seek them. Therefore, all Order men should set a good example. Do your full duty always, and never be afraid to do a little more. Bear in mind that while you are in the employ of the Union Pacific your interests are very much identical with hers. Boost the Union Pacific whenever you have a chance. Tell them it's the best railroad in the United States, and it is.

In our last article we told you that at the time of writing it was the rumor that Mr. W. C. McKeown was to be promoted to the superintendency, vice Mr. Anderson, retired, with Mr. H. J. Roth, assistant. These appointments have been confirmed, and, I dare say, meet the hearty approval of all employees of the Wyoming Division. At the explosion of the 219, which occurred on the 13th instant, I came in contact with both of these gentlemen, and on this occasion they were exceedingly pleasant to all of the men. They should receive our heartiest co-operation, to the end that this division may make its usual good showing.

The first wreck to occur on the Wyoming Division, since the new superintendent took up the reins, took place near Hermosa, at 7:30 p. m., March 13th, when engine No. 219, which was coupled to engine No. 258, at the head end of 1,730 tons on a one per cent grade, blew up, seriously injuring both the engineer and fireman. The explosion wrenched the No. 219 entirely free from the No. 258, the lead engine, and threw her clear of the main line. At the time of the accident they were making about twenty miles per hour, and the train was stopped in less than three car lengths.

#### *Fifth District—*

Last month we promised you something from the North Platte Sidney end. When I made that promise, however, I had no idea just how I was going to "get the news." When a man is needed to fill a want of this nature he usually springs up somewhere, and the man to arise to this emergency is Bro. O. P. Mullin, who presides at O'Fallon's.

Telegrapher Ewing, formerly of Alton, requested the papers, and when you read this, will undoubtedly be Bro. Ewing. He knows it is "The Only Way." I take pleasure in stating that this is not the Andrew C. Ewing of "Katy" notoriety.

Bro. Sinclair, agent at Southerland, contemplates a vacation about April 1st. While he is off he will visit his mother in Illinois.

Bro. Hostetter and Mayrott are the only agents on the North Port Branch. How lucky some people are. But it's not all luck after all.

The Fifth District is fortunate in having a chief dispatcher who lives up to his name. Anyone who has ever met Mr. White, or worked under him, knows that he was appropriately named, for he is as white as snow in his dealings with us, and we appreciate it. Let us respond with the best service there is in us. The dispatchers are, every one of them, fine as silk, and I hope no one is overlooking the fact.

Telephone business is good; of course, the dispatchers have their troubles with them, but the gong is an excellent invention. Now, when you lie down to sleep you are assured that you will hear your call. Someone has said they were originally designed for use in the fire department of a large city.

If you see any of the box car men wearing that famous Quakers Oats smile, it is probably due to the intelligence that they are to have a brand new office.

Bro. Ed. Gerrans, "GX," of "N," Cheyenne, is getting into the lime-light around that city, through his efforts to line-up an "allstar" base ball team for the cowboy town. It is said that "GX" is the recognized authority on the National game around that part of the country, which assures him the support of all the best fans thereabouts.

C. T. U. A. Bro. Nordmarks, "YN," also of "N," Cheyenne, has moved his family from Manhattan, Kan., and intends to make the West his future home.

In a letter to Local Chairman, Bro. C. J. Horiskey, Cheyenne, Bro. E. L. Stump, our general chairman, Denver, writes, in part, as follows:

"We have today completed a check of the accounts of the general secretary and treasurer.

"We find a balance of. \$563.35. It was not necessary to make any corrections; all entries were correct and no errors in addition; all disbursements were covered by receipted bills. I have assisted, on several occasions, with the check of such accounts, both on this and other divisions, but never have I found a set of books in as good shape as those of Bro. Hughey's."

It is superfluous to say that we all appreciate the services of Bro. Hughey beyond the expression of words. The importance of having such a man as Bro. Hughey retained in the responsible office which he now holds, is too well known to warrant further comment. He will be re-elected unanimously.

Last month Bro. E. C. Miles, of Buford, spent a few days at St. Johns Hospital, but refused to stay, and one day shortly after his arrival he got up, put on his duds and appeared at Mr. Daley's office for transportation home. And he went.

Sensational news comes from Ogallala, which is intermingled with sorrow and happiness. Sorrow, to know that any telegrapher should sink so low; happiness in the thought that the culprit is not a member of this organization. C. E. Beyers, alias

Walter Jameison, lived up to the standard of men of his kind, when he, with the aid of a skeleton key, conducted a series of small robberies against his fellow-telegraphers in "GT" office, by taking a few cents each evening from the money drawer, for which Bro. O. E. Hunter was responsible. This parasite was turned down by the Bond Company, and before leaving decided to make a "haul." During the meantime Bro. Hunter had suspected him, and subsequently shadowed him, with the result that he caught him in the act. He followed this personage who had boasted that the O. R. T. was not good enough for his association, and was led to Jameison's private boarding house, where, with the aid of others, he cornered the humane derelict and secured from him the two ten dollar bills which he had just stolen from the drawer, together with another ten which he had stolen from Hunter. They also found on him a ticket which could be made to read to whatever destination he might determine was healthy for him. He made a written confession of it all, including other infamous acts. Therefore, in addition to robbery, he shamefully confessed to being a pervert of the lowest degree.

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#### *Kansas Division—*

Mr. F. W. Hildrup and Bro. A. C. Schuchman are working extra in "GN" office, Kansas City. Bro. Schuchman is also doing the heavy in chief dispatcher's office.

Bro. D. W. Cadigan, from Division No. 130, relieved Bro. Shannon, at Bonner Springs, several weeks.

M. E. Hochman senior applicant for Lenape.

F. L. Bigelow is the new agent at Tonganoxie.

The notes from the L. & W. Branch failed to materialize this month.

Bros. Schwartz and Mierotta are doing the extra work at Topeka, Sister Doering being on the sick list, and Bro. Johnson having resigned. Bro. High, senior applicant for the second trick at Topeka.

Bro. Klasse relieved Bro. Carson at Ft. Riley. We understand Bro. Carson's sister is seriously ill in Kansas City. Mr. Boyle is doing the work, days, at Ft. Riley, extra; Bro. Wiggle having gone to Salina.

Mr. Kilander, Junction City, nights, quit on short notice. Bro. Mierotta going over from Ogdenburg. Bro. V. L. Owens, senior applicant from Junction City.

Bro. G. H. Gross, Wilson, senior applicant for Waldo.

Mr. C. J. Deves, Beloit, senior applicant for Black Wolf.

Mr. L. O. Price is acting as agent at Kanopolis until bulletin is filled, and Mr. L. E. Price, his brother, is acting as day telegrapher.

Bro. H. L. Armstrong, relief agent, relieved Bro. Temple at Yocemento.

Bro. J. A. Line, at Black Wolf, has resigned.

M. B. Maxwell, a promoted helper from Vavaria, bid in Culver; Bro. Holiday resigned. Also Doe

Williams, student helper at Wilson, has been promoted to telegrapher, so far we have been unable to locate him.

Bro. F. G. Denison, Detroit, Kan., and Bro. S. McNeil, Miltonvale, Kan., have been appointed assistant local chairmen of the Western District, and the Leavenworth Western Branch.

Ask your local chairman for a list of the nons, and get in on Bro. Quick's offer; we guarantee you your money's worth.

Bro. Hughey was extended a vote of thanks by the general committee for the able and efficient manner in which he discharged the duties of his office during the past year.

Bro. C. A. Lunsford bid in Wamego, nights.

Bro. Chas. Alexander is back at Silver Lake, after a visit to Springfield, Ill.

Bro. John Wray relieved Bro. Kendall at Blue Rapids; Bro. Kendall was called home on account of the illness of his father.

Bro. Mierotta relieved Bro. Deighan at Junction City. Bro. Deighan is on the sick list.

Bro. Gregory, of Lindsborg, has resigned to go into the milling business.

Bro. Holliday, of Culver, has resigned. We understand he is going into the egg and cream business.

Mr. Benedict relieved Bro. Pumphrey at Blaine. Bro. Pumphrey has gone to Leonardville, relieving Bro. McIntosh.

Bro. McIntosh is at Irving, visiting friends.

Chas. Dankers, from Leavenworth, nights, to Havensville.

Bro. Sidney McNeil, from Havensville, has gone to Miltonvale, regular. Mr. Carver has accepted a position with the Santa Fe.

Let me urge you to give your local chairman some assistance during the next year; get in the game and get your feet wet. Try it once. Conditions are changing; if you would be up-to-date, change with them.

Did you ever stop to think how very foolish it is for a man to drop the Order, simply because he has a personal dislike for an officer or member of the Order? Occasionally we hear of such a thing. Since they cannot both be in the same Order, is there any reason for them both remaining on this old earth? We give it up, ask us something easy. But, really, what's the difference?

If you are in need of a good spring tonic these nice warm days, ask your local chairman for a list of the non-members; we guarantee your money's worth all the time.

If you are being used to violate the schedule, or think you are, it's hear from you; don't close up like a clam and then get sore when your local chairman doesn't hear about it.

Whenever you hear one of these chronic knockers breaking loose from a long hard-luck story, don't shed too many tears over his sad plight until you have a chance to investigate. The chances are this is his business in life.

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## Canadian Pacific Ry.

*District No. Three—*

A meeting was called at Eholt Junction, March 16th, for the benefit of west end members, and was fairly well attended. Meeting opened in due form, with Bro. McPherson in the chair. Several subjects of interest were brought up, including "Discipline by Brownie System," a number of brothers having been victims of undue punishment. Matters pertaining to the "Medical Board" were also discussed. Practically speaking, outside points have no medical attention, unless same is paid for privately. This is unfair, inasmuch as we are all paying regular R. R. dues monthly. The action of the medical board will be watched with much interest.

Bro. Bean was appointed correspondent, and a write-up will be expected of him in future. Don't neglect to advise him when anything of interest takes place at your station.

Meeting adjourned at 2 o'clock.

Several temporary offices have been closed. Much anxiety is felt over the district generally, as a result of the decline of the copper market, and the diminishing of ore shipments.

Bro. Roberts quit Granby Smelter, for reasons unknown to the writer. Understand that A. J. McLeod is the successful applicant.

Mr. A. G. Gish, second trick dispatcher at "DC," has been relieved by Russel Clark. Mr. Gish goes to Revelstoke.

Don't forget the eight-hour law. Put in the right word at the right place, and at the proper  
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## IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased an All-Wise Creator to remove from our midst the beloved wife of Bro. C. P. Russell, and

WHEREAS, In token of our universal respect and sympathy for Bro. Russell; be it

*Resolved*, By the membership of O. R. T. System, Division No. 7, of Third District, C. P. Ry., that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to him in his bereavement; and be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of this resolution be sent our bereaved brother, placed upon the records of this division and published in THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.

J. H. FORREST,  
L. R. BAKER,  
Committee.

*Central Division—*

As no notes appeared in THE TELEGRAPHER from this district last month, we will endeavor to supply a few, with the help of a brother who has very kindly furnished us with a write-up from his end of the pike.

The meeting held at Napinka, on February 26th, was certainly a hummer. Seventeen members were present, which is a pretty good attendance for this district. On account of poor train service, that part of the road west of Napinka was not represented.

A motion was made and carried to request a contribution to defray the expenses of the local board of adjustment, when on committee work. The amount will be fifty cents or a dollar at most, and when the call is made we earnestly ask that each and every member remit promptly to Bro. Baker, at Napinka.

A vote of thanks was tendered the local board for its services. It is gratifying to know that its efforts are appreciated by the membership.

By the time this is in print the members will doubtless have received Bro. Morris' circular-letter announcing the result of the election of delegates to the convention, and will know that they failed to elect a representative from the Fourth District.

There were four spoiled ballots from this district, which would indicate that the brothers failed to read the circular-letter that accompanied the ballot.

Several members wrote the names of the candidates for whom they voted on the wrong line, which, of course, rendered the ballot void.

I wish to thank the membership for the support they gave me, and the interest they took in the election. If any one has any suggestions to make to Bro. Mein, do so at once in order that he may be able to represent Districts Two and Four in a manner which will reflect credit upon himself and the districts.

Bro. Morris states that our division is in a flourishing condition. We have several thousand dollars to our credit, and no liabilities.

Frobisher agency is again vacant, and we understand it has been bulletined.

Bro. Campbell, from Bender, was the lucky individual to capture Sinclair, and Bro. Kraft, who worked in "UR," Souris, was transferred to Bender.

We understand that E. B. Laughlin, of Melita, is going to United States for a month, and that Bro. Cairnes, our regular relief agent, will do the stunt at "BA" during his absence.

Bro. Beau McLeod, of Souris, nights, has just returned from a visit to Vancouver and other coast towns.

Bro. C. G. Williamson, former night telegrapher at Napinka, transferred to Deloraine, days.

Bro. F. W. Glidden, who has been on the Saskatoon District as third trick dispatcher, is with us again, and is working the owl stunt at Napinka.

Bro. J. F. Donald, day telegrapher at Souris, "UR" office, who has been absent for two months, is again at his old stand.

Bro. E. J. Hicks, agent at Pilot Mound, is on a six weeks' vacation, to points in Ontario; relieved by Bro. M. M. Shore, who has since been appointed agent at Alameda. Bro. H. Evans, former agent at Alameda, has been transferred to Carnduff agency.

Bro. McFarlane, who has been relieving on this district for the past six months, has been appointed agent at Wauchope. Bro. H. Casey,

former agent at Wauchope, has taken Redvers agency.

Bro. A. D. Anderson, who has been relieving on this district for the past eight months, is working nights at LaRiviere. Loc. Sec.

*Eastern Division, District No. 4—*

Having seen very little news in THE TELEGRAPHER from Eastern Division during the last few months, we feel that it is up to some of us to send in a write-up.

Bro. J. A. Merkley is at Haley's, relieving Bro. W. H. Worley, who is off duty on account of sickness.

Bro. John Douglas is off on leave of absence, and has gone to the Silver Country (Gowganda) prospecting.

Bro. Harvey Boal is at Hull for a few days, relieving Bro. T. McPhail, who is attending the funeral of a sister. He has our sympathy.

Bro. W. J. Boyce, of N. Y. & O. Jct., is on leave of absence for three months, and is being relieved by Mr. S. R. Pawson.

At Ottawa Central Station Bro. J. T. Armstrong is working, nights, relieving Mr. W. Ellis, who is off duty on sick leave, he being troubled with his eyes.

We are seriously considering the question of trying to secure the next convention of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers for our Capital City. The present Central Station and our proudly won "Stanley Cup," would be good old time relics to show our visitors. Get busy and see if we can not have the honor of extending a right royad Canadian welcome to our brothers across the line. We want this convention in Ottawa, and for side trips, by boat, "Chats Rapids" and Grenville can compete with any in the country. Delegates can return via Toronto and Niagara Falls, or go across Lake Ontario and through the Garden of Ontario by electric car to Buffalo. Electric car rides to Aylmer, Britannia and Rockliffe, and a trip through the Thousand Islands, would complete a list of attractions that would be hard to beat.

At Graham we find Bro. H. R. Bradford installed as agent. Bro. Bradford replaces Bro. W. L. Kearns.

We extend our congratulations to Bro. J. B. Barton, recently elected local chairman for District Four; also to Bro. Rooney on his re-election as assistant general chairman for Eastern Division; apparently his services in the past two years were appreciated, as he was re-elected without opposition.

Before this is in print our general committee will be mapping out a program for the next two years' work, as well as appointing a new general chairman, or re-appointing Bro. G. D. Robertson. This position he has filled with credit during the last nine months. Bro. G. S. Morris needs no words of praise from my pen, his work is before us, and bespeaks the interest he has shown. We hope to see him re-elected to the position of general secretary.

While discussing work for the next two years, it would be well to carefully weigh some of the decisions given by officials of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The last schedule was promulgated by the board of conciliation, and both parties were required to accept it at the last moment without discussion. First, we lost "dispatchers Sunday overtime;" second, "the agent's ten-hour day at three-men stations;" third, "any position added or omitted from 1905 scale to date shall remain unless local committee and superintendent otherwise agree" (this overruled by general superintendent on this section); fourth, "Our right to reside elsewhere, if we elected to do so." The above items represent some of the "special advantages" (?) telegraphers derived from the Lemieux act. We find that instead of being granted privileges they were denied us, and any one upon reading the board's decision can draw his own conclusions. We should not, today, be working under these adverse conditions, but as the depression had set in before all these questions were brought up for consideration we were compelled to take our "medicine" and look pleasant. We are today working under the same disadvantages, and if Government officials are to render decisions they should do so with proper regard for both parties.

Dispatchers are surely entitled to Sunday overtime, if compelled to work seven days a week. The men are certainly entitled to the privilege of living away from their stations, even if there is houses there. We know a railway station is no place to bring up children, further, practically all the stations lack many of the necessities which go to make a comfortable home.

We had the pleasure of a call from Bro. Ed. Smith, now working for the C. N. R. near Toronto.

Bro. C. Tucker, from Kazubazua, recently paid us a visit. He was accompanied by his young son, who came in with his father to see a specialist.

We understand that Bro. Chinour, of Waltham, is soon to leave us to seek his fortune in the mines of Gowganda. We all wish his success.

We extend our sympathy to Dispatcher Nickel, of "Q" office, in his said bereavement. He lost his wife and two children in the appalling disaster which overtook the Boston express at Windsor Street Station, last Monday. It is claimed a plug in the engine blew out, driving the engineer and fireman from the cab, the train rushing on unchecked almost through the massive walls of Windsor Station, spreading death and disaster in her wake. A later report states that Engineer Cunningham has since died from his injuries.

With the returning indications of prosperity, and the good old summer time, it behooves us to greet all genially and be courteous to the company's customers. Give first-class service and show the company that it has at present one of the finest set of men on the continent.

"BILL DUGGAN."

*London and Windsor Sections—*

The O. R. T. members of District No. 2, held their first banquet in the City of London, Saturday evening, March 20th. Which was attended by some thirty-five or forty of the staunchest O. R. T. boys that any railroad can produce.

The committee deserves all the praise and good things that can be said about it, for the manner in which the affair was conducted from start to finish. It was composed of picked men who showed their ability.

The repast, which was enjoyed by all, consisted of ham, tongue, turkey, tea and coffee. Apart from this there were fruits, cakes, wines, etc.

After banqueting, Bro. A. E. Chapman gave the address of welcome and introduced the toast list, "The King" and "God Save the King."

Our esteemed General Chairman Bro. Robertson was present and gave a grand "spiel" on the "Order of Railroad Telegraphers," which was appreciated by every member in the house.

"Our Guests" responded to by D. McCaughrin, local chairman from District No. 3, and Bro. G. A. Rowe, from "C" office.

"Our Officers," responded to by Bro. M. D. McPhee, local chairman, District No. 2, "RS" office.

Telegraphers and linemen were handled to a finish by Bros. Perley, Gilby and Hannah.

Letters of regret from Bros. Campbell, Houston, Allison and D. L. Show (all good O. R. T. members and officers) were read by Bro. A. E. Chapman, explaining their absence.

A first-class three-piece orchestra furnished entrancing music during the evening. The orchestra consisted of harp, piccolo and violin.

Bro. John Shaw put on two cornet solos, which were certainly fine.

Mr. Pink, an old O. R. T. boy, sang several fine selections, which were appreciated. The boys showed good taste in securing Mr. Pink for this part of the program.

Candidly speaking, a better time among the boys was never spent, and we will look forward to the next one with pleasant anticipations.

Now, in conclusion, I will say that all the members desire to thank our Chief Dispatcher, W. Killingsworth, most heartily for the way he assisted in getting the men to the city to enjoy themselves. We all appreciate the kindness very much, indeed. For the present "Au Revoir." Long live the O. R. T. CERT. 307.

### New York Central Ry.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased an All-Wise Providence to call away the beloved father of our brother and friend, R. R. Donovan, and while we bow in submission to the will of the Most High, who doeth all things well; be it

*Resolved*, That in his death the brother has lost a faithful and devoted father; and be it further

*Resolved*, That we tender our heartfelt sympathy and consolation to the sorrowing son, and that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our division, a copy be published in THE TELEGRAPHER, and a copy be sent to the bereaved family.

F. VON HATTEN,  
E. NEUMULLER,  
M. J. GEOGHEGAN,  
Committee.

#### *Electric Division and G. C. Terminal—*

The regular March meeting was held on the 17th (St. Patrick's Day). Local Chairman O'Meara, of the Electric Division, and Local Chairman Murty, of the G. C. Terminal, made their report of the progress of the general committee up to date.

Chairman Noon made the report of the entertainment committee, and thanked the members for assistance in making the ball, held in February, a success.

Bro. J. H. "King" Dooley, the treasurer, made a report, showing a nice balance in the bank, and more money coming in.

General Chairman Manion, of the New Haven Road, came down from New Haven, and gave the members a very lengthy talk on the good of the Order, and the good a paid general chairman on the N. Y. Central System could do. A rising vote of thanks was given Bro. Manion for the information. A special committee then took him in hand to cheer the inner man.

The Irish half of the entertainment committee, Noon and Dooley, assisted by F. Lester, thought it proper to celebrate the day in a fitting manner, and got very busy. Sandwiches, cigars and refreshments were served, after closed meeting had adjourned.

In answer to a general invitation to pay us a visit on this occasion, and enjoy the songs, recitations, music and refreshments a number of non-members put in an appearance.

Mr. Edw. F. Geoghegan, a brother of Mike Geoghegan, rendered some fine piano selections.

Bro. Dick Sloat was applauded for his violin selections.

Bro. F. Lester sang several songs, accompanied by the piano and violin.

Bro. W. C. McManus took the house by storm with his song, "A raffle for a stove."

Bro. Ed. Fenstermacher, recitations.

Bros. Alrutz, Jagger, Hopper, Fenstermacher and Dykeman deserve a vote of thanks for their services as waiters.

Bro. F. Pequingney took first prize with his green tie and green river.

Bro. C. Dougherty took second prize, as his green tie has been in fifteen previous St. Patrick Day Parades.

Bro. Holbrook reported that the failure to hold the wireless exhibition at the hall, was caused by the proprietor of the hall who feared the hall would be damaged.

Bros. J. Lutz and L. Thaler are still on the sick list.



The Electric Division was extended to Crestwood on the Harlem Division, about the middle of February, and if the N. Y. Central and the town of White Plains can reach an agreement it will be only a short time until electric trains will be running to North White Plains, and the Electric Division extended to that point.

The officials are trying out an electric engine on freight trains on Sundays.

First test twelve loaded coal cars, and another time forty-eight freight cars. It is reported the electric engine walked away with the train and had no trouble.

The officials had a number of instruments on the engine.

Mr. Joe Murphy, of "WC," Wakefield, has resigned, and Bro. J. J. Egan has been transferred to Wakefield.

We are sorry to report the death of Bro. R. R. Donovan's father. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Div. Cor.

#### *Mohawk Division—*

Our new Local Chairman M. B. Lynch was in Buffalo from March 5th to 10th, inclusive, on committee work; relieved by Telegrapher Hoyt, from South Amsterdam.

Bro. F. O. Fairbanks, third trick at "BS," "NE," was off duty March 1st to 4th; relieved by Telegrapher Hoyt.

Bro. M. J. Wood, second trick "BS," "NE," was on the sick list a few days; relieved by Telegrapher Hoyt.

With the number of changes taking place on the division there should be an abundance of material for write-ups every month. Each member hearing of changes or news, that might be of interest should advise the correspondent.

Bro. A. N. Loring, "BS," "NE," has been on the sick list for a few days; relieved by Mr. L. Pilkington, extra leverman.

Bro. Carlson, extra telegrapher, is now relieving Agent Gage, at Guilderland Center.

Mr. Joe Fox, So. Amsterdam, first trick, has resigned, and the position has been assigned to Bro. Brewster, formerly of Fultonville, second trick.

The general committee met the officials in Buffalo, on March 2, and continued in session until the 9th, succeeding in getting a nice set of rules. Although no increase in wages was granted, the committee secured pay for over-time in cases where men are compelled to work more than thirteen hours, meal hours included.

Where men are compelled to work more than thirteen hours from time of going on duty until relieved for the day they will receive a flat salary to cover the over-time and will also be relieved for meal hours so as not to conflict with the law as the company interprets it. For instance, If a man goes to work at 6 a. m. and works until noon and is then relieved for an hour and returns at 1 p. m. and works until 6 p. m. and returns at 7 p. m. and works until 9 p. m., actually working but thirteen hours, but putting in fifteen

hours from the time he goes on duty until relieved for the day he will receive an increase in pay, making a flat salary to cover the over-time and will be allowed two hours for meals at the same. Hereafter all agencies paying less than a month or less will be advertised. Several new rules which mean much to us have been passed upon, and, on a whole, it is considered that the committee did very well.

This report from the committee should be a reminder to all who have not paid dues to give them encouragement to continue their membership in the Order through which we are endeavoring to better our conditions. I hope all who remain and are delinquent will send dues to Bro. Brown at once, and each take an interest in increasing the membership.

Bros. Lynch and Evans have been elected to represent the signalmen and stationmen, Bros. Brown and Loring retiring. I hope the members will give these officers their support and do everything possible to assist them in the performance of their duties.

Bro. Greene, B. S. 22, is taking a forced vacation on account of sickness. Bro. Brown is relieving him.

Bros. Loring and Morey have just received gold emblem rings as prizes for securing membership in the contest which closed December 31. I secured twenty-four members during the last year.

Div. Co.

#### *St. Lawrence Division—*

Our local chairman's report of the conference held at Buffalo, March 2 to 9, is greatly appreciated by all. Most of the important concessions granted are shown in the report, which is in the hands of the membership, so it is not necessary to enumerate them here.

The members of this committee are entitled to the thanks of each individual member, especially those on our single-track division, who have been working the split trick for a year. This matter seems to have been settled very satisfactorily and we should extend a vote of thanks to those who have been instrumental in bringing about a satisfactory change without a rupture of any sort.

The advertising of agencies is also another question seemingly settled satisfactorily. Many requests for this have been made, and now that it has been made the rule, let us all appreciate it.

Ere this appears in the journal we will all have a complete copy of the schedule, setting forth new working conditions, which we were anxiously awaiting.

G. J. Farnell has been appointed agent at Deer River, vice M. G. Mullen, who returns to "MJ" tower, his old position.

"MJ" tower was almost destroyed by fire some days ago. It caught fire from the stove, and was not noticed until the flames had made considerable headway.

J. A. Crandall has been assigned to third trick at Watertown Jct.

C. A. Waters is now at G. & O. Jct.

Sister Lilah Ross is now holding down second trick at Marcy.

A. C. Gillespie has taken first trick at Woods.

W. E. Eddy has been assigned to Black River, second trick.

R. J. Shidleman has been transferred to second trick at Woods.

Considerable construction work is under way this spring. The Walsh Construction Company is working between Utica and Stittville. It is expected that the job will be finished in time for the summer time-table to take effect in June. This ten miles of double track will facilitate matters when the soldier boys get to coming thickly.

Bro. Virkler, of Castorland, is off duty on an extended trip through the West and South. Having secured a leave of absence of two months, he should see considerable of the country.

About twenty of those who won prizes selling tickets for the ball are sporting new gold buttons.

We continue to hear of new members coming in with us. This is the best news that can reach us, except the occasional bulletins of the local chairman.

Div. Com.

#### Harlem Division—

Have you paid dues for the current term? We should pay dues as promptly as possible, thereby keeping the wheels of our order running smoothly. It is an easy matter to stuff your notice of dues in your pocket and forget to remit. I hope all who have not paid for the current term will remit as soon as possible.

Dover furnace has been opened as a telegraph and block office, the call being made "FN." A Mr. Irland has been installed as telegrapher and agent.

Assistant Agent at Martindale, Mrs. Shults, has been sick; relieved by someone from Hillsdale.

Quite a number of the boys have made trips to New York, lately, to take the color test. As far as can be learned everyone made good.

The Electric Division has been extended to Creswood, and it will be but a short time until the electric engines will be shooting through Mt. Vernon, Bronxville and Tuckahoe to Creswood.

It is time to talk baseball, and it is expected that ere this appears the O. R. T. team will be near completion. Brothers Tuttle, Day, Grant, Nickerson, Masterson, Whalen, Groversteen, B. J. Corrigan and Rheinhardt, who took part in most of the games last season, will probably be on hand this season. There are no doubt a number of brothers who are good ball players and are relatively unknown. We need all the material we can get, as it is very often difficult to get relief. Anyone wishing to play will kindly drop a line to Bro. Nickerson at Pawling, who will see that they are given an opportunity. We expect to turn out a winning team this summer, and if we do not the writer will be very much disappointed.

Bro. Porter, third trick at Pawling, was off a few days, recently; relieved by Bro. L. P. Masterson.

Bob.

#### Hudson Division—

Everything is moving along smoothly on the Hudson Division. Only one telegraph trick up on last bid, which is evidence that the boys are sticking. About the only thing that is in the limelight at present (and all of us waiting for the long drawn-out final decision) is the semi-monthly pay bill, which should have gone into effect last October. The old saying "Law is no respecter of persons," is certainly a misfit in this case, for the nine different railroads throughout the State have successfully evaded it, and are making a desperate struggle to have it declared unconstitutional.

If they have not yet reached you, you will soon receive a copy of the rules, which took effect March 1, 1909. Read them over carefully and you will note many improvements in the old ones, and the addition of several new ones. We will be governed by these rules until revised. They were formulated with a view to serving the interests of the majority, and should anyone have a criticism to offer, first consider that they govern 2000 men or more. Your General Committee labored hard and earnestly in formulating these rules and securing the approval of the general management. Let each of us endeavor to keep our organization at its present high standard. This is strictly a business proposition, for, if we let our stock depreciate, our business (working and financial conditions) must deteriorate.

News is scarce this month. No contributions have been received.

As predicted in last month's issue of this journal, Bro. Butterfield's talents have been recognized, and he is now on the road to fame, having been appointed draughtsman in Mr. Weigand's office.

Bro. Schultz's inventive genius has again cropped out, and has sounded the death knell of tuberculosis, by inventing a dustless dustpan. This, with many other household articles he has patented, has been catalogued.

Bro. Keck, formerly second at B. S. 19, informs us that he is now located on the C. & N.-W. R. R., at Paulina, Iowa. Bro. Keck went West for a vacation, intending to return in 30 days, but upon his arrival in Chicago, he found that telegraphers were in demand and accepted a position.

It is with regret we chronicle the death of our worthy Brother F. Love. Our organization loses a staunch member, and the company a trusted employe. He was one of the oldest employes in the service, his record showing twenty-eight years in the service as signal-man. The sympathies of Div. 8 are extended to the bereaved family.

Bro. Hyatt, second trick at B. S. 54, has been absent from duty on account of sickness.

Bro. Riley has been assigned to second trick at B. S. 61.

CERT. 525.

*Western Division—*

The committee was in session with Assistant General Manager J. P. Bradfield, from March 2 to 9, inclusive, and succeeded in getting the new working rules adopted with practically no changes. In many ways the new rules are the best we ever had. The wage question was not taken up at this meeting, as the time was not considered opportune, owing to business conditions. Second Vice-President Pierson was with the committee during the negotiations, and offered much valuable advice. Bros. Woolley and Blim were re-elected general chairman and secretary, respectively.

Bro. F. B. Huff has been elected local chairman, with headquarters at Churchville, taking up the duties of Chairman Egelson, who contemplates going into business for himself. With the withdrawal of Chairman Egelson from the service we lose one of our most faithful workers. One who early and late devoted his time to the welfare of the Order, taking up the grievances of his brother telegraphers and signal-men, and, in his quiet way, adjusting them with a master hand. Elected chairman practically at the beginning of the financial depression, he had many things to contend with, which had to be overcome in no ordinary way. In appreciation of his services, a very pretty scene was enacted just previous to the adjournment of the committee, when Second Vice-President Pierson, in behalf of the brothers and many nons of the Western Division, presented Bro. Egelson with a beautiful gold watch fob, "the finest that could be purchased in Buffalo," and from all accounts "a work of art." To say that he was taken by surprise is putting it mildly, and for a few minutes he was unable to say anything. He certainly appreciated the gift, and is glad to know and feel that the boys appreciate his efforts in their behalf.

We understand that Port Byron has been made a one-man office, and Seneca River opened nights. Twelve-hour tricks.

Mr. J. E. Ryan, a new man on the road, is filling in at B. S. 3.

Bro. H. Bartholomew bid in B. S. 1, third trick, in place of Bro. Tobin, transferred to B. S. 2.

Bro. Cornelius displaced Mr. Brown, third trick at B. S. 2a. Brown is rusticated at Memphis.

Come, boys, send us items of interest; each one helps to make the write-up interesting to many readers.

Div. Cor.

**Norfolk & Western Ry.**

I want to urge every member to read and consider very carefully the recent minutes of the general committee. You can very easily see the opposition our committee had to overcome in order to make a few changes in our present agreement that were very necessary for the best interest of our entire membership, our seniority clause being the item of most importance. While it costs the company nothing to meet the requirements of a majority of our men in this matter, had our

committee been without the backing of a strong organization, we, doubtless, would have been denied this right. Another matter of vital importance to the telegraphers is the telephone, and our committee was denied the right to even consider this question, notwithstanding the fact that it meant the loss of positions to some of our men.

I want to say to you, boys, that the only way to handle this question is through your committee, and it must be backed by a solid organization. It of reliable and competent men in the telegraph department on the N. & W. system that the committee is taking up this question and it should have the hearty support of every man on the entire system. If the N. & W. or any other railroad desires to use phones in the place of telegraph instruments in the transmission of train orders, why should they want to again resort to cheap and incompetent labor? They have a supply of reliable and competent men in the telegraphic service, and, while we maintain it is not as safe to handle train orders by phone as by telegraph, the telegrapher will use phones for the same money, and they should certainly be given the positions. If each man will support his committee as he should we believe they will be able to induce the railroads to use the telegraphers for the proposed telephone service.

Our membership has shown implicit confidence in the committee by its re-election. Now that our elections are over, and our schedule revised for another year, let each one (defeated candidates and all) do his duty to the company and to his organization and enable this committee to handle the problems of the future in the same able way they have been handled in the past.

GEN. COR.

*Scioto Division—*

Work of improvement in all departments on this division is most encouraging. Renewed activity is in evidence, especially on the M. of W. double track between Kenova and Columbus, Ohio. Mr. L. C. Ayres, formerly superintendent of the M. of W. has been placed in direct supervision of the work, which insures its speedy completion. Mr. G. W. Echord, of the Columbus District, is filling the position of general supervisor in place of Mr. Ayres.

On March 2 Mrs. E. M. Grossman returned to Poca Division, where she was installed as third trick telegrapher at North Fork, W. Va., until further notice. Mrs. Grossman is a sister of our genial chairman, Mr. R. J. Watts, agent at Dingess, W. Va.

Bro. B. B. McCormick, formerly second trick at Webb, W. Va., which is now closed, succeeds Bro. J. M. Satcher, second trick at Naugatuck, W. Va., effective March 7. Bro. Satcher has not yet decided as to his future.

Bro. J. S. Hall, agent at Chattaroy, W. Va., was called to court at Dingess, W. Va., March 11, as a witness for the Southern Express Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McNamara are receiving congratulations over the arrival of a brand new

boy on the 4th inst. Mr. McNamara was formerly division roadmaster, and is jubilant over the new assistant.

Bro. R. H. Chitwood relieved second-trick telegrapher at Simms, Ohio, a few nights during the first week of this month.

Bro. A. L. Peake is working a few nights as ticket agent at Portsmouth, Ohio, during the vacation of the regular man.

Twenty-two railroads for the third week in February 1909, show an increase of 11.89 per cent.

Mr. J. B. Shumate is the new car distributor on Poca, vice Mr. L. L. McIntyre, who is now in the service of the C. & O.

Bro. W. P. Kessel, assistant chairman of our division, represented Bro. R. J. Watts on general committee at Roanoke, first of this month, and assisted in the work of auditing the accounts of Division No. 14. The books were found to be in good shape, and the division to have plenty of funds.

The ballot for S. V. District, of Division 14, at general election, in February, was as follows:

R. J. Watts, local chairman, 52; re-elected unanimously, without opposition.

Delegate—W. M. Jaynes, 37; C. O. Pancake, 14.

Alternate—Henry E. Burling, 33; W. R. Bailey, 18.

On the non list we notice some good men who formerly were up to date. Application of the individual-effort rule, we think, will induce every one of them to return. We know they do not refuse us credit for having obtained present working conditions, etc., and hope their acknowledgment will soon be a new card for 1909. Brothers, don't overlook your friends on this list and prevail on them to renew membership. CERT. 750.

#### *Pocahontas Division—*

The meeting held at Bluefield, March 20, was a success. We had a good turnout from this division, but the attendance from other divisions was small. Bro. Harper was the only one from Radford Division.

I regret to note that some of the men at Roanoke are inclined to pull back. They are deriving the same benefit as other men, and should put up their part of the expense. I want to ask these fellows if they read the report of the last general committee meeting? This should impress them with the importance of keeping a solid organization. If we would continue to derive benefits we must stand behind our committee. We want every man to do his duty in making our organization strong, so we will be in position at all times to give our committee the support it so justly deserves.

The office at Cooper was closed recently. Haven't heard where these boys will cast anchor.

We are glad to have with us again Bro. W. M. Joint, who was formerly one of the Radford Division boys.

Bro. Harper has at last secured a regular correspondent for the Poca Division. We shall expect a writeup each month. Our correspondence

in the journal is showing wonderful improvement. This is a very interesting part of our journal, and we should all do our part to keep the good work up. Send a few notes each month to Bro. Hale at Rock or to Bro. Harper, direct.

#### ONE OF THE BOYS.

#### *Radford Division—*

Our general committee has succeeded in securing a revised agreement with the company. As there was no prospect of securing an advance in wages there was very little for which it could ask. The seniority clause was changed, making any office subject to "pull" where the telegrapher had not been in the service five years. This is a decided improvement over the old agreement; it gives an old man in the service preference in case his position is abolished, and also gives one who has been in the service over five years a feeling of security. The old committee was re-elected, receiving a very complimentary vote, which should convince the members of which it is composed that the boys are more than satisfied with the way the affairs of the division have been conducted.

We must take off our hat to the Norfolk, the Pocahontas and the Scioto Divisions. In the month of January they made a record of which they as well as the company should feel proud. The Pocahontas and Scioto Divisions had a clear record with two credit records and the Norfolk Division but a minor suspension for ten days. Two men got ten and fifteen day credits for finding broken brake beams. It makes the Radford and Shenandoah Divisions feel like going way back to sit down, but we are trying hard to have one month clear and hope to succeed in April. There is no doubt that our officials have a great deal to do with records of the men. Some of them seem to have an idea that it is not whether a man should be disciplined, but how much discipline should be applied, and instead of putting a man on his honor and having him try diligently to keep his record clear, they create the impression that it does not matter how much one tries he will be disciplined. This causes a spirit of "I don't care" among the men, for they know that no matter how trivial the offense they will be disciplined.

We were very much shocked to hear of the death of Bro. J. M. Thompson, of this division. He was taken sick in January, while working at Glen Var, and gradually grew worse, until, on March 23, death ended his suffering. He died at his home in Tennessee. COR.

#### *Shenandoah Division—*

Bro. T. H. Lanford, the agent at Cloverdale, was relieved a few days recently by Bro. H. H. Burks. Bro. J. M. Brugh relieved Bro. Burks on the second trick at Glasgow.

Bro. L. M. Landers, agent at Midvale, was relieved one day recently by Bro. P. G. Barrett.

Lithia (agent and telegrapher), Front Royal (day telegrapher and assistant agent), and Trout-

ville (temporary appointment, agent and telegrapher), are on bulletin.

Bro. J. L. George, who works the side wires at "UD," Roanoke, is taking a sojourn through Texas. Bro. J. W. Melton is relieving him. Bro. P. G. Barrett is relieving Bro. Melton on the second trick at Buena Vista.

Bro. McClannahan, who has been on the sick list, has returned to duty at Troutville. Bro. H. H. Burks, who has been there temporarily, returns to second trick at Glasgow. Bro. J. M. Brugh, has gone from second trick at Glasgow to first trick at Elkton to relieve Bro. Wilson for ten days.

Bro. Fred Schliecher, second trick at "HN," Hagerstown, was relieved a few days by Bro. Minnich.

Relief agency and the agency at Henry are on bulletin.

Bro. H. J. Probat bid in Troutville, while Bro. Wiseman gets agent's position at Lithia.

Bro. P. G. Barrett bid in the position of day telegrapher and assistant agent at Front Royal.

Bro. Lemons, the agent at Ferrum, was relieved a few days while attending court by Bro. J. W. Melton.

Bro. Bush is relieving Bro. Renfro, third trick at Luray, for a few days.

Bro. J. E. Mitchell, second trick at Greenville, is on the sick list. He is relieved by a man named J. W. Schultz.

Bro. R. Y. Melton is transferred to second trick at Bentonville to relieve Bro. W. Q. Kearns, for a few days.

Bro. McIntosh is relieving Bro. D. C. Grubbs, second trick at Riverton, for several days.

Bro. Ned Moffett relieved Bro. R. J. Hamrick, agent at Stanley, one day, on account of his being sick.

Bro. Moffett from Stanley to Port Republic for a few days.

Bro. Bush transferred to third trick at Elkton to relieve Bro. F. W. McCutchan a few days.

Your correspondent wishes to thank some unknown brother for the notes sent in. They were greatly appreciated, and if more would do the same, it would help wonderfully. J. H. B.

#### Norfolk Division—

I believe I voice the sentiment of the entire division when I say that we feel very much gratified over the fact that our general committee unanimously re-elected our most worthy Brother C. E. Layman general chairman. Bro. Layman deserves the highest praise for his untiring and efficient labors for the advancement of this organization. Through the columns of our journal this division wishes to express its appreciation of his services, and also the services of the general committee.

We are pleased to see our worthy Brother C. B. Lane, who, with the general committee, has served this division faithfully, re-elected local chairman.

The division had up two of our strongest and most active men in Brothers C. B. Lane and W. H. Kirchmire. The latter acted as our chairman prior to Bro. Lane's first election. He has always been recognized as one of our most faithful workers, and his work for this division has been the means of great good, which fact our membership thoroughly appreciates. Bro. Kirchmire has also served as delegate to the grand convention on quite a number of occasions. The close vote shows the recognized ability of both men, and we trust that although defeated, Bro. Kirchmire will continue his good work, and be just as energetic as in the past.

The election of Bros. G. C. Cabaniss and T. O. Magann, who have been close friends for 18 years, was quite a coincidence, the latter having worked under Bro. Cabaniss as messenger boy in Lynchburg, from which office he "graduated," by permission of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. Since that time the two have been active workers for the good of the organization.

Not being able to reach the membership through any better source than the journal, I wish to thank the boys of our division for their confidence in nominating and electing me delegate to the next biennial convention, to be held in Atlanta in May. I shall, to the best of my ability, represent and work for the interest of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and Division 14.

In this connection I wish to say that each telegrapher should feel personally interested in this convention. If you have any suggestions to make that will perfect our already well-constructed constitution, make them known to either or both of your representatives, and they will receive our careful consideration. We are sent to represent you, and want your views.

All of you have, ere this, received the minutes of the general committee, showing the result of their deliberations, and the meeting with the management. Although not what we hoped for, and in a great many instances not what our men actually deserved, still, in view of the present financial conditions, we feel that the work of the general committee was indeed commendable, and the membership should feel content until conditions become more favorable. Under existing circumstances, we can afford to endure the present inequalities, and the long hours imposed upon our men (the latter being due to an imperfect law governing hours of service at one-man stations), having in view an early adjustment of these differences, and feeling assured at the resumption of normal business that the management will, as it has been in the past, be willing to adjust these matters.

The conditions as set forth by the general committee in its report, warrant your special attention. There are questions confronting us that make it necessary that the organization have your full cooperation. Not a single man can we spare from the ranks, but we need more energetic workers to meet the oncoming conditions.

While it is true that we need not cross the bridge until we get to it, still it is the point of wisdom "in times of peace prepare for war," or, in other words, be prepared to meet the conditions when they arise.

The different officers of the organization on this division have been elected, and I wish to urge the boys to give them earnest support. Even if your candidate was defeated, be willing to abide by the decision of the majority, and do not pull back and cause dissension in our ranks. What we need is a full membership, working in perfect harmony. Use your greatest influence to bring all worthy telegraphers into the organization.

Let's try to make a clear record for the Norfolk Division for the month of April, as suggested in the minutes of the Roanoke meeting. We can do it. Let your delegates go to the convention saying the Norfolk Division has a clear record for the month of April. We are glad to see more credit records granted our boys for watchfulness in the past few days. Continue to improve the service, and make the telegraph department so essential that the company cannot dispense with this important link in the chain of safety to both life and property.

Bedford—Bro. Warner off duty several days, on a trip to Richmond, getting his glasses changed.

Appomattox—Shannon worked third trick at this point, while Boothe moved up to second, until the position was advertised. Bro. Loving landed second trick, Bro. Shannon going to Rice, relieving Bro. Wilson.

Kenney—Mr. C. P. Williams, of Roanoke, relieved Bro. Loving.

Burkeville—Bro. Bland landed third trick at this point. Bro. Byrne relieved Bro. Bates, who is on a visit to Norfolk, to welcome the Jackies home.

Rougemont, N. C.—Bro. Cook is relieving the telegrapher at this point.

Bonsack—Bro. Penick is off duty a few days, on account of sickness.

Bedford—Bro. F. S. Layne bid in third trick at Bedford, Bro. Calhoun moving up to second by application. We are pleased to see Bro. Calhoun get second trick, as he has worked earnestly for it. Bro. Arthur, second trick at Bedford, bid in second trick at Ivor, with the hope the change would benefit Bro. Calhoun.

Crewe, "DS"—Bro. C. B. Lane is off duty, attending to committee work; he is relieved by Bro. T. S. Hollan.

Blackstone—Bro. L. C. Coleman off one day, to go to Richmond; relieved by Mr. D. C. Bailey.

Ford—Bro. Sidney Vaiden off one day, visiting Richmond; relieved by Mr. W. C. Johnson.

Church Road—Bro. E. C. Talley off two days, relieved by Bro. L. E. Furbush. Bro. J. H. Hardy off third and fourth, relieved by Bro. Furbush.

Addison—Bro. R. H. Moody off one day visiting a sick brother; relieved by Mr. W. C. Johnson.

Norfolk—Third trick was advertised February 1 and bid in by Bro. Sidney Sutherland, who has been working relief agency.

Yadkin—Bro. J. H. Trollinger off two days to see fleet and visit relatives in Hampton; relieved by Bro. J. Carmack, extra.

Myrtle—Bro. Holland was off a few days, visiting relatives in Norfolk. He was relieved by Bro. J. Carmack, extra.

Windsor—Bro. Johnson off two days, relieved by Bro. M. H. Rose, extra.

Dwight—Mr. B. C. Carter, from west end, bid in first trick at this point, relieving Bro. E. C. Horton, who goes back on regular third. Bro. Horton off five days, relieved by Bro. J. Carmack. Bro. E. H. Williams, extra, working second trick, extra, off one day, relieved by Bro. J. Carmack, on special request.

Ivor—Bro. James relieved on 17th by Bro. Auther, from the west end, who bid in second trick, regular.

Waverly—Bro. J. H. Tucker off one day to attend regular system division meeting in Roanoke; relieved by Bro. W. P. Williams, extra.

Disputanta—Bro. Schlegel off fifteen days, 1908 vacation, relieved by Mr. Bailey and Bro. W. P. Williams, extra men.

Poc—Bro. R. C. Hardy off fifteen days, 1908 vacation, relieved by Bro. Eudy, regular second trick man. Bro. A. C. Johnson, extra man, relieved Bro. Eudy.

Petersburg—Bro. W. C. Huddleston off three days, on account of his wife's illness. He was relieved by Bro. A. C. Johnson, extra man.

Brothers, assist your correspondent in his work. Let us make a good showing in our journal.

T. O. M.

### Michigan Central Ry.

#### Middle Division—

Bro. Gifford, third trick at Battle Creek, is off for a month's vacation. Bro. Slowey, second trick at Albion, relieving. Telegrapher Sweeney, of Jackson, doing the second trick at Albion.

Bro. Harris, second trick man at Jackson Junction, is off duty a few days. Mr. Sweeney is relieving him.

Bro. McIntyre, of Nashville, is relieving Chief Clerk Davis at Niles freight house. Telegrapher Sweeney filling second trick at Nashville.

Understand that Relief Agent Thoms goes to Lawton, as agent in place of F. J. Birney, who goes to Kalamazoo, as clerk in freight house there.

Bro. Loveland, first trick at Kalamazoo, is off a few days, on account of sickness. Bro. Ketchum, second trick, relieved him, and Bro. Lynch, a new man on this division did the second trick.

Bro. Spencer, second trick at Niles, is taking a vacation for a month or so. Bro. Northrop doing second trick, and Bro. Brewer filling in as third trick man.

Bro. Graham bid in Glenwood agency, and Bro. McIntyre, of Nashville, "grabbed" Leonidas.

Telegrapher Sliter made a slide for Hastings freight house and got it, so we understand. This job has been one of the "undesirables," therefore it was easy picking.

It is reported that Bro. Hartke, clerk and telegrapher at Hastings freight house, has been "turned down," on account of color blindness. It is also reported that he has been nicely taken care of by being made chief clerk at Hastings freight house. Brother Will is very deserving, and it is said there should have been a telegrapher furnished long ago to help out with this work.

Of late several new men have been doing extra work at Jackson relay office, but we are unable to get their names.

Business is reported to be good, and trainmen report a shortage of men. CERT. 414.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Divine Creator to remove from our midst our esteemed Bro. Wm. A. Bunting, and while we humbly acquiesce in this decree of the All-wise and know that our brother has received a promotion, we can but feel deeply the loss of his presence; and

WHEREAS, We desire to express our respect, love and appreciation for our departed brother, his high character and his useful and blameless life; be it

Resolved, That Michigan Central System Division, No. 16, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, tender the bereaved relatives its sincere sympathy in their sorrow, which we share; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our next regular meeting, a copy sent to relatives of the deceased brother, and a copy submitted to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

Signed, M. J. CAREY,  
DORR FELT,  
W. H. COMINS.

Committee.

#### N. Y. C. & St. L. Ry.

The following is the result of election held by Division No. 18, in February:

Representative, Bro. E. M. Mulcahy; delegate, Bro. C. F. Mayer; local chairman, First District, Bro. E. M. Mulcahy; local chairman, Second District, Bro. C. F. Mayer; local chairman, Third District, Bro. A. T. Hixon; local chairman, Fourth District, Bro. W. A. Hite.

Yours fraternally,  
G. S. & T., Div. No. 18.

The local chairmen will meet at Cleveland, O., March 22d, to elect a general chairman and a general secretary and treasurer. CERT. 2.

#### Third District—

Were you at the meeting at Leipsic? If not, and your neighbor was there, ask him if it was a success. There were twenty-two members pres-

ent, and room for as many more. Some of you who made no effort to be present, should be brought to realize what you were missing.

The following visiting members were present: Bros. E. E. Quackenboss, of Division No. 48; B. R. Willis and W. A. Bentler, of Division No. 21; J. T. Shawhan, of Division No. 138, and W. J. Ensworth, of the Grand.

There will be another meeting held at Leipsic, on Thursday, April 15th. At this meeting we expect to see those who could, but did not attend the last one.

Bring along all the members you can, and we will have an interesting time.

At Maple Grove, the Penna. agent, D. F. Thompson, who holds a card in Division No. 18, has accepted a student. I can not see how he can bring himself to do a thing of this sort. Although the officials of the road he is working for may approve of this action, he will find that the men he has to work with every day, both in the office and train service, have an altogether different view of the matter. I hope that this brother will see the error of his ways, and pass up this student while there is yet time and before he loses his own self-respect, as well as of his fellows. I think that we can bring him to a realization of what he is doing. He surely has not given this matter sufficient thought, or he would see the pit he is digging for his own feet.

Telegrapher Detlef went to work on second trick at Maple Grove, after being at home for a couple of weeks. Bro. M. Thompson got third at that point, on bulletin, and Bro. Cornelius secured first.

Telegrapher Brown, a new man, who was working third trick at Maple Grove, while Detlef was away, is now at Colby, third trick, temporarily.

At Bellevue yard office we had the pleasure (?) of working with a Postal scab for a few weeks. Unfortunately, we did not find it out until about the time he left. His name is J. M. Welker. He worked from 12 midnight to 9 a. m. Signed "OM."

Bro. Leeth, agent at Briceton, resigned, and has been relieved by Mr. Leslie.

Bro. E. D. Nye, a new man on the road, relieved Telegrapher Davis, at Payne, on second trick. Mr. Davis went to the west end.

Bro. Stineman is taking a trip through the West.

More news next time. Don't forget the meeting, and make some effort to get there. With some of you, that is all it takes. Just wake up, notice what is being done. Don't wait until it is done, and then raise a "howl" because it wasn't done your way. Get in the middle and help paddle; don't sit in the end and rock the boat.

"Hix."

**The Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Ry.***Second District—*

Lo! these many moons I have watched the columns of the journal for notes from Division No. 21, but as yet have failed to be rewarded by seeing a single item. I fear there is a lack of interest among the brothers.

We have several new telegraphers on the division, and one has been "turned out" as finished. This may be a surprise to some of the members, but, nevertheless, it is a fact. It has been several years since anything like this occurred on the Second District.

Boys, remember there is nothing like individual effort, and putting into practice the motto, "No card, no favors."

We should have a better attendance at our meetings. Come out, one and all, and have a word to say. If there are any transient brothers along the line, endeavor to bring them along, and let's have rousing good meetings.

Bro. John Krapf has been off duty for a few days, on account of the death of his father. Bro. Ed. Huddleson from the L. & N., worked third trick at "AK" tower, while Bro. Krapf was absent.

Bro. Miller, of Piqua freight house, who was off duty a few days recently, was relieved by a man by the name of Mendenhall from the P. & E.

W. B. Freeman, agent at Troy, is at present rusticated and taking a much needed rest in Oklahoma. Bro. Kroger is acting as agent while Mr. Freeman is away. Bro. Guy Ragan, of Tipp City, is working second trick, while Bro. Jamison is holding down first. Bro. Frank Calley, as usual, is performing the stunt on third there, after being off for some time, on account of a very severe operation.

Bro. Clarence Hemmert, of Anna, was recently over to the marshes of the great Larmie Lake, shooting malard and canvas-back. It is said he came back with a bag well filled with toothsome duck.

The company is going to install a new electric block system between Hamilton and Cincinnati, the right of way.

Brothers, try and come out to our next meeting, as we may have a surprise to spring on you. Anyway, there has been a good proposition made to Division No. 21. CORRESPONDENT.

**Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.***C. M. & St. P. Ry., P. D. C. and M. P. Divisions—*

The local chairman has appointed the following brothers as members of the local board of adjustment, for the ensuing term: Bros. P. S. Thurber, Muscoda, Wis.; J. J. Connell, Madison, Wis., and F. W. Spratler, Mineral Point, Wis. Bro. H. A. Lathrop, Bridgeport, Wis., has been appointed official correspondent.

The general committee nominated and unanimously elected Bros. Renshaw and Soyster to suc-

ceed themselves as general chairman and general secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Now that the election is over, it is to be hoped that everyone will get busy and help to complete organization. There is still an opportunity for us to do a little charity work as we have a few nons and also some delinquents in this district. They are retarding our progress, and it is up to us, as individuals, to get after them, and either get them into the organization or show them up for what they are.

There is another matter that should receive our personal attention. I refer to the student question. There seems to be a few members, especially on the west end of the P. D. C. Division, who have so completely lost all sense of manhood and self-respect, that they violate their obligation with impunity, and the harboring students in their offices. Drastic action should be taken in cases of this kind, as men of their ilk are better outside of than in the organization.

The local chairman advises that there will be a meeting called April 24th, at Prairie Du Chien, and requests all who possibly can to be present. Matters of vital importance bearing upon the convention will be brought up for discussion.

Bro. J. J. Connell is rusticated at Hot Springs, Ark. We hope he will return fully recovered.

Your correspondent has been spending the winter in Texas and the Southwest. It is hoped that the members will assist him hereafter, and send him news items regularly. F. W. S.

*C. & C. B. (in Iowa) Division—*

Business is good all over the division. Emigrants are moving back and forth.

Bro. C. J. Oleson has resigned the agency at Herndon, and will go to braking on the Pacific Coast Extension.

Bro. M. P. Richardson gets the place vacated by Bro. K. B. Doyle, at Rhodes.

Bro. W. J. Swenning appointed first trick at Herndon.

Bro. O. H. Huyck, of Olin, was recently seen on the west end, looking over some of the jobs that are on bulletin.

Bro. D. J. Crowe, of Templeton, spent last Sunday hunting at Bayard, but understand he did not go home overloaded with game.

Rumor has it that Bro. W. H. Robinson, of Ferguson, is going to lay off this summer, and go into business for himself. If so, we wish him success.

Bro. J. G. Etzel, of Herndon, days, after handing out orders in "DI" office, Des Moines, for a month, has resigned, and is going into the fruit business in Washington.

Four different tower jobs are on bulletin at the same time. The third tricks at Herndon, Slater and Cambridge, and second trick at Capron.

Bro. J. F. Behm, of Bagley, has resigned, and we understand is going into the peach business in Michigan. Bro. L. F. Rogers, of Madrid, was the lucky applicant for Bagley station.



Bro. N. N. Embree, of Maxwell, and Bro. Wm. Cook, of Collins, are wearing broad smiles these days. You know why? The nine-hour law has given them two telegraphers each. Hope they will have success in keeping them.

Bro. A. Gamelin, of Huxley, is enjoying a six months' leave of absence, and is being relieved by Bro. R. M. Wogan, of Ferguson. Bro. Dean is relieving Bro. Wogan at Ferguson.

Bro. F. N. Rathbun, of Martelle, was at Cambridge recently, looking over the tower, with the intention of making a bid for second trick, but suppose he changed his mind, as Bro. P. A. Osborne, from Louisa, secured it.

Bro. H. C. Krasche, of Bouton, was assigned to "RH," Perry yard office, third trick, on bulletin. He had been agent at Bouton for a long time, and, no doubt, was glad to leave there. Bro. J. F. Ryan is the next man at Bouton.

Bro. L. F. Zadnichek, third trick at Slater tower, will soon emigrate to Manning, Ia., where he is going to work second trick.

The genial first trick dispatcher, on west end, Mr. Hill, was out on division during the recent snow storm, looking for a wire so he could get busy; the dispatcher's office having been cut off on account of the heavy snow and ice. Dispatcher Krohnke is working first trick at present, and Mr. Hill third.

Bro. L. J. Miller, first trick at Cambridge tower, is laying off a few weeks, visiting friends in Minneapolis. He is being relieved by Bro. L. M. Lewiston, of Madrid.

Bro. W. J. Miller, second trick at Neola, is off duty for a few days; relieved by Bro. W. E. Erven, who was in turn relieved by Miss Doyle.

Bro. C. E. Miller, second trick at Madrid, is still on his vacation, being relieved by Bro. P. H. Zenor. Bro. L. F. Mouser, on third trick, is also laying off, and is being relieved by Telegrapher O. H. Darby, one of the old-timers who has been out of the service for some time.

Bro. John Hanson has resigned the agency at Potter, and we understand he is going into the automobile business. Bro. K. B. Doyle, of Rhodes, will be the new man at Potter.

Bro. Chas. Rupp has been doing the aeroplane act of late, thus, at one time we find him relieving Bro. Miller at Madrid, then at Cambridge tower relieving Bro. Richardson, next at Louisa, relieving Bro. Mozeney, at "RH," Perry yard office, next working second trick and finally back to Cambridge tower working third trick.

Bro. C. W. Wright, of Dedham, attended court at Carroll, a few days, and was relieved by Bro. F. R. Hoesly, of Bayard. Bro. C. E. Horton, of Dedham, nights, also attended court at Carroll; the office at Dedham being closed part of the night, on account of no telegraphers being available. We are sorry to learn that Bro. Horton is on the sick list. He is being relieved by a Mr. Jeffries, who is a new man here.

Bro. O. K. Anderson has resigned the agency at Dawson, and we understand he is going to move on his first fruit farm in Colorado. Bro.

C. A. Lee, from Cambridge tower, second trick, was the lucky applicant for Dawson station, and we are glad to see him get it, as Dawson is his old home.

Your uncle "John Tile" is indebted to Bro. L. J. Miller, of Cambridge tower, and Bro. F. R. Hoesly, of Bayard, for most of the news items this month. Now let some one on the east end, and some more on the different branches, help us out. When you know of anything that would be of interest to the members of this division, write it down on a piece of paper and send it to Slater, Box 264.

Something seems to have gone wrong with the station agents on this division. As many as seven different stations have been open for bids within the last two months. Elwood, Potter, Madrid, Bouton, Dawson, Bagley and Herndon. This certainly is a record-breaker, but it should make the boys smile, who have been looking for good stations. We are indeed sorry to lose so many worthy brothers. We wish them success in whatever they may undertake.

Bro. C. E. Oleson is relieving Agent Lingham, at Melbourne, for a short time.

Did you read the articles on union labor in the issues of *The Independent*, for January 7th and January 28th? If not, you should send twenty cents to the *Independent*, 130 Fulton St., New York, and obtain these two copies. You will not regret it. The article in the first issue, entitled "What Organized Labor Ought to Have," by Mr. Everett P. Wheeler, a New York lawyer, is intended to show us the flaws in Mr. Gompers' arguments. The article in the second issue, entitled "Nemo me Impune Lacessit" (No one wounds me with impunity), by A. J. Portenar, a member of Typographical Union, No. 6, is an answer to Mr. Wheeler, by defending union labor and Mr. Gompers. It is a brilliant sword play, in which we can not fail to see that the arguments of Mr. Wheeler have received a fatal stab.

One of the thoughts in Mr. Portenar's argument is, in itself, so great that I can not refrain from putting it down here, so that every one may read it.

"To Mr. Wheeler's ideas on the labor union as a trust, let me oppose the words of the Hon. John Morley, a member of the present British Government, and a man known throughout the civilized world for his humanitarianism: 'There is all the difference in the world between the selfishness of a great trade society. The one means an increase of self-indulgent luxury for one man, or a single family; the other means an increase of decency, increase of comfort, increase of self-respect; more ease for the aged, more schooling for the young, not of one family, but a thousand or ten thousand families. Others may call that selfishness, if they please; I call it civilization and humanity, and the furtherance of the commonwealth.'"

Let all our nons, and all oponents of organized labor in general, read the above statement and reflect. Coa.

*Third District—*

The following brothers have signified their willingness to serve on the local board of adjustment: Bros. N. E. Thompson, M. R. Corcoran, Everett, Frank Lumber, Ingleside and F. R. Corcoran, of Belmont Ave., Chicago. Any one having grievances should consult the brother named above, who is nearest to him.

The old local board, appointed by Bro. Alleman, was requested to serve with the addition of Bro. Lumber, on the Janesville line, for the reason that they were considered as good as could be selected. Moreover, they are properly distributed over the district, and facts with which they are acquainted can be utilized in the adjustment of grievances from time to time.

Bro. J. N. Julsen returned to work the 17th of March; he has had quite a siege of sickness during the past winter.

Bro. J. L. Bauer was off a few nights, on the sick list.

Bro. C. S. Eckerly, of Galewood, first trick, was sick for a few days, and was relieved by Bro. Sturgis, of the second trick. Bro. Sturgis relieved by Mr. Rieger, an old telegrapher working in the billing room at Galewood.

Mr. L. I. Perry, of Pacific Junction, second trick, was off for a few days; relieved by Bro. E. R. Derrickson.

Mr. Chas. M. Trout, director on the second trick, at tower "A 2," is serving on a jury; relieved by Bro. Wm. McKay, of Pacific Junction.

Bro. Geo. Stimpson, of Tower "A 2," third trick, has moved to Oak Park.

Bro. G. C. Brown, who was relieving on the second trick at tower "A 13," has resumed duty at Walworth, third trick, his regular position, and Mr. La Point is relieving at "A 13" at present.

Bro. W. A. Beaver is at work at his regular job at "23" now.

Bro. L. D. Stockton, of Wadsworth agency, has resigned to go into business with his father-in-law. Our best wishes go with Bro. Stockton in his new field of work, with hopes of his success.

Bro. Morganson, who was discharged at Lincoln Aves., days, has been reinstated through the efforts of the Order.

One of the nons in the terminals became angry when we tried to talk O. R. T. to him, said he had made up his mind and didn't want to argue the question for fear that he would change his mind. This is pretty good evidence that the O. R. T. has plenty of facts to bank on.

There are a number of brothers whose names invariably appear on the delinquent list, and they make just as good money as any of the boys; they should be ashamed of being tardy every time; we would be down and out in six months' time if the majority were like them.

The wages of the steel workers have been cut 10 and 15 per cent during the past month. This is caused from the fact that the most of them got to thinking "what's the use of the union;" not 10 per cent of the men kept up-to-date, and

their just deserts came; it's a shame that the faithful ones should have to suffer with the unfaithful, but it will teach them all the lesson, that to hold what the union secures, requires loyalty to the union. By the way just apply this lesson to ourselves, especially the delinquents and nons.

A few telegraphers put up as an excuse for dropping out, or not coming in, "that they are going to quit the business." I have had about fifty different ones spring this on me in the last five or six years, and only one of that number, to my knowledge, has left the service.

Now that spring is here, most of us will be spending some of the increase the O. R. T. has secured in the last few years for "new suits;" when making this purchase, don't forget the Union Label, if you do you are not a good union man. I notice a great many of our members are using "scab" tobacco. They may not think of this, but the trust doesn't care how much "hot air" we shoot at them, just as long as we use their "mixture, etc." Then we blame the Government for not "busting" the trusts, when the laboring people could bring about the desired result by absolutely refusing to buy or consume their non-union products. L. C.

*Kansas City Division—*

Bro. Davis, who is located at Cone, Ia., had the misfortune to fall from a wagon while going home recently, and broke two ribs. Bro. Davis has been working the third trick at Cone for some time. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Bro. Harry Hoover, of Linby, Ia., has been doing relief agent's work for some time on the Middle Division, Marion Line and E. K. C. Division.

Mr. V. T. Bradfield, who has been working third trick at Linby, Ia., has severed his connections with the C. M. & St. P. Ry., and moved on a farm. Mr. Beal secured the position regularly, on bulletin.

Sister Groesbeck, who is working nights at Farson, Ia., has been relieved temporarily, and is visiting at her home in Webster, Ia.

No doubt you have all been notified of the recent election of delegates and alternates to the Grand Division Convention, which is to be held in Atlanta, Ga., during May of this year.

Bro. J. P. Doherty, was chosen delegate, and Bro. H. G. Richardson, alternate. If you have anything that, in your opinion, should come before the convention, don't fail to bring it to the attention of your delegate or alternate in ample time for consideration. Div. Cor.

*CARD OF THANKS.*

Through the medium of THE TELEGRAPHER we desire to express our heartfelt thanks to the members of Division No. 23, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, for their kind sympathy and consolation during the recent illness and death of our husband and father; also for the floral

offering which they sent, and assure them that they shall ever be gratefully remembered by

MRS. G. E. MARDEN AND DAUGHTER.

*Milwaukee Terminal Division—*

We all know that nothing very new or startling has occurred of late, and any attempt on my part to tell anything out of the ordinary would be a difficult matter.

The result of the recent election shows that the undersigned is to act as local chairman for the next two years. I wish to thank you for this indication of confidence, and I shall show my appreciation by endeavoring to do what is best for all concerned.

In accordance with Section 77, System Division Statutes, I have appointed a division correspondent, also a local board of adjustment, subject to the approval of the general chairman. Let us all work together in harmony, show a friendly concern in the welfare of each other, forget the little petty grievances we hear so often, be honest and upright with each other and with the company employing us. It appears the trouble with a great many is, that they joined the organization simply for pecuniary gain, and pay little or no attention to the good fellowship and brotherly love that should exist among us.

Fraternaly yours,

C. E. FLAHERTY,

*Local Chairman.*

*Southern Minnesota Division—*

Nons on the Southern Minnesota Division will soon be as scarce as notice of a raise in pay on a non scheduled road.

Bro. R. A. Chase goes to Bryant, S. D., on permanent bulletin.

Bro. J. M. Olsen to Winnebago City, Minn., on six months' bulletin, and Bro. R. F. Gunderson of Wykoff, permanently.

Bro. T. P. Horton is relieving in dispatcher's office at Madison, while Bro. G. L. Parker is filling the third trick stunt at Ramsey.

Bro. Jas. Sheehy, Easton, has returned to work after having undergone two painful operations at Rochester, Minn.

Bro. Fogarty, at Sherburn, is again on duty after a few days' of recreation in the Twin Cities. Eugene Fogarty relieved him.

The Shanarambie Valley is up to its old time tricks of twenty years ago, and is again stalling our trains. More trouble has been experienced this winter than for several years past.

May 1st the Wells Fargo Express Co. is to cover our lines, and the boys are wondering how much better it is than the old States.

We have received a nice little expense for premium on our bond for the remaining two months, at just double the rate we have been paying for the past ten years. Upon writing to the

superintendent we were told, "These are the figures given by the Surety Co., and the Express Co. is helpless."

The employes will not bid good-bye to the old company with a very kindly feeling, after having been taxed a double rate for bond as a last reminder. However, it's up to our committee to tell them about it, and if they do not wish to make it right, we may forgive, but never forget.

CERT. 1989.

**I. & G. N. Ry.**

Word has just been received announcing the death of Mr. Charles Stanton, son of Bro. T. H. Stanton, general chairman of Div. No. 25.

Although not in the telegraph service at the time of his death, Mr. Stanton was a telegrapher, and, consequently, had many friends among the fraternity, who will be shocked at his sudden and untimely death.

Bro. Stanton and family have the sympathy of this division in their bereavement. The following is taken from the *Dallas News*:

**FOR BURIAL AT ALLEN.**

Taylor, Tex., March 23.—Accompanied by his father, who is the International & Great Northern Railway's operator at Rockdale, the remains of Charley Stanton, the 21-year-old switchman who was killed in the International & Great Northern Railway yards here yesterday, were taken last night to Allen station, north of Dallas, to be buried today at the decedent's former home. No one witnessed the accident which resulted in Stanton's death. When found he was pinioned between the couplings of two freight cars, with a hand resting on each of the cars' bumpers. One hip was split in twain and central portion of his body was crushed to a pulp. He survived five hours after the accident, and died shortly after the arrival of his father.

**IN MEMORIAM.**

WHEREAS, It has pleased an all-wise Providence to remove from our midst the son of our esteemed general chairman, Bro. T. H. Stanton, of Rockdale, be it

*Resolved*, That International & Great Northern Division 25, Order Railroad Telegraphers, tender Bro. Stanton and family its sincere sympathy in this great sorrow, and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our next regular meeting, a copy sent to our esteemed brother and a copy submitted to *THE TELEGRAPHER* for publication.

Signed,

R. B. ADAMS, *Gen. Sec.-Treas.*

I. L. WOOD, *Local Chairman.*

L. H. HUNGATE, *Local Chairman,*

*Committee.*

**Vandalia Ry.***West Subdivision—*

Quite a number of changes have been made on this end in the past few weeks; have not been able to keep thoroughly informed, but here is a part of them.

Mr. W. O. Carson, who has been with the Vandalia for a number of years, and who recently worked first trick at Greenville, has left the service.

Bro. C. H. Johnson, the regular third trick man at Greenville, was given first trick until it was permanently assigned to Mr. J. F. Middleton, from Vandalia.

Bro. E. E. Pierron, regular second trick man at "F," Effingham, was assigned to first trick at Vandalia, which was vacated by Mr. Middleton. Mr. Middleton was transferred to Greenville.

Bro. G. H. Vest, second trick man at Hagars-town, Bro. J. E. McCracken, recently from "EY" tower, and Mr. J. C. Shea, of "WF," Effingham, had a chance at third trick at Greenville while Bro. Johnson was working first trick there.

Bro. C. H. Wilson, general chairman of Division 27, who has been working first trick at Smithboro, has left the service, his resignation taking effect March 1st. Bro. Wilson has gone into the insurance business, and he has the best wishes of the entire division for his success.

Bro. N. E. Browning, from Seelyville, was assigned third trick at Smithboro, left vacant by the resignation of Mr. Rhodes. Bro. Browning since has been given first trick there.

Bro. J. E. McCracken relieved Bro. Wilson at Smithboro, and worked until the position was assigned to Bro. Browning. Bro. McCracken has since been sent to Rose Lake, first trick, vice Bro. C. C. Chesterson, who has gone to "KR," Terre Haute.

Bro. W. L. Smith, second at Stubblefield, off duty for a few days. He was called to Terre Haute to take the examination for the voluntary relief department. Relieved by Mr. Ruark, a new man from the east end.

Bro. O. M. Beck, from Seelyville, has been assigned third trick at Smithboro, Bro. Browning having been placed on first.

The bridge crew has been working at Shoal Creek, putting in a new bridge.

Business seems to continue about normal, but we look for an increase soon. Div. Cor.

**IN MEMORIAM.**

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to call to his heavenly home our dearly beloved Brother William M. Booker, and

WHEREAS, We deeply regret the loss of our esteemed brother, be it

*Resolved*, That in the death of Brother Booker, Vandalia Railroad System Division No. 27 loses a faithful and loyal member, and be it further

*Resolved*, That we extend to the members of his family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this, their great bereavement, and be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this division, sent the bereaved family and sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

C. R. SHORTTRIDGE.

EUGENE E. PIERRON.

CLAUDE VICKERY.

*Committee.*

**CARD OF THANKS.**

On behalf of my family and myself, I sincerely thank you all for your kindness and the beautiful floral tribute and sweet and heavenly sympathy to us in our bereavement.

Mrs. Wm. M. Booker.

**Missouri Pacific Ry.***Council Grove and K. N. & D. Divisions—*

Everything is quiet along the "Mop."

Bro. Maurice, our division correspondent, has been on the sick list for some time and at his home in Osage City; relieved at Council Grove by T. L. Bailey. Bailey was later sent to Bushong, and Bro. Lukens, of Bushong, went to Council Grove for twelve nights.

Bro. Lukens was relieved at Council Grove by Bro. Knickle, and sent to Richland as agent.

Bro. J. B. Wells, of Richland, has bid in the agency at Wilsey, and was checked in there on February 4. It is rumored that he doesn't like it and has bid in Richland again.

Bro. Williams, from "D" yard office, Osawatimie, has gone to the hospital in Kansas City, for about three weeks. Hope to see him back at the end of that time in god helath.

Bro. Knickle was sent to Osawatimie, second trick, during Bro. Williams' absence.

The K. N. & D. is still doing business at the old stand. Trains have been running in good shape until the last week, when they became rattled over a wreck at Mapleton, and haven't straightened back into the old routine yet.

Everyone is making good over-time coming back to meet Nos. 691 and 692 in the "wee, sma' hours."

Engine failures seem to be the latest fad and all engines are adopting them, but they generally manage to get over the road somehow.

We had considerable wire trouble a week or so ago, but a work train and construction gang soon put things in good shape.

For three days after the last blizzard "KS" and "F," Kansas City and Ft. Scott, kept our train wire busy relaying westbound business on account of the main channels being down.

Bro. McCoy, our local chairman, is holding down "HR," Harris, and dispensing information to all who seek it. Bro. McCoy was again nominated for local chairman, which is equivalent to election.

Mr. Stillman, at Comiskey, is off on a vacation; relieved by Relief Agent Bailey.

Our third trick dispatcher, Dunaway, was off duty a few days this month to get married. Long life and success to them.

Mr. J. F. Avery, the train master of the Hoisington District, has been transferred to the Southern Kansas Division; Mr. E. C. Wills, from the Southern Kansas Division took his place.

News is scarce this month but if all the brothers would send notes to our correspondent at Council Grove, we could have a good write-up each month. This calls for very little effort on our part and, taken altogether, helps out wonderfully.

If everyone would act in accordance with Bro. Quick's letter issued some time ago, and each take some particular non and keep nagging at him until he signs up, we could surely land all of the eligible ones.

Well here's hoping for better conditions in the near future and in the meantime be thankful for what we have.

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#### *Central Kansas Division, Council Grove District—*

Bro. Abel is back at Lomax, and, of course, we all welcome his return.

Bro. McCann, at Miller, was at Osage, recently, taking in the show.

W. J. Anderson, from Gyp City, is laying off and spending a few days in Topeka with his folks.

Bro. Lindvall was sick for a few days, but has recovered.

The recent snow storm played havoc with the wires between Council Grove and Osawatimie. Most of the poles were down, and the wires were badly mixed up. Special gangs of linemen were sent out on work trains and communication was completely restored in a few days.

The dispatchers were transferred to Council Grove in order to enable them to handle the Smoky Valley Division until the dispatchers arrived.

Bro. J. B. Wells has returned to his old place as agent at Richland. He did not like Wilsey.

Bro. R. D. Lukens is working relief at Dodson for a short time.

Bro. R. F. Andrews bid in Bucyrus and will be checked in before long.

Bro. McShane has quit the Clinton and is back with the M. P. at Bucyrus.

"ALL IN."

#### **St. L. I. M. & S. Ry.**

##### *Central Division—*

When you read this ask yourself how much of it you contributed.

Bro. F. H. Robinson is up to date in C. T. U. of A. and is going to come over to us this pay. He was referred to in the February and March issues of the journal as a non.

Bro. Van Wie, Nowata, days, has departed for parts unknown. He was relieved by Telegrapher Phillips, an ex-dispatcher from Mexico.

Bro. C. N. Evans has bid in Ft. Gibson, nights.

Telegrapher Jett, of Greenwood Jct., has accepted the agency at Hartman.

Bro. Edwards, who is from Texas, has accepted the agency at Oolagah. We are glad to welcome such men as Bro. Edwards to our division.

Telegrapher Morgan bid in Inola agency, Bro. Emery having gone to the Frisco in Louisiana.

Telegraphers Kuss and McKnight worked for your humble scribe while he attended the meeting of the local chalmers in St. Louis, recently.

Bro. Kelton, of Ft. Smith, has resigned, and is going to the Frisco. Here is where we lose a true brother, and one who was always ready to assist a member.

Bro. Benedict, of Conway, has been off duty, visiting in Texas. He was relieved by Telegrapher Kuss for thirty days.

L. C.

#### *Illinois Division—*

On account of the nine-hour law, several changes have been made. Modoc has been closed nights. Bro. C. Biggerstaff being removed to third trick at Prairie du Rocher. Telegrapher Moake, who was formerly at Chester, "WX," days, is now on second trick.

Bro. H. Q. Gwinnup, local chairman, recently attended an election held in St. Louis, and was relieved by Bro. Biggerstaff.

Bro. L. R. Avett worked extra at Rocher during the absence of Bro. Gwinnup. He is now doing the owl stunt at Murphysboro.

Telegrapher Moake has taken charge of Gorham as agent. He was relieved at Prairie du Rocher by Telegrapher F. F. O'Bryan, a newcomer.

Our new chief, Mr. Wm. Brusha, is sure to be popular. He wades into the work with a vim, and is fair with the men.

Valmeyer is now a three-trick station. Bro. H. T. Stroder holds first trick, agent; Telegrapher Foster, second trick, and Bro. J. W. Gornett third trick.

Warnock has been discontinued as a day office, and Bro. H. A. Lynn is doing the owl stunt.

Reily Lake is also a three-man office. Bro. O. L. Cartwright is holding down first trick, Bro. C. E. Grammer second trick, and Telegrapher J. A. Taylor third trick at that point.

J. R. Folsom is holding the car desk at Chester. Bro. W. J. Alexander is working nights and W. A. Nelson working extra at "MX" during the absence of Bro. Dean Underwood, who is at present working at Bush as agent.

Raddle has been opened as a night office, and Telegrapher C. E. Long is in charge.

Bro. J. S. Lawson is working second trick at Gorham. A newcomer whose name we have not learned is covering third trick.

Bro. T. E. Williams is working second trick at Howardton.

Bro. R. J. Black is on second trick at Wolf Lake.

Bro. J. P. Stolloman, who was formerly at Brownsburg, is with his parents at Chester.

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#### **Chicago & Eastern Illinois Ry.**

##### *Chicago Division, Danville District—*

Several changes have taken place since the last write-up.

"NE" tower has been closed on account of slack business, and track 4 is filled with bad order cars.

The levermen at "MJ" tower, Momence Junction, have been taken off. The levers are now being handled by the telegraphers, which, together with the extra relay work for the Indiana Division makes "MJ" a "roast."

Bro. Metzger was the successful bidder for third trick at Sollitt, relieving Miss Hattendorf.

Bro. Brown, second trick at Sollitt, resigned, and was relieved by Telegrapher Pierce, who formerly held third trick.

Bro. Parrett, third trick at "HJ" tower, has resigned. We understand that he has gone to the Chicago Sou. Bro. Parrett was relieved by Bro. Holmes, formerly first trick at "NE" tower.

Dispatcher's office at Brazil has been closed. The Indiana Division trains are now being handled by the Danville office.

Bro. Judy, of Chicago Heights passenger station, nights, has resigned. He was relieved by Mr. Cannon, student from Papineau station.

Bro. Harding, "GO," Chicago, who lost out on account of a reduction in force, has taken a similar position on the I. C. at Chicago.

Mr. Collings, agent at Thornton, has resigned; relieved by a Mr. Stingle from West Montezuma.

Bro. Spurgen, agent at Pittwood, resigned, but we are unable to say who relieved him until vacancy is filled by bulletin.

Bro. E. P. Bidwell, agent at Allertan, is spending his vacation in Texas; relieved by Mr. L. M. Moore.

Bro. Adams, second trick at "BX" tower, bid in third trick at "HY" tower. He was relieved at "BX" tower by telegrapher C. J. Shotts. Bro. Adams could not do the work at "HY" tower. He is again at "BX" tower and Telegrapher Shotts to Glover, third trick.

Bro. Lanquist, third trick at "BX" tower, was in Danville, Saturday, with a number of people from Bismark, to be baptized.

The southward track on Bismark Cut Off is to be filled with bad orders; suppose "BX" and Brewer will be next in line to be closed.

Mr. F. S. Romans, of Gessie, who has been in Mr. Huffman's office doing a typewriting stunt, is back to his old place. He was relieved by Relief Agent Bennett.

Bro. Huffman, who bid in third trick at "DH" tower, went back to his old job at "HY" tower.

Bro. Highland, first trick at "WA," Watseka, has accepted the position of bill clerk at Watseka, relieving Mr. W. Wood, who was released from the service. We wish Bro. Highland success in his new position. We are unable to say who gets first trick at "WA" until the position is bulletined.

We wish to impress upon the membership that the maintenance of this organization depends upon the individual efforts of its members. There are several members leaving the road, and, of course, new men are employed to fill the vacancies, and it is our duty to see that these men are up-to-date. We should maintain a solid front, so that when our committee goes before the management it will have the support of a large membership and secure a good schedule.

It is amusing to listen to the excuses put up by some of the nons. A brother asked two nons if they did not want to start the new year with up-to-date cards. One of them stated that the O. R. T. dare not make a demand, and that non O. R. T. lines paid more than the so-called O. R. T. lines. He also volunteered the information that if the cost of living made higher wages necessary, moral conscience and legislature would provide for an increase. He will find upon investigation that organized labor has always been behind the "moral conscience," and the "Legislature," giving them a push before we could secure anything from those sources. The second non gave that old joke, "no money," and stated that he did not look for business to be good for three or four years. I said to this man that if we were all like him we would let our organization go by default when business was bad, and when it improved and we wanted a new schedule we would have no organization, and instead of securing a new schedule we would get a 15 or 20 per cent cut, the same as the steel workers in Pennsylvania received lately.

At the meeting at Momence, March 21st, Bro. J. V. Phillips was re-elected general chairman.

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### Baltimore & Ohio Ry.

#### Wheeling Division—

Have you paid your 10 cent assessment? Are you waiting for some one to pay it for you? Please send it in at once, so Bro. Youst can straighten up his books.

Bro. Youst has been chosen to represent the Wheeling Division at the convention, and a better man could not have been chosen to look after our interests. We hope they will be particularly careful in selecting a general chairman, a change might do us good.

Bro. F. T. Fulton and wife, of Moundsville, were in Washington a few days, visiting relatives and attending the inauguration. Bro. C. L. Alender relieved Bro. Fulton.

Bro. L. Shivilin bid in second trick at Narrows.

Telegrapher G. Webner, regular third trick man at Littleton, has been working second trick at Narrows until advertised.

Bro. Otto Bester is working third trick at "HN," Benwood, on account of Mr. Wilson, who is the regular man, being off on a vacation.

Telegrapher A. S. Rushford, of Burton, days, was recently visiting his brother at Moundsville.

Telegrapher N. C. Little bid in first trick at Narrows.

Bro. White is relieving Bro. Scholes, who is off duty for a few days.

Telegrapher France is working at yard office, Holloway, days. He bumped Bro. Spain, who in turn bumped Bro. Roach, nights, at same office.

Bro. Roach has gone to the Pittsburg Division.

Telegrapher Tolbert, of "HO" office, Holloway, has moved to Piedmont, and has a new speeder on which he rides to and from work.

Bro. J. L. T. Fitzsimmons is at present working second trick at Bridgeport, vice Bro. Livingwood, who is off on vacation.

It is understood that the Bridgeport office will soon be a joint office with the C. & P.

There is to be a forty-four-lever electric plant put in at "DK" tower this spring. This will be joyful news to the boys at that plant.

Bro. W. M. Killen is at present working third trick at "DK" office.

Bro. Lester is working first trick; Bro. Adkins, second, and Bro. Gerry, third, at Maynard.

Our Division Operator, Mr. T. F. Corcoran, made a trip over the west end recently, and left a ray of sunshine in his wake.

Bro. E. E. Holloway made a flying trip to his old home recently.

Bro. White relieved Bro. Schultz at "FI" tower for one day recently.

Bro. O. H. Adkinson paid his respects to the boys at Holloway recently, and is at present down on the river near Sistersville.

Some of the boys are not holding new cards. Send for them at once, as you are helping our enemies when behind. CERT. 729.

#### *Pittsburg Division, Eastern and Western Districts—*

The Eastern and Western Districts of Pittsburg Division held their regular monthly meeting at Hotel Wilson, Pittsburg, Thursday evening, and I regret to say that it was very poorly attended, which is something unusual.

The newly elected local chairman, delegate and alternate of the Western District, Bros. Yeager, Lanning and Williams, were all absent, and, no doubt, can furnish satisfactory excuses.

Bro. Lanning had promised us a speech, and we were very much disappointed, as he is a very interesting and instructive talker.

We expect to hear from him in the near future, and I am sure Local Chairman Yeager has a treat in store for us at the next meeting.

The brothers from the Pike were very conspicuous by their absence, as there was not a representative from that end of the road, and the river men who live in the vicinity were poorly represented. If Bro. Zimmerman, from Layton, and Bro. Gleisinger, from West Newton, can come from such a distance, it seems that those who live near the city could attend.

You may think it unnecessary to be present at these meetings, but your absence indicates that you take little or no interest in the affairs of the division.

The local chairman states that there are a number of members behind with dues, and that a few have been dropped on that account. It should not be necessary to call attention to such matters. Many of the large steel companies are reducing wages, and it seems reasonable to suppose that unless we keep our membership up to the highest percentage possible, the railroads will attempt to do the same.

Bro. J. K. Tittle, who has been working extra at Layton tower, has resigned and is going West in the near future.

Bro. C. M. Dressell has been transferred from third trick at Vista to third trick at Layton tower, on bid.

Bro. J. F. Leonard transferred from third trick at "MK" tower to third trick at Bessemer, on bid. Bro. J. V. Young taking charge of third trick at "MK" tower.

The first trick at Versailles is now manned by Bro. C. L. Shugart, who relieved Bro. C. M. Stabler. Bro. Stabler bid in second trick at Dennison.

On the bulletin of March 4th, the following positions were assigned:

Bro. A. A. Hostettler to third trick at Downsville; Bro. W. S. Finnell to second trick at Ellwood City; Bro. Jos. Engleman to third trick at Elfinwild; Bro. P. C. Getz to third trick at Goehring.

Bro. S. O. Six, of Sharpsburg tower, is now on a six days' vacation.

Bro. Joe Engleman is working third trick at Elfinwild.

Bro. Hoefler, who comes from the Chicago Division, is working second trick at Elfinwild, extra.

Bro. Yeager, who is working third trick at Callery, and who was confined to his bed for over a week, threatened with the fever, made a flying trip to Baltimore for rest and recreation before returning to work.

Bro. Yeager was relieved by Bro. Morehead, and Mr. Rubell later relieved Bro. Morehead.

Bro. O. M. Johnson, of Callery, is busy trying to land that town in the proposed Trolley League, of towns comprising Mars, Callery, Evans City, Harmony, Zelenople, Ellwood City and Butler.

Bro. McGrath, first trick at Goehring, is off duty, serving on a jury at New Castle, Pa.

Bro. W. S. Finnell is now at Ellwood City, second trick.

Bro. Louie Schmidt, first trick at Ribolds, is off duty on account of mumps; Bro. Postarero relieving.

Bro. J. H. Smith, second trick at Ribolds, has gone to Lavenia, third trick.

On the night of March 4th, some straggler apparently from the good town of Butler, enjoyed himself by shooting the windows out of the box car used as a telegraph office at Mackin.

Bro. L. LeRoy Williams is working second trick at Mackin, extra.

Bro. Fleisher, of Butler, who was reported down with the mumps, is again again on duty. He was relieved by Mr. Johnson.

Bro. J. J. Lanning, of Goehring, Pa., was elected delegate from District No. 7. By the time this is in print, Bro. Lanning will be preparing for his trip South.

Without opposition, Bro. J. Yeager, Jr., P. O. Box 117, Callery, Pa., was elected local chairman of Pittsburg Division, Western District. Brothers will forward all communications to him at the above address. "SHORT STOP."

*Connellsville Division—*

For all information regarding chartering of special cars on the Penna., Md. St. Ry. Co., address Bro. R. B. Ellis, first trick at Garrett.

We are pleased to learn that Bro. Dillinger's health, which has been on the decline for some time past, is about normal once more.

Death has once more laid its cold hand upon the already shattered home of Bro. B. C. Bowers, first trick at "Q" Jct.. His little daughter answered the summons this time. The entire division unites in extending its profoundest sympathy to this brother, whose hours of bereavement have, indeed, been many.

The recent re-examination of the telegraphers of the division on the book of rules is, according to those already examined, proving one of the most beneficial innovations ever introduced by the officials. It not only has proven an incentive for us to review the entire book, but it has also enlightened us on many points heretofore not thoroughly understood, and which would doubtless remain thus were it not for the thorough and businesslike method of examination conducted by our division operator.

Bro. Elgholtz, second trick at S. & M. Jct., is at present enjoying all the comforts of bachelorhood. Mrs. Elgholtz is visiting her parents at Bedford, Pa.

The meeting at Rockwood, on March 19th, was not so well attended as its predecessor. Bro. Currie presided.

Bro. Tom McIntyre, at "D," Connells-ville, is visiting relatives at Canterrell, Ill.

Bros. Margroff, Willis and Noble, are living the simple life at Hyndman, since helpers have been removed from that point.

Bro. C. H. Snyder, agent at Stoyestown, was a business visitor in Pittsburg recently.

Bro. J. W. Thornton, manager, "D," Connells-ville, spent two days' sightseeing in Pittsburg recently.

Bro. Cook, third trick at Manila, is again in the harness. Cor.

*Cleveland Division—*

The Cleveland Division has woke up once again and is grinding out new members right along. There is not much timber to work on, unless we import new men.

Bro. B. H. Betton has resigned Columbia third trick, and is now working on W. L. E. Ry., at Mogadore, Ohio. No one else has been assigned to "CO" position permanently.

Bro. Hillyer, who has been working second trick at Massillon, gets Uhrichsville, first trick on bid.

Bro. V. O. Goodrich, at Uhrichsville, has left the service to accept a position with the electric light company. We wish the brother success in his new field.

Bro. F. P. Darland, of Canton Scales, has been appointed assistant local chairman, assisting Local Chairman McCoy on the C. T. & V. District. This

is on account of Bro. Curtis having left the service.

Bro. C. W. Curtis resigned the agency at New Berlin on March 1, to enter the grocery business at Akron, Ohio. We wish Bro. Curtis success.

Mr. T. A. Martin is at New Berlin, on bid. We hope to land Martin soon, thus keeping the New Berlin office in line as heretofore.

Mr. W. H. Kilbow, of Mineral City, is relieving Mr. Martin at Peninsula until the position is bulletined.

Bro. C. W. C. Wright, from Lorain, is back in Cleveland "CS" office, nights, until this job is bulletined.

Bro. Schenk, second trick, Lorain, is taking a vacation, visiting in the West. There are two extra men working in Lorain, but we failed to learn their names. Someone up that way send in items, please.

Our local chairman is meeting with success in getting in non-members. Three new members have been taken in since last meeting.

Bro. F. S. Hoover, agent at Sandyville, is off duty a few days. He is putting in the time fishing. Bro. H. J. Marlow, of Aultman, is relieving him.

Bro. Harris, who is working first trick at Belt Line Crossing, has obtained a six months' leave of absence, in which time he intends visiting home folks a couple of weeks, and then tour the West.

Bro. Billings is working first trick during Bro. Harris' absence, and Bro. Meese is acting as "owl" at Belt Line Crossing.

Mr. J. C. Disler, the second trick Valley dispatcher, with his family, is touring California and other Western States for a few weeks. Extra Dispatcher Blythe is relieving him.

Bro. Tope, second trick man at Belt Line Crossing, is visiting folks at home for a few days. He was relieved by an extra man, Bro. J. C. Hendricks. Bro. Hendricks recently came from the W. & L. E. Ry.

Several new men are coming to our line. The brothers will ascertain whether they are members, and if not, try and line them up. If they hold membership in other divisions, secure full names, division and certificate numbers, and forward same to the local chairman, who will attend to having them transferred to Division 33. Kindly watch this matter closely.

Thanks to all the brothers contributing items for THE TELEGRAPHER. Div. Cor.

*West End Cumberland Division—*

Bro. E. A. Shaffer has been elected local chairman of this division.

The meeting held at Oakland the 18th was well attended. Don't forget the day—the third Thursday of each month—and be on hand.

If you have a grievance, put in writing and submit it to your chairman or the local board of adjustment and have the matter threshed out at our meetings; don't tell it to the neighbors, and wonder why the Order does not take action.



Bro. F. Downer and Telegrapher D. C. Skinnell visited Washington and Baltimore, incidentally taking in the inauguration.

Chairman Shaffer was in Baltimore several days recently, on business for the Order.

Bro. C. E. Hosler, chairman of the Monongah Division, and three or four of his men, attended the meeting held at Oakland. We hope they will come often, as we are always glad to see them.

Bro. W. C. Ready spent several days in Washington this month, relieved by Telegrapher Luthke.

An order has been issued requiring telegraphers to pass an examination on colors and hearing.

At the last meeting it was decided to continue the payment of 25¢ per month local dues, same to be payable quarterly. If they desire to do so, members may make a remittance of one dollar, which will pay four months. All remittances should be forwarded to Bro. J. R. Murphy, Oakland, Md., who has been appointed local treasurer. He will issue receipts to cover. Please do not neglect this important matter, as the amount thus collected goes toward paying our local expenses.

E. A. S.

#### Newcastle Division—

Bro. L. O. Frobish has resigned second trick at Boughtonville; relieved by Telegrapher T. L. Siering. It is understood that Bro. Frobish contemplates going into the insurance business at Wheeling, W. Va.

Bro. Brillhart, agent at Middlefield, has been assigned to second trick at Boughtonville, but has not yet been transferred. We have not heard who is to be the new man at Middlefield.

Bro. Burch, who works third trick at "MN" tower, Greenwich, made a trip to Cleveland, recently, which is told of by our Poet Laureate.

To transact a little business,

To the city "Burchy" went,

Little dreaming of the future,

And how much to him it meant.

Through Rocky River speeding fast,

Alas! Biff! Bang! The car's a wreck;

The passengers were all mixed up,

And Burchy nearly broke his neck.

Thus delayed he missed his train,

And failed to show up at eleven;

Gleason and Brenneman did twelve-hour stunts,

Changing at three instead of seven.

The new tower at Sterling has been installed and is working as good as could be expected. Bros. P. W. Adams, Sweet and Gilletly now have as fine an office as there is on the line. Bro. Sweet is off duty for a few days, and is being relieved by Bro. Lackaye.

Bro. Milburn, first trick at "OD" tower, Lodi, has been off duty for some time on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. King.

Bro. Stephenson, agent at Easton, is laying off a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. Smith from "SK," Easton. Brother Smith was relieved by Telegrapher Leahy. It is re-

ported that second and third tricks will soon be opened at Easton.

New block wire is working on west end. This will increase the work of the agents, and we hope it will be the means of securing eight-hour tricks for telegraphers at two or three straight agencies.

"MN" tower, Greenwich, now does the blocking, thus cutting this work out of the Big Four tower and putting more work on the men at Greenwich tower.

Bro. Purdy, first trick at Akron Jct., was relieved by Bro. Lackaye for two days.

Bro. Ault, first trick at "XN" tower, Cuyahoga Falls, was off duty a few days on account of the sickness of his wife; relieved by Telegrapher Johnston.

Bro. Greene, first trick at Ravenna, shows but little improvement. He wishes to express his thanks to all who came to his assistance. Telegraphers should be more liberal in assisting each other. We cannot expect to carry on an organization for the betterment of our conditions, and pay sick benefits from our division treasury, but we can care for cases of this kind with no great effort or sacrifice on the part of any one member.

The advertising of "FS" tower, third trick, was overlooked in March bulletin. Bro. Post worked the job for awhile, and then relieved Bro. Marshall at Newton Falls, third trick, for a few days. He is at present off duty on account of sickness. Bro. Lee, from Division 135, is working third trick at "FS." He relieved Bro. Shriver one day recently.

Bro. Lackaye relieved Bro. Fearer at Niles Jct., third trick, for a few days. He was taken off his regular job temporarily (third trick at West Farmington) to do a little extra work on the main line.

Bro. Needler, first trick at "KN" tower, was sick for a few days, recently; relieved by Telegrapher Leahy.

Brother Trussell, "UN" tower, N. C. Jct., off duty a few days; relieved by Mr. Pfeil, from New Castle, who was later relieved by Telegrapher Kelsey.

Brother Atkinson, first trick at P. Y. & A. Crossing, expects to take an extended leave of absence soon. We wish him a pleasant time.

While Bro. Lackaye was moving about on the main line he was relieved by Telegrapher Kelsey.

Bro. Cecil, third trick at Chardon, is enjoying a two weeks' vacation, visiting friends in Junction City, Ohio. He is relieved by Bro. Kehres.

Bro. Brillhart was relieved as agent at Middlefield for a few days, by Relief Agent Bro. Jordan. Bro. Brillhart was suffering from a sprained ankle.

The Snake is hoping for an improvement in business with the opening of navigation. Let us all hope so.

Several new men have appeared on this division in the last few weeks. Bear this in mind—when an extra man shows up at your office go through him and ascertain whether he has a card and whether that card is up to date. If so, forward

the division and certificate number to the local chairman, who will see that he is transferred to Division 33. It is money that keeps the ball rolling and if these brothers pay dues to divisions other than 33 it does us no good whatever. Watch for these extra men and if they are nons send their names to the local chairman. We should have several more members, and if the brothers will show an interest many of the non-members can be brought into the ranks.

We all seem to enjoy seeing the division represented in the journal each month, yet how many of us assist in furnishing news? One man can not keep track of a whole division. Bro. Hennesy, of Chardon, furnished the Lake Division news, which was the extent of the communications received this month. If you desire this division to be represented send items to the local chairman, who will see that they reach the correspondent in time.

After the weather warms up and the chill gets off the feet of enough members to make it an object, we will try meetings again. We hope to see the committee doing business before many moons, so you should wake up and show an interest. The Order is what we make it.

JOHN WISZ.

#### *Philadelphia Division—*

Interest in the Order in this locality is on the increase. Several important meetings have been held lately and new subjects are constantly coming up for discussion. The election is the center of attraction at present, and by the time this appears it will be all over for the next two years.

Baltimore Division of No. 33 held a meeting on February 10. Bro. Richardson, of "GO" office, made some remarks. Bro. Hurdle also occupied the attention of the members for a short time. Some prominent members of Division No. 17 were present, among them Dr. Sebastian, Chief Skinner and H. W. Lair.

On February 17 a meeting of the Philadelphia Division was held at Cowenton, Maryland. Local Chairman C. W. Hill sent word that on account of his wife having pneumonia he could not attend. Sorrow was expressed by all present. Bro. G. H. Smith was elected chairman, pro tem., for the meeting, and Bro. J. L. Moore, inside sentinel. Important questions came up on every hand, and were discussed by all present. Be sure and attend next meeting at Cowenton, Md., April 21.

Business appears to be growing better, and we hope it will continue to improve.

CERT. 421.

#### *Ohio River Division—*

A joint meeting with Monongah Division was held in the Commercial Hotel Parlors at Parkersburg, February 13, and was exceptionally well attended, thirty-five or forty members being present, the majority coming from the Monongah Division. This was to be expected, as many of the Ohio Division members are agents, and could

not return to duty in time on Sunday morning, on account of the train service.

Bro. Hosler presided. Among other things, we were instructed in the unwritten work of the Order, which some of us had forgotten, and a great many never knew. It was an interesting and profitable meeting, and we hope it will be convenient to hold another joint meeting soon.

Telegrapher South bid in third trick at Brooklyn Jct.

Bro. Hall has been transferred from second trick at Williamstown to third trick at St. Mary's, he having bid in on January bulletin.

Bro. J. H. Jordan withdrew as candidate for local chairman. He says that on account of certain conditions he does not think he could do himself or the Order justice if elected.

Bro. W. F. Evans, who works second trick at Hartford, was off duty a couple of weeks. He was relieved by a man from the Wheeling Division.

Bro. Bostic, of Millwood, has been off duty for two weeks on account of an attack of measles. He was relieved by E. L. Taylor.

Bro. A. S. Brown failed in the color test. He was relieved as first trick telegrapher at Ravenswood, but understand he will take the agency at Reedy.

Bro. D. M. Brown is now working first trick at Ravenswood until it is assigned on bulletin.

The copier has been cut off in the dispatcher's office at Parkersburg. This puts Bro. P. T. Dowell back on first trick message wire and Bro. Craig to second, cutting off Telegrapher C. L. Edelen, who goes back to Parkersburg shops, third trick.

CERT. 595.

#### *Newark Division—*

The dispatcher's terminal at Cambridge has been abolished and trains are now run between Newark and Benwood by one set of dispatchers. The three junior dispatchers displaced by the change have been retained as copiers. The force at Cambridge has been reduced from six to three men. C. V. Graham, C. H. Bean and B. L. Waller remain at Cambridge, and A. P. McNeas, R. R. Perry and W. C. Starlin have asserted their seniority rights at Mineral Siding, Lore City and Lexington, respectively.

The sixteen-year-old son of G. C. Hall, of Lamira, who has been dangerously ill of inflammatory rheumatism for some time, is slightly better and it is now believed that he will recover.

The force at Ankenytown has been reduced to one man, and he is performing the duties of agent and telegrapher on the twelve-hour basis. Bro. Glick is the "victim," but he scorns fraternal sympathy because he does not deserve it. He had a desirable eight-hour job and surrendered it to accept promotion in the jungle and—there he is.

A. B. Cunningham, who has been pursuing the steep and tortuous pathway of technical knowledge under manifold difficulties since he assumed the duties of third trickster at Cassell, has suffered another temporary derailment, in consequence of

the recent general curtailment of expenses. He was compelled to yield his position to a senior man, and now he is waiting in the shadow of his alma mater, like Micawber, for some thing to turn up.

Telegrapher Stephens, employed at "NK" tower, took offense at certain language directed at him by Dispatcher Holmes, the other night, and straightway repaired to the dispatcher's office to seek redress. Night Chief Hahn was on duty when Stephens appeared with blood in his eye and, after Stephens made known his mission, Pete quietly removed his glasses and the pair embraced. In a moment the air was full of fragments of wearing apparel, angry ejaculations and tufts of hair. At the end of the first round, Stephens excused himself and went away, leaving a trail of booze-flavored gore from the top of the stairs to the lower front door.

N. B. He is not at present in the service of the B. & O.

Local Chairman Faust, of the Western District, of the Newark Division, is a sufferer from ennui. The force at his office was reduced to two men—a telegrapher and a switchman. Bro. Faust manipulates the levers twelve hours each day, without reduction of pay. He has requested the superintendent to abolish his position so that he may be legally qualified to "bump" some younger telegrapher out of an eight-hour position.

There was a young fellow named Ora,  
Who flung his arms wildly and swore he  
No longer would stay  
Without increase of pay,  
But he still works at Plymouth, begorra.

Billy Carr, a well-known veteran of Division 33, has been re-elected mayor of West Alexander, Pa. Monthly meetings are being held at Newark. The attendance is usually not large, but the proceedings are invariably interesting and profitable. If every member could be made to realize the importance of maintaining regular meetings, the leaders of our organization would not so often be discouraged and disheartened by the listlessness and indifference of the rank and file.

A. A. Richey, formerly agent and telegrapher for the B. & O. at Stewartville, Ohio, but latterly of the Denver & Rio Grande, is again in the service of the B. & O. He is now employed at Cassell, and he and his wife reside at New Concord.

Don't forget the monthly meetings at Newark.

They are held in the afternoon and evening alternately, in order that all classes of members may attend.

The division has instituted a contingency fund, to be expended for floral tributes to deceased members and for any other purpose to which the membership may wish to apply it.

It is maintained by the payment of five cents per month by each member. You are requested to remit this assessment promptly to your treasurer, Brother A. P. McNees, or your local chairman.

KXMO.

## P. C. C. & St. L. Ry.

### Louisville Division—

Business has increased recently on account of construction work.

The division operator has been conducting examinations on the book of rules.

It is understood that A. L. Broshears, who formerly worked for this road, but more recently for the Northwestern, is at home, unemployed.

Telegrapher E. Froh has landed third trick at Waynesville, permanently.

There is considerable "breaking" during the night, probably done for spite. We should make an extra effort to stop this business.

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## Pere Marquette Ry.

### Chicago Division—

Just because a few bulletins which were put out on two or three undesirable positions, and no bids were received, the local officials have used this as an excuse to discontinue the bulletins altogether.

Our schedule covers this, and there is no excuse for this neglect. If it was on our part you can bet we would be "jacked up" in short order.

Bro. Noe, of Benton Harbor, has left the service. Man named Carel working third trick there now.

Bro. Monroe, of Watervliet, and Bro. Wallace, of Hart, accompanied by their wives, took a trip to Chicago.

Bro. Bowerman, of Michigan City, was in Detroit with the committee for a few days.

Mr. Wood, of Michigan City, has been working first trick, and a new man is on the third trick during Bro. Bowerman's absence.

We no doubt will have a local chairman by the time this reaches you.

CERT. 35.

## C. & O. Ry.

### New River District—

The elections are over; let us proceed. Mark that word proceed. It means the very reverse of recede. Most of us find it easier to recede than to proceed. We overlook the climb back up, the slow recovering of lost ground. It is a self-evident truth that the whole can not be greater than its parts. It follows as a corollary that our organization can not be greater than we individually make it. Now, let us keep this in mind, remembering that we must pull together, to the end that C. and O. System Division No. 40 may be second to none.

And, to our pessimistic brother, I would like to say: come in out of the fog, forsake the gloom and seek the sunshine. I have heard the optimist described as a man who saw the doughnut, while the pessimist saw only the hole. It all depends on what we are looking for. Let us profit by this definition, and permit the other fellow to do the looking for the hole.

Our prospects for the future are bright. With the exception of the writer, all of the local chair-

men elected are able and experienced men. No better selection could have been made, and the choice of men so eminently fitted for the positions reflects credit upon the membership.

The general committee met in Cincinnati, March 18th, for the purpose of electing a general chairman, and general secretary and treasurer, for the new term, and to transact such business as might come before it. Bro. J. W. Kiser was elected by a unanimous vote to succeed himself. The auditing committee found his books in perfect order, and Bro. Kiser was highly complimented for the efficient and able manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office. We are fortunate in having such workers as Bro. Kiser.

Next in order was the nomination for general chairman. Only one nomination was made for this office—that of Bro. L. E. Hicks, of the Mountain District. Bro. Glenn, chairman of the Cincinnati District, in a deserved eulogy placed Bro. Hick's name before the committee, and he was elected by a unanimous vote. That no better choice for this office could have been made was evidenced by the general satisfaction it inspired. Bro. Hicks has had twelve years' experience as local chairman, weighs two hundred and ten pounds, and is big enough in every way to hold down the job.

Bro. McGehee, chairman of the Peninsula and Piedmont Districts, was sick during the entire session of the committee. He was too conscientious, however, to permit this to interfere with his work as a representative; and although confined to his bed the greater part of the time, he insisted on being present at each meeting of the committee.

Bro. Crowder, chairman of the Rivanna District, was the only man elected chairman who had never before served in that capacity. If his ability is measured by his popularity—and we believe it is—he is undoubtedly a very able man.

Bro. Scott, chairman of the James River District, affectionately known as "grandma," as usual, shirked no burdens; and, after business hours, acted in the capacity of chaperon for the younger members of the committee.

Bro. Holt, of the Alleghany and Greenbrier Districts, needs no introduction to the Hinton Lodge. His many friends will be glad to see him back in his old place.

Bro. Irwin, of the Lexington and Big Sandy Districts, was an old land-mark on the committee. The writer had never had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Irwin, and was under the impression that probably he belonged among the young and frivolous members—those requiring chaperons when visiting large cities. Later, however, the writer had the pleasure of meeting both he and Mrs. Irwin, which convinced him of his error.

Bro. Glenn, chairman of the Cincinnati District, was another old committee man, and as usual acquitted himself with credit, both to himself and his constituents. The brothers of the Cincinnati District need feel no uneasiness concerning their

interests, so long as they have Bro. Glenn for a representative.

Bro. Holmes, the retiring general chairman, deserves much credit for the work he performed while serving in this capacity.

Bro. Hancock and other retiring local chairmen, will long be remembered with affection by their various constituents.

Among those who visited the committee, in Cincinnati, were Bro. Dermody, our fourth vice-president; Bro. Brandon, one of our organizers, and Bro. Turner, general chairman on one of the Western roads.

Bro. Dermody favored us with an unusually interesting and instructive address, which was much appreciated.

Bros. Turner and Brandon gave interesting talks.

Altogether the Cincinnati meeting was an entire success, which argues well for the future of C. and O. System, Division No. 40.

The writer wishes to take advantage of this opportunity to thank the members of New River and Alleghany Districts for their support in the late election, and to say that he will endeavor at all times to merit the confidence reposed in him.

Now, we must buckle on our armor, and get to work. Grave problems confront the organization, and there never was a time in the history of the Order when active membership was more necessary than it is at the present time. What we are today we owe to the organization, and our future depends on it absolutely. This is the day of gigantic combinations: the individual merely as such has no place in our complicated modern life. To exist, we must have a force bearing some proportionate relation to the opposing force. Failing such, we shall be eaten just as surely as the little fish are eaten by the big ones.

And a word to former members—back-sliders, in other words. Don't drop your membership: turn over a new leaf, and reinstate if you are delinquent. I haven't the space to enter fully into the subject, but if you will stop for a moment and honestly consider your position, you will not, I am satisfied, occupy it very long. Don't attempt to formulate excuses; there are no valid ones possible, and sophistries only arouse contempt. If you are the victim of misfortune, your dues will be remitted by the organization, and you will be carried as an up-to-date member. Your friends may or may not tell you so, but rest assured that you have fallen, irrevocably fallen, in their estimation when you allow your membership to be cancelled. Pay up, and pay up now: remember, tomorrow never comes.

One word more, and then I shall have to close an article already too long. We have an agreement with the C. and O. Ry Co., a company that has always been eminently fair in their dealing with us, and whose officials are gentlemen. They observe this agreement both in the letter and the spirit. Now, I want to ask you this question: can we in common honesty do less? Remember this, and—make good.

M. L. DENNING, *Chairman*.

## Erie Ry.

*Cincinnati Division—*

Everybody on the Cincinnati Division has been exceedingly quiet of late.

Because we are enjoying the nine-hour tricks we should not lose interest in our journal, and the grand old Order, which was instrumental in securing shorter hours and better working conditions.

Ascertain whether your neighbor is up-to-date, if not, try to induce him to join.

Let "No card, no favors" be our motto.

We understand the new electric plant at Sterling will soon be in operation. It is to be operated by the B. & O. Ry. No doubt, that road will furnish the force to run it.

The new electric plant at Akron, O., is now in operation. Which is a great improvement over the way trains have been handled heretofore.

We understand the plant at Creston, O., has been improved by installing additional leavers.

Let every brother, who would like to see a few lines in our journal from the Cincinnati Division, mail Bro. Husted, at Richmond, O., the different changes, and any other item of interest.

Bro. R. C. Fenton, of "RN" office, Marion, has taken a ninety days' leave of absence, to try a position, with his brother, in a gas plant.

Bro. C. T. Kinney, of "3" office, Galion, has resigned his position. Bro. Kinney has been a good man for the company, and also a faithful member of the Order. We wish him success.

*Brothers of Erie System, Division No. 42.*

At our biennial election held at Salamanca, March 10, I was chosen to succeed Bro. F. N. Hall, as general chairman. I kindly ask the co-operation of every brother on the system in assisting to establish a solid organization, and a higher standard in the telegraph departments. It sounds very bad when the committee is figuring with the officials of the company for a new or revised schedule, while going over the several divisions to have them say that certain men are not worth twenty or twenty-five dollars per month; so I ask each and every brother to make an effort to give them the best service possible, so that the company will have no complaint in that direction. It is our duty to show them that through organization we are in better shape to give more efficient service than unorganized roads.

Bro. Hall has been a good, able man for the head of our organization on Division No. 42, and we regret to lose him as our adviser. But we are glad he has been retained on the general committee, therefore, will not lose his services entirely.

Now, brothers, let us one and all strive to give the road the best of work, then in return we can expect the company to be fair in all negotiations and reimburse us accordingly.

W. H. HUSTED,  
General Chairman.

*Meadville Division—*

It is with sorrow and regret we chronicle the death of Bro. C. E. White, of Stony Point, Pa., who died on November 3d, 1908, at the age of 56 years. His death was due to an injury received on the morning of October 21, 1908. While cleaning leaves from the roof of his front porch to protect his building from fire, he accidentally fell to the ground, a distance of not over 10 feet, striking on the side of his head, which rendered him unconscious. He regained consciousness only for a moment or two at a time.

He is survived by a wife, three sons and two daughters. Ralph, Arthur and Raymond, his sons all telegraphers and members of the O. R. T. The daughters are Bula, wife of Bro. A. D. McDowell, of Stony Point, and Miss Rachel. We deeply sympathize with them in the loss of a kind husband and loving father.

Bro. White was principal of Geneva High School for two terms, after which he learned telegraphy with Mr. R. H. Wallace, now general passenger agent, but at that time agent and telegrapher at Geneva, Pa. He entered the service of the old A. & G. W., now the Erie Ry., November 21, 1879, as night telegrapher, at Stony Point, Pa., was shortly afterward promoted to the agency, which position he held at the time of his death.

He became a member of the O. R. T., February 15, 1888, was a charter member of the B. D. R. Division, later called Division No. 71, which was organized at Meadville, Pa., during the fall of 1889, was chief telegrapher for two terms and was delegate to convention at two different times, once at St. Louis and once at Indianapolis.

He was a prominent and highly honored member of the U. B. Church at Stony Point, and the entire community deeply feels the loss of so faithful and earnest a worker.

The funeral, which was held from his home church, on the Friday afternoon following his death, was largely attended. An appropriate floral wreath, with O. R. T. in large letters of blue across the center, was presented by the members of Meadville Division and the train dispatchers.

Among the brothers who attended from a distance, were Bro. Lowrie, local chairman of Mahoning Division, Leavittsburg, O.; Bro. Mushrush, Ravenna, O.; Bro. Moyer, Warren, O.; Bro. Jackson, Geneva, Pa., and Bro. J. J. Youngston, superintendent of Interlockers, Meadville, Penn.

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*Susquehanna Division—*

Bro. Sherman of "AQ," Corning, off duty for a few days, on account of the illness of his wife; relieved by Telegrapher Guy Owens.

Bro. Jones, second trick at Painted Post, off duty for a few days, on account of sickness. He was relieved by Mr. Taylor.

Boys, keep your eyes on the markers.

Bro. Hesser, our new local chairman, was off a few days, on account of committee meeting at Salamanca. Relieved by Bro. Jones.

Bro. Malone attended the "Dog Show" at Horseheads recently.

Bro. D. Thompson, of Wellsburg, off duty one day, to attend court at Elmira.

Geo. Chichester, of Wellsburg, has changed from third to second trick at that point.

Bro. Deerig and Bro. S. L. Jackson contributed items from the west end.

Bro. V. W. Goff, second trick at Cameron, has secured a leave of absence for a few months and departed for Manila, P. I., where he has obtained a position under the Civil Service Commission, which carries with it a good salary. He left New York, February 16th, via the Seuz Canal route, with the privilege of a week's stop-over in either Spain or Italy. If his health will permit he intends to remain in Manila.

Bro. Harry Wayne is filling the vacancy at Cameron.

F. E. Carpenter, second trick at Canisteo, bid in third trick there, after the departure of Bro. Fred Hall, who secured a position as clerk-telegrapher at "VF," Hornell shops. Bro. Barkalow bid in the second trick at Canisteo.

Let us work together and do all we can to assist our new local chairman, Bro. E. J. Hesser. Let each member do a little organizing, and also remind the delinquents of their duty. Bro. Hesser has an ample supply of application blanks, and will be glad to send them to applicants, and will also arrange to hold meetings at different points along the division. Div. Cor.

#### *Mahoning Division—*

The joint meeting of Meadville & Mahoning Divisions, held at Warren, Saturday night, March 20th, was well attended. Everyone being interested in the first annual ball to be held at Youngstown in the month of April. In due time the ball committee made its report, which was to the effect that the Excelsior Parlors, at Youngstown, had been engaged for Tuesday night, April 20th. Music furnished by Bayle's Orchestra. Tickets to be sold were distributed among those present. The meeting closed at 10 o'clock p. m. Bro. H. E. Tarrington, the new local chairman of Meadville Division, occupied the chair, assisted by Bro. Lowrie, chairman of Mahoning Division.

The changes on Mahoning Division, as near as your correspondent can learn, are as follows:

Mr. C. S. Musgrove, agent at Hiram, resigned, and was relieved by Mr. H. H. Hatch, former third trick man at De Forest tower. Mr. Hatch was off duty one day recently, taking in the Automobile show at Cleveland. He was relieved by Mr. E. D. Marwin, third trick man at Garrettsville. Miss Emma Fugman worked third trick in Mr. Marwin's place.

Mr. W. H. Owens, first trick at De Forest tower, was off duty, one day, attending the funeral of a relative; relieved by Mr. H. B. Cutlip, second trick man. Mr. Cutlip's trick worked by Mr. G. W. Hemple, an extra man.

Mr. A. R. Thomas, of Valley Mill tower, off duty a week, on account of sickness. Relieved by Messrs. D. G. Button and W. C. McHale.

Owing to the dance to be given at Youngstown, in April, and the grand convention, in May, it was decided to hold meetings for the months of April and May on the fourth Saturday night, instead of on the third Saturday night. Do not forget the change of dates, and be sure to be present at the meetings. They will be held on the third floor, over Union National Bank, corner of Park Ave. and Market St., Warren O.

Div. Cor.

#### *Allegany Division—*

A rousing O. R. T. meeting was held in Erie Hotel parlors, Wellsville, N. Y., on March 18th; many of the old reliables were right on the job. The meeting was called to order at 10 a. m., by Local Chairman Karl, and the time was devoted to general discussion. A resolution was adopted by the Allegany Division, extending a vote of thanks to our committee, and particularly to Bro. Hall, our past general chairman, for the good work accomplished on the entire system.

There has been considerable changing around in the past month. Bros. Shaw and Baker were taken out of "UK," Salamanca, and the repeater work which was formerly done in "UK" is now being done in "JE," Western Union office, Jamestown.

Bro. Shaw took third trick at Dayton, bumping Bro. Cornell.

Bro. Cornell took second trick at Dayton, bumping Bro. Bean.

Bro. Bean took third trick at "PE" tower, Belmont, bumping Mr. Cook.

Mr. Cook took third trick at "JX" tower, putting Mr. Hogan on extra list.

Bro. Baker took third trick at "WA" tower, Almond, putting Bro. "DU" Stillman on the extra list.

Bro. Handy is back to third trick at "FR," Friendship, after a two months' rest. Telegraphers Murray, Lycett, McGovern and Bro. Taylor, did the owl stunt in his absence.

Bro. Brown, the oldest telegrapher in the service on the Allegany Division, has returned from New York, and has taken his old trick at "PE" tower, Belmont.

Bro. Bissel, third trick at Scio, is off duty for a few days; relieved by Bros. Oliver and Taylor.

Bro. Hamilton is working at "JX" tower, on account of Telegrapher Cook being taken out of the service.

Bro. Fry has taken second trick at "CR" tower, Carrollton, bumping Bro. Fraeny, who in turn bumped Bro. Lawton, third trick at "CY," Carrollton. Don't think Bro. Lawton has decided where to go.

Bro. Hamilton, who has been working extra at "JX" tower, is off duty, visiting his parents at Conewango; relieved by Telegrapher Hogan.

Bro. W. L. Worth, agent at Belmont, has taken a ten days' vacation, to attend the golden wed-

ding anniversary of his parents, who reside at Almond, N. Y. He also took a trip to Washington to attend the inauguration of President Taft. Relieved by Extra Agent Bro. Howe.

Bro. Smith, second trick at Andover, is off duty on account of sickness in his family. He was relieved by Telegrapher Park.

Bro. Bresnihan, second trick at "CB" tower, Cuba, took a short vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Murray.

Bro. Oakley, first trick at "WA" tower, Almond, is off duty temporarily, on account of the death of his uncle; relieved by Telegrapher Murray.

Bro. Walrath, second trick at Summit, has been visiting relatives in Ohio for the past two weeks; relieved by Telegrapher Oliver.

Mr. Carroll, third trick at Summit, is on the sick list; relieved by Telegrapher Murray.

Bro. Miner, second trick at "G" tower, Wells-ville, is absent from duty for a few days, on business in Ohio; relieved by Telegrapher Bixby.

Third Trick Dispatchers E. A. Strouber and T. J. Donaldson were off one trick recently; relieved by Extra Dispatchers J. W. Carroll and H. E. Moss.

Bros. Karl, Connors, Wilkins, Garthwait and one other brother, who did not sign, have my thanks for items furnished this month, which goes to show that considerable interest is taken in the journal. Keep up the good work, and we can have something each month from our division.

Div. Cor.

### Canadian Northern Ry.

Winnipeg, Man., Mar. 8, 1909.

I am in receipt of a remittance of fifty dollars (\$50.00), proceeds from the telegraphers' ball which was held in North Battleford, Sask., recently. This amount has been placed in the reserve fund of the division.

E. G. SKELDING,  
Gen. Secy. & Treas.

### Central of Georgia Ry.

#### Chattanooga Division—

Money to defray the expenses of our delegates to the convention has been received by our treasurer. The delegates and alternates have been elected and things are rapidly getting in shape.

Bro. Stewart was re-elected local chairman of the Chattanooga Division without opposition. We feel sure that under his direction this division will continue to thrive.

Regular monthly meeting was held at Lafayette, March 21, and was very interesting, as usual.

Bro. King, of Trion, was off duty a few days, attending court. He was relieved by Mr. Battles.

Bro. Bledsoe, of Sargent, attended court in Birmingham, for a few days, and was relieved by Bro. Ansley.

Bro. Bolton, of Yard Office, Chattanooga, is working as night yard master at that place. Can-

not say whether the position is permanent. Bro. Housch is working second trick, vice Bro. Bolton.

Bro. Witcher, of Raymond, spent one day in Newnan, recently. Bro. Ansley worked for him.

Bro. Bailey, of Lavender, was recently off duty a few days, and Bro. Ansley relieved him.

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#### Southwestern Division—

There are not many changes on the Southwestern Division this month.

Bro. E. M. Bruner, who has been off duty for several weeks, is now on third trick at Americus; think he has it permanently.

Bro. C. Mathis, the popular Fitzpatrick agent, made a flying trip to Graves, a few days ago, to visit relatives.

No doubt you are aware of the fact that Bro. O. Powell, agent at Arlington, is no longer a single man.

Bro. J. R. Sandifer did some clever work dispatching for one or two days last month.

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#### Savannah Division—

Everything is moving along nicely on this end and the nons continue to come in. There are, however, but few left.

Mr. DeWitt, of Wadley, second trick, has been on the sick list. We are unable to learn who relieved him.

Bro. C. C. Carroll, formerly of Tennille, is working third trick at Wadley. We are glad to welcome Bro. Carroll back in the service.

Bro. James H. Burke, of Midville, made a flying visit to Savannah, the past week.

We are all glad to welcome Bro. A. Burke, who returns to Rocky Ford as agent.

Mr. J. N. Cail goes to Midville agency from Rocky Ford, vice Mr. Evans, who, we understand, has left the service to return to the old farm near Meda, Ga.

Bro. D. M. Rogers, was recently elected local chairman, hence, all matter intended for the local chairman of the Savannah Division should be forwarded to Bro. Rogers at Register, Ga.

We regret to learn of the death of the mother of Bro. W. V. Scott, which occurred at Warrenton, Ga., several days ago. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Bro. Scott. CERT. 441, Div. 46.

### Rio Grande Western Ry.

#### West End—

Having seen no items from the Rio Grande Western Division, for several issues of THE TELEGRAPHER, thought it might serve as a waking powder to some of our sleeping brethren to insert a line or two, although I am not the correspondent for this territory, and cannot say who is.

It seems that everybody here followed Br'er Bruin's example and hibernated last fall, but with returning spring, some few are beginning to show signs of life, the writer included.

Our new general superintendent, Mr. J. C. Dailey, who was formerly with the I. & G. N.

Ry. is moving his family to Salt Lake City, preparatory to settling down to business. Mr. Dailey is a man of unusual executive ability, and is well liked by the employes. Rumor has it that Mr. Stenger, former general superintendent, is slated for a good position with the Western Pacific Ry. when completed next summer.

We are anxiously awaiting official returns from the recent election to see who is to direct the affairs of Division No. 49 for another two years, also to ascertain who will represent our division at the convention in Atlanta, Ga., next May.

Speaking of the convention, reminds us that in May, another meeting place will be chosen for the 1911 convention, and we Western people desire to go on record as being in favor of selecting Salt Lake City. Where is there a city more conveniently located, situated as it is in the heart of the inter-mountain country of the Western part of the United States, which is traversed by four great lines of railways? Our conventions have been held in various parts of the country—St. Louis in 1903, Buffalo in 1905, Minneapolis in 1907, this year it will be held in Atlanta, and we hope that Salt Lake City will be favored by being selected as the spot to meet in 1911.

A number of change have been noted on the line recently.

Bro. Ira Overfelt has been transferred from Goshen to Gunnison Station. He was relieved at Goshen by Bro. A. F. Laley, first trick at Colton.

Bro. H. B. Mensel transferred from Mt. Pleasant to agency at Castle Gate. He relieved Bro. V. A. Tompkins, who, in turn, relieved C. H. Funk, agent at Scofield. Mr. Funk is taking a vacation of ninety days.

Mt. Pleasant is bulletined. A number of persons are bidding on it, but we are informed that no choice has yet been made.

Bro. Sullivan, of "UN," Salt Lake City, was off duty about three weeks recently, on account of sickness. He was relieved by Bro. H. A. Van Noy, former agent at Colton. Bro. Van Noy is now relieving Telegrapher Ensign, a C. T. U. of A. man from "SX," Salt Lake W. U. office. Mr. Ensign is said to be in Montana holding down an A. P. job and may not return.

A new telegraph position was recently created at Garfield and assigned to Bro. Judd Wilson, of Tucker.

Some of the brethren will probably be disappointed at not seeing their names mentioned in recent changes. We will have to plead ignorance until we are better acquainted. Some one who is in touch with the situation should wake up and give us a good, old-fashioned write-up.

Everybody get busy and boost for Salt Lake City in 1911.

MORE ANON.

### Denver & Rio Grande Ry.

#### Second Division—

Bro. Barton, agent at Eagle, is off on a two months' vacation; relieved by Bro. Wertz.

Bro. Hickey did the extra stunt in "S," Salida, office one or two nights, which left Granite a two-

man office. Bro. Hickey says he has Granite second trick permanently and likes the place.

Bro. Drake, agent at Granite, has resumed duty after having spent six weeks visiting in Kansas.

Dispatcher Hulett is again handling the train sheet in Glenwood after quite a lengthy vacation.

You are hereby notified that it is now "Brother" Fordy at Buena Vista, instead of "Mister." There are several more on this division who ought to have the handle of their name changed.

We notice third trick at "S" office, Salida, is advertised. We hope this means that Bro. Campbell in the future will handle the train sheet eight hours per day.

On account of the dispatchers changing at 8 a. m., noon and midnight, the telegrapher's hours at Minturn were recently changed, making the shifts 7 a. m. to 3 p. m., 3 p. m. to 11 p. m., and 11 p. m. to 7 a. m. This is thought to be a better plan than to have the telegraphers and dispatchers change shifts at the same hour. "VO."

### Bessemer & Lake Erie Ry.

The long looked for reduction in the telegraph department arrived and occasioned numerous changes. While it is impossible to chronicle all of them, your informant will endeavor to do the best he knows how.

Bro. J. H. Eastlake, clerk to the C. T. D., took first trick at "GV" tower, putting Bro. E. E. Keane back to second trick, necessitating the bumping of Bro. A. M. Faivre, to Henlein, third trick.

Bro. C. V. Sloan took first trick at Shenango; Bro. E. T. Lynch taking second at that point, causing Bro. A. Bonner to go to third trick at Kremis.

P. L. Thompson bumped Bro. J. H. Brooks out of first trick at Kremis. Bro. Brooks went to Pittsburg Junction, second trick.

Numerous other changes outside of the offices in Greenville were made, but am unable to mention them, being uninformed.

Bro. E. B. Minnis, second trick at Houston Junction, was off duty a few days last month. B. S. Lewis did the relief act.

Bro. R. G. Loveday, second trick at "VE," Grove City, laid off to witness the inauguration ceremonies in Washington, and paid a visit to his home in the State of Virginia. R. S. Keep, an extra telegrapher, relieved him.

Bro. E. G. Reisenger, first trick at Hartnett, has taken a six months' leave of absence, and accepted a position with a street railway line in Butler. Bro. C. W. McDowell is working first, and Bro. W. B. Miller went from second trick at Pittsburg Junction to third trick at Hartnett.

Bro. G. G. Boyle, third trick at Calvin, was off three nights recently. Relieved by Bro. G. A. Callahan, extra telegrapher.

B. S. Lewis went to third trick at Horne, following the dismissal of O. C. Thompson, who failed to report for duty.



H. C. Hitchison went from third trick at Henlein to Sonneaut Lake, displacing W. J. Fleming, who went to Blacks Run, third trick.

Bro. F. A. Partridge, agent at Hilliard, took a week's vacation last month. Relieved by Bro. C. A. Callahan.

F. B. Campbell, an extra telegrapher who worked third trick at Meharg, relieved Bro. P. C. Miller, second trick at Queen Jct, for a week. Bro. Miller's absence was occasioned by the sickness of his young son.

Wires were cut in at Center Ave. Station, Butler, and a clerk and telegrapher installed.

Bro. F. M. Wigton, agent at Claytonia, has been transferred to third trick at Hallston. C. P. Corey was checked in as agent at Claytonia.

T. L. McKarney, who went to Harrisville, third trick, after he left Kremis, went from Harrisville to Meharg, third trick.

A new tower has been erected south of the station at Horne. One will also be erected at Blacks Run. The south end is fast becoming the good end of the road.

Our genial night chief, Mr. R. V. Bagnall, has returned from a vacation, spent in traveling through the middle west.

Another result of the reduction was the closing of Pardoe and Fredonia, twelve hours, and the pulling off of the third trick at Conneautville. G. E. Hamilton, who worked second trick at Pardoe, lost out. Don't know whether he is working or not. The telegraph office was moved from the tower to the station.

Bro. J. C. Simmons, first trick at Frazier, took a short vacation last month. He was relieved by Bro. C. A. Callahan.

Dicksonburg was closed February 28th. A new office at extension of double track was opened that date, and called Jackson tower—call "JR." Unable to give the personnel of this office.

Conley was closed February 28th. Bro. H. D. Hall, first trick, accepted second trick at Shermansville. Bro. J. M. Conley, third trick, tendered his resignation. Understand "Max" has bought part interest in a livery stable at Adamsville. Division No. 51 extends its best wishes for his success.

Bro. P. R. Williams, second trick at "HX" tower, who was displaced by Bro. R. G. Loveday, has accepted the third trick at "AV" tower.

Division No. 51 met at Grove City on March 24th, with a good representation present from all parts of the "Bessemer." Meeting at this place came about as an experiment, also to give the brothers on the south end an opportunity to attend. Since trains Nos. 43 and 44 lay over at Grove City it is possible for the membership south to attend at this point, without any great loss of time.

The proposed new schedule, as well as other matters of interest, was discussed until a late hour. All newly elected officers of Division No. 51 were present, except Bro. Long, of North Bessemer, who was detained on account of the illness of his wife.

The February election resulted as follows: Local chairman, District No. 1, Bro. C. F. Sahn, Albion; District No. 2, Bro. M. A. Williams, Jamestown, Pa.; District No. 3, Bro. R. R. Snyder, Harrisville, Pa., and Bro. A. D. Knapp, Saxonburg, Pa. District No. 4, Bro. Knapp resigned his office, and Bro. H. B. Long, Unity Sta. Pa., appointed to the office pro tem, after which an election for this district will take place to elect a regular local chairman. Bro. C. V. Patton, of Keister, Pa., was re-elected general chairman, and Bro. W. B. Risley, Conneaut, O., re-elected general secretary and treasurer; Bro. F. J. Truesdell, Conneaut, O., elected representative to Grand Division, and Bro. W. B. Risley, Conneaut, O., alternate. After the officers had been regularly installed, a light lunch was served, after which Bros. J. E. Dickey, "RN" tower; N. M. Eppinger, Rural Ridge; C. A. Callahan, extra telegrapher, were duly initiated into the workings of the Order. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 a. m. CERT. 134.

### Southern Pacific Ry.

#### Coast Division—

WANTED—A Division correspondent—One who will guarantee to have the Coast represented in THE TELEGRAPHER each month—one whose powers of persuasion are such as will induce our good members all over the division to forward items of interest for publication, as often as possible—one who will "stay on the job," and not become discouraged, because of an apparent lack of interest on the part of those from whom the "news" is expected.

I shall be glad to appoint such a person upon application, and will agree to render all assistance possible.

In the meantime, I shall continue to do the best I can in the matter of furnishing items, but it sometimes happens that I have other business to attend to, as the time "copy" for THE TELEGRAPHER should be prepared, and as a result the Coast is not represented.

This being my first opportunity since the recent trip over the Coast Division, I wish to extend my thanks to all concerned for having, by their uniform courtesy and kindness, contributed so largely to my comfort and success.

All things considered, results were all that could have been expected, much good has come in consequence, and I am hopeful that in the future these trips can be made more frequently.

There are a few unfulfilled promises outstanding, but I believe they were made in good faith, and that those who made them will soon justify my belief.

In this connection I would call attention to the good that follows individual effort. In justice to yourself and your fellow-members, are you doing all that should be done? How do the others in your own office stand, and what about the fellow at the next station?

If you don't know, "get busy." If you do know, "get busy" anyhow. We want every eligible person, and there is no good reason why we

should not be able to get them. A determined co-operative gentlemanly policy will undoubtedly succeed.

There has never been any good sound argument against organization in the past, and the future promises to make organization even more of a necessity. If we are to keep pace with changing conditions and cope with them successfully, we must have a solid dependable organization, which, after all, is the real argument.

Please note the "preamble" to our constitution and understand that we are an organization of more than merely "OS" men, and that what has been done for "telegraphers" in the past, can be done for all in the future. The means is "organized co-operation" along the well defined and carefully thought out lines followed by this organization. The expense for dues in "non-schedule" positions is but eight dollars per year, and the investment is bound to pay "dividends."

For your information I will say that the general committee, comprising all of the local chairmen elected at the February election on the Pacific System, Lines in Oregon, Lines East of Sparks and Atlantic System, will convene in New Orleans, La., about May 5th, for the purpose of electing a general chairman and general secretary-treasurer for the ensuing term, and to transact such other business as may be brought before the meeting. You are also reminded that the Grand Division convenes in Atlanta, Ga., May 10th.

If you have any suggestions to offer, or any matters that you desire brought to the attention of the general committee, or the Grand Division in convention, you are privileged, and it becomes your duty to place such matters properly in the hands of your representative for action thereon by the committee or convention. Don't wait until it is too late, and then kick if things are not as you would have them. Maybe your suggestion is just the one we have all been waiting for. May be the information you can give us is just what we have long been looking for. It will do no harm to let us have it, whether it can be used or not.

As the time will be short after this reaches you, act at once. Give your representative an opportunity to judge what the real sentiment of his constituents is. He's your employe, tell him what you are paying him for.

In the matter of electing general officers for Division No. 53, if you have a choice, exercise your right to express it, and give the member of the general committee from your district your reasons for desiring him to support certain candidates.

The officers whom the general committee will select are the men upon whom, to a very great extent, devolves the responsibility of safeguarding your interests for the next two years. Their selection is, therefore, a matter of importance to you, and you cannot afford to be indifferent.

As a matter of information, I submit the following list of successful candidates for local

chairman, representative and alternate, for the various districts at the recent election:

Salt Lake District—W. B. Tavelle, local chairman and representative, Deeth, Nev.; no nomination for alternate.

Lines in Oregon—T. M. Boyd, local chairman and representative, Oakland, Ore.; L. S. Taylor, alternate, Drains, Ore.

Shasta District—F. E. Walters, local chairman, Ashland, Ore.

Sacramento District—J. E. Blackford, local chairman, Towle, Cal.

Sacramento and Shasta Districts—F. E. Walters, representative, Ashland, Ore.; H. H. Houston, alternate, Sacramento, Cal.

Western District—D. W. Koppikus, local chairman and representative, East Oakland, Cal.; W. H. Walker, alternate, West Oakland, Cal.

Coast District—F. Shaver, local chairman and representative, San Francisco, Cal.; B. R. Holston, alternate, Mayfield, Cal.

San Joaquin District—J. E. Sloan, local chairman and representative, Summerland, Cal.; O. W. Bercaw, alternate, Saugus, Cal.

Los Angeles District—A. C. Goodell, local chairman and representative, Imperial Jct., Cal.; G. H. Reid, alternate, Oglby, Cal.

Tucson District—C. Q. Lesley, local chairman and representative, Gila Bend, Ariz.; R. W. Keyes, alternate, Wilcox, Ariz.

El Paso District—S. A. Thompson, local chairman and representative, Lobo, Tex.; R. E. Petross, alternate, El Paso, Tex.

Houston District—Henry Hurr, local chairman and representative, Engle, Tex.; J. D. Walker, alternate, San Antonio, Tex.

T. & N. O. District—T. C. Lester, local chairman, Beaumont, Tex.

T. & N. O. and Victoria Districts—D. A. Norton, representative, Houston, Tex.; T. C. Lester, alternate, Beaumont, Tex.

Victoria District—Z. B. Alexander, local chairman, Edna, Tex.

Morgan District—O. Kilpatrick, local chairman and representative, Patterson, La.; J. M. Vonau, alternate, New Orleans, La.

I regret that I am not in a position to supply very much in the way of division gossip. All of the news items sent to me by the various correspondents were evidently buried under one of the numerous "slides" of the past month or so. However, I have no doubt better luck will attend us next time.

It is rumored around the dispatcher's office in San Francisco that First Trick Dispatcher J. Edward Ewald has been setting an awful pace for "Teddy" in the matter of bagging big game in the mountains beyond San Mateo, where he has been spending a well-earned vacation, and that the publishers of the Railway Equipment Guide have offered him several dollars per to become associate editor. The rumor is unconfirmed, however.

H. L. Carney, at one time a telegrapher on the Coast, who resigned some two years ago to enter the employ of the California-Hawaii Sugar

Co., but more recently Associated and United Press operator at various places between San Francisco and Omaha, was recently a guest of the undersigned for a few days. "Little Casino," as he was best known to his friends, is now chief wireless operator on one of the Pacific liners operating out of the port of San Francisco, and is said to be a marvel at locating "grounds" and "crosses" between ships and stations.

H. B. Doyle, former telegrapher on the Coast, is now located at Vicksburg, Arizona, where he is busily engaged as president of a gold mining company, when his duties as secretary of the "Sunshine" Club will permit. "H. B." keeps open house and will be glad to welcome any of his friends who may happen in his vicinity. An up-to-date card will secure anything that may be desired.

Please be reminded that it is not too early nor is it too late to pay your dues for the current term, January-June, 1909, if you have not already done so. Don't wait for the secretary to send you a special notice—we can use that postage to advantage on some obstinate non.

How about the nine-hour law; is it being complied with at your station? You are expected to report any violations, not only for your own, but for the company's protection.

Are you getting all that is due you in the matter of overtime? If not, you know whose fault it is. The schedule is plain and there is no disposition upon the part of the company to evade it. If mistakes occur, which is possible, refer the matter to your local chairman, if a letter to the superintendent falls to bring about a proper adjustment.

If in doubt as to the proper interpretation of any article or clause in the contract ask for a ruling.

Now, let's see if we can't do better in the way of a write-up for the next issue. If each one of you will send in just one item we'll get along fine. Never mind what it is, or whether or not it seems of interest to you, it may interest some other fellow. In any event, I'm supposed to do the worrying. With best regards, I beg to remain, fraternally yours,

F. SHAVER,  
Local Chairman.

#### *Sacramento Division—*

Election is over; Bro. J. E. Blackford was elected local chairman by a large majority, and everybody is happy over the result. We don't think there is a better man on the division than Bro. Blackford for this position.

I understand we are going to have regular meetings at Towle, something we have never had before. This will help make things more lively, and the Sacramento Division needs something to wake it up. Let's come out of this trance and get busy.

Bro. Blackford is going to appoint a division correspondent—something we are badly in need of. We can then have a regular write-up every month. Bro. Robinson would be a good man for the po-

sition. I should like to suggest that Bro. Blackford appoint some good man between Truckee and Sparks to help Bro. Robinson with the new write-up, and another over in the Valley.

Bro. Barner, of Cisco, is back from his vacation and has resumed duty as agent. Bro. Ford, who was holding the fort during Bro. Barner's absence, transferred to second trick at Summit.

Bros. Brown, Rhubisky and Manuel are working first, second and third at Yuba Pass.

How about those "hello" instruments; do you think they are going to work? Maybe, but the real old dots and dashes for mine.

We have the best schedule in the country and every brother should give the best of service and show the company that it pays to treat its employes with consideration. CERT. 2121.

#### **Northern Pacific Ry.**

##### *Yellowstone Division—*

All members on the division have, no doubt, heard the result of the election which closed February 28. For the information of those who did not hear will say that your local chairman was re-elected to that position, also elected delegate to the Grand Division convention from the third district, with Bro. H. E. Miller alternate. It is gratifying to me to tell you that Bro. Holmes advises there was a larger vote polled on the Yellowstone Division and Third District than on any other division of the system, and that the successful candidates received more votes than any other candidate on the system.

All that is necessary to enable the Yellowstone to hold its own and gradually work nearer the head of the list is for each member to put forth a small amount of effort by assisting the local chairman in securing the applications of the few remaining nons and paying dues and insurance assessments promptly. You will find your chairman more ready and willing to assist than he has ever been, in appreciation of the support he received during the recent election. This leads him to believe that the members are taking a great deal of interest in making this division larger and better, and if he can get the assistance that he expects, there will be no doubt of the result.

Business is expected to improve about the middle of April, and it is to be hoped that such will be the case. If two or more sets of dispatchers are put on as is contemplated, it will give some of the brothers who are desirous of trying that department of telegraphing an opportunity to do so. It is hoped this will make an opening for some of the men who were laid off a few months ago, thus enabling them to return to this division.

Bro. Anderson was called home about the middle of March on account of the serious illness of his mother, and, up to this date, has not returned. Bro. Amundson relieved Bro. Anderson at Hodges.

Bro. Mathwich resigned from third trick at Terry, March 1, Bro. Paul relieving him. Bro. Paul later traded tricks with Bro. Penberthy at Hebron.

Bro. Nipper has taken a ninety-day leave of absence from Huntley, Bro. Neikum taking third trick down there.

The telegraph office at Forsythe has been moved from the depot building to the new freight house, which has just been completed. An office has been opened in the new passenger depot at Billings, Bro. Anderson, of the Montana Division, working one of the tricks there.

Huntley agency being vacant by the resignation of Mr. Hughes, Bro. Young, from Judson, was appointed agent.

Chief Dispatcher Johnson has been in St. Paul for a couple of weeks. Night Chief Gilbert is doing the day job in Mr. Johnson's place.

We were not overrun this month with contributions to this write-up from the members, but what were received helped some.

Your local chairman expects to start to the convention on the first of May. While absent he will visit his home in Missouri. Bros. Miller and Gough will correspond for the June and July issues. Let every member make it a point to furnish them with items. C.E.T. 456.

#### *Rocky Mountain Division—*

Bros. L. V. and L. W. Green, second and third tricks at DeSmet, off on leave of absence. They were called to Chicago on account of the sickness of their father.

Bro. Sorrels, third trick at Missoula, "MX," off duty a few days on account of sickness.

Bro. Showalter, of Garrison, is laying off. He expects son to leave for St. Paul on a month's visit.

Bro. Snyder, of Dixon, visited in Missoula and other points on the division during the month.

Bro. Beck, of Bonita, has resigned and left for pastures new.

Bro. Stewart, of the Montana Division, who has been in the N. P. Hospital at Missoula, for the past few weeks undergoing an operation, has been released, and has returned to his duties at Prickly Pear Jct. Bro. Stewart expects to locate on the Rocky Mountain Division in the near future.

Telegrapher Louis Crane has been transferred from Bearmouth to Nagos.

Bro. Moore, of Turah, was recently brought to Missoula N. P. Hospital by Bro. Cuthbert. We understand that Bro. Moore must undergo an operation.

The following positions were bulletined and assignments made during the past month:

St. Regis, first trick, Sister E. A. Westberg.

St. Regis, second trick, Bro. W. H. Bixby.

Lothrop, second trick, J. H. Jensen.

Drummond, first trick, Bro. R. D. Wiley.

Dixon, third trick, Bro. E. J. Kilmer.

Local Chairman Rundell, of Phillipsburg, who was re-elected chairman for the year 1909, has been elected delegate to the grand convention at Atlanta, Ga., which will be held in May. Bro. Nason, of White Pine, was elected alternate.

Telegrapher Earle, who has been confined in the hospital, has returned to work at Big Bend. Bro. Powers relieved him during his absence.

Bro. Shannon, agent at Bonita, recently spent a day in Missoula on business.

Bro. N. J. Green has been assigned to third trick at Bonita, relieving Bro. Rahte, who bid in second at Frenchtown.

Bro. Thigpen has been assigned a trick at Garrison. "13" he is a new man on the road.

Bro. C. A. Bush has left the service, and Bro. J. D. Stevenson, a new man, takes third trick at Bearmouth.

A new office has been opened at Milwaukee Jct., one mile east of Bearmouth. Bro. Parks, from St. Regis Jct., is holding down the position.

Div. Cor.

#### *Dakota Division—*

Business on the Dakota Division is improving, but has not yet reached normal proportions.

In looking over the list furnished by Bro. Miles I find a number of members have not yet paid dues for the term ending December 31. We should make it a rule to remit at least one month in advance and in this way always be in good standing, and have an up-to-date card.

Since the last issue of the journal the following changes have taken place:

Mr. Rylander has gone to Bismarck as second telegrapher.

Bro. Miles resigned, Mr. Olmoie going from Medina to Berner.

Bro. McCready has been transferred from Steele to Medina.

Bro. Long, Jamestown yard, has resigned and was relieved by Bro. Strand. Bro. Strand is now in the Detention Hospital, suffering from an attack of small-pox.

Bro. Erwing, of Crystal Springs, has resigned; vacancy filled by Bro. Riechord, from Windsor. Mr. Perry relieved Bro. Riechord.

Anyone having in their possession news of interest to the membership will kindly mail it to me before the 20th of each month, and the same will be forwarded to the journal for publication.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

#### *Lake Superior Division—*

Our write-up this month will be rather short and the only excuse I can offer for its brevity is that up to date, I have received no news items whatever, and also that the changes have come so thick and fast I have been unable to keep track of them.

The main problem with the company seems to be to figure out how speedily the pay rolls can be reduced to the lowest figure. Not only among the station employes has the reduction been made, but the trackmen and men employed in other branches of the service have suffered in consequence of its policy of retrenchment.

I think it would be a good policy for all telegraphers to keep a sharp lookout for openings in other lines of work. Although we may not draw

as much pay at the start, the chances for advancement are far greater.

The force at Wyoming now consists of the agent and helper. The third trick man was pulled off over a week ago and the second trick man about the 20th inst.

Bro. Peterson has been transferred from third trick at "WI" to third at "RC," Rush City, and Bro. Mason went from second trick at "WI" to "UN," Carlton, second trick, starting March 24.

Bro. Schrader, formerly third trick man at Rush City, has gone to his home in St. Paul.

Bro. Donald, who was relieved at Rush City by Bro. Schrader on account of an injured arm, is still in the hospital at Brainerd. We understand he is having quite a serious time with it. He has the sympathy of the division.

Telegrapher Jos. O'Brien is now night chief at "MR," Groningen. He has been there since the first of March.

Bro. Ellwood Gray, owl at Mose Lake, took a few days' layoff last week, but is back in harness again. He was relieved by Telegrapher Bullis from the Second District. Can't say where Bullis went, but think he went to St. Paul.

Mr. Despard, second trick at Carlton, who came from Motley, recently, is to return as agent, when relieved by Bro. Mason.

I can't say what is taking place on the First District. The items chronicled above are those I have been able to catch from conversation over the wire.

Our old friend, Bro. Carter, agent at Forest Lake, is on hand once more, having but recently returned from an extended pleasure trip to Cuba and Panama.

No. 105 gave us a scare a few nights ago by breaking down about four miles east of Barnum. She was "lost" for about three hours, but was finally located and taken to "BM" by an engine sent west from Carlton to find them.

Come on with the notes if you want any kind of a write-up in next month's journal. I am a poor guesser at the best, so come across with items.

Div. Com.

Hinckley, Minn., 3-25, 1909.

To Members Division No. 54,

St. Paul and Lake Superior Divisions.

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the members of both the above divisions, for so kindly giving me their support and electing me delegate to the convention from District No. 1, Northern Pacific System, Division No. 54. I also thank the members of Lake Superior Division for returning me as local chairman for the coming term.

I regret very much my inability to meet and thank you personally, but trust you will accept the good will for the deed. I have the welfare of our Order at heart, especially our end of it, *i. e.*, Division No. 54, and intend to leave no stone unturned to promote its interests and shall endeavor,

by every means, to deserve the confidence placed in me by my brother members.

I wish to impress on you the fact that I stand ready at all times to devote my spare time outside of office hours to your service, and should you wish help or information at any time I will not fail to do all I possibly can for you and consider it a pleasant task and my time well spent.

Now, if anyone has any suggestions to offer which might prove beneficial to our organization, and that you would like brought up for consideration at the convention, please let me have them as soon as possible, and I will handle same to best of my ability.

Hoping you will have no cause to regret having elected me, and that I will be favored with your co-operation in trying to effect thorough organization on our division, I remain, with best wishes,

Yours fraternally,

HARRY J. O'SULLIVAN,

Local Chairman,

Lake Superior Division.

#### Pasco Division—

Bro. A. J. Kelly has resumed work at Eltopia, second trick. He has been enjoying a two months' vacation, spent at his old home in Kentucky.

Bro. E. R. Cottle is again working third trick at Mahton.

Bro. H. A. Rahier has been transferred from third trick at Eltopia to second at Wapato, where he relieved Telegrapher Nagle.

Bro. A. F. Johnson is again working second trick at Toppenish, having gone there from Satus.

Bro. Shoemaker bld in Kennewick on recent bulletin.

Most of the above notes were received from an unknown brother on west end. The writer has mental inertia, or something like that, and can think of no more news at this writing. CERT. 497.

#### Pacific Division, First District—

The result of the last election was as follows: Local chairman, R. W. Baker, Box 453, Ellensburg, Wash.; delegate, A. J. Dubois, Pasco; alternate Kingsmill Commander, Wynaco.

Telegrapher G. T. Ballard, second trick at Ellensburg, bid in first trick at Kent. Telegrapher Dobson assigned to second trick, Mr. Fichtl to third trick, and Bro. R. W. Baker from third to fourth trick at Ellensburg.

Bro. E. L. Carr, of Bristol, has been assigned to Woodland, on bulletin. He will leave Bristol in the near future.

Bro. Schofield, of Cle Slum, bid in first trick at Kalama. Bro. Sales is laying off, and Bros. V. O. Brunner and J. Floberg are working second and third tricks.

Regret to report that Bro. U. G. Calvert, manager, had to return to the hospital, after resuming work at Easton. At the present writing "13" he is doing well, and will be at the key again about April 1st.

Bro. G. E. Carvell from third trick at Easton to third trick at Martin.

Mr. Wood is working third trick at Easton.

Telegrapher Bassett, at Weston, who was sick for a few days is working again.

Telegrapher L. W. Peterson, manager at Lester, is sick in the hospital with pneumonia.

Telegrapher H. V. La Dow has been transferred from second trick at Kanaskat to Lemolo, nights.

Sister A. M. Jones has returned from her vacation, and is holding down first trick at Kanaskat.

Bro. G. F. Bingham is working second trick at Ravensdale, vice Telegrapher Hawkins, resigned.

Bro. D. W. Williams, of Auburn, was recently married. On account of being misinformed we failed to chronicle this event sooner. We wish Bro. and Mrs. Williams success and happiness.

C. C. Starnes has been transferred from second trick at Meeker to second at Woodland.

At the meeting held at Brooklyn Hotel, Tacoma, at which time the ballots were counted, only four members besides Bro. Holmes were present. This is not encouraging. Every three-man job should be able to send in a member on meeting day. As one of the brothers said, "I don't know how we are going to do business with the management if the members will not take enough interest to get together and talk matters over and post up the committee." This is true; as true as were Jefferson's words, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

Note the following extracts from a letter received from our new local chairman, Bro. R. W. Baker:

"Prospects are bright for a solid lineup, and if the boys will get busy we should be solid before long. At present have six sets of blanks out, three of them already sent in and three others go in pay day. This is what I have done alone; a little earnest work on the part of the boys surely should line things up solid. . . . ."

"Result of election placed me in local chairman's boots, which do not fit any too well, so it will be necessary for the brothers to help me stagger along. While the heart is willing, I feel that I should have refused the nomination, as there are men on this division of more experience and better fitted for the position. However, I wish to thank the members on the Pacific Division for their expression of trust, and hope there will be no occasion to regret the action. Any errors made will be errors of judgment and not of intent, as I shall try to do all I can to promote the welfare of the members both collectively and individually, and in doing this ask the support of each member on the division.

"Bro. Phares has kindly consented to act as assistant in charge of the south end. He is at present working at J. W. Hill's office at Tacoma for thirty days and expects then to return to his old stand at Winlock.

"Any grievances on the south end should be referred to Bro. Phares."

The writer knows Bro. Baker well, having worked partners with him both on C. P. R. and N.

P. and knows that he certainly has the good of the Order at heart and will do his best to right any and all well-founded grievances to which his attention may be called. K. C.

#### Montana Division—

Bro. Wintersteen gets first trick at Bozeman. Telegrapher Medsker gets third, temporarily.

Telegrapher Miller, third trick at Winston, has resigned; relieved by Mr. Christ.

Bro. Tidd, at West End, off duty six weeks, looking after business interests in Cuba; relieved by R. E. Lovejoy, from Merrill. Lovejoy is a new man on this road.

Bro. Jones, of Greycliff, off a few days, seeing the sights in St. Paul.

Bro. Jessee was at Whitehall for a short time, and later was transferred to Manhattan for a few days.

Bro. L. G. Graham was transferred from Whitehall to M. U. Tfr., relieving Telegrapher Ritchel-dorfer, who went to P. P. Jct. Later Bro. Graham left the service and is now thinking of going to Panama.

Telegrapher L. D. Collins takes Bro. Graham's place at M. U. Tfr.

Bro. W. H. Earp and Telegrapher N. Conrad, a new man, are holding tricks at Whitehall.

Telegrapher Fitzgerald, formerly cashier at Bozeman freight house, gets third trick at Bozeman depot.

Bros. Stephens and Didlake transferred from Merrill to first and second at Townsend.

Bro. Hampton was transferred from Belgrade to Greycliff.

P. C. Bryan, third at G. N. Jct, who has been on the sick list, was relieved by C. D. Collins, from the Youngs Point gravel pit office.

Bro. Stewart, of P. P. Jct., is now holding a trick on the Rocky Mountain Division.

Bro. Jessee received third at Sappington, permanent.

Brothers, do you realize some of you are working with a non on each side of you? If there are any O. R. T. men on this division who want to work in the interests of the Order and themselves they have plenty of material to work on.

If you are strictly up to date there is a way of finding out the standing of new men coming to the road. It is not necessary to take their word for it. Ever since I have been a member of the O. R. T. they have had a secret work which can be used to advantage in many different ways.

Bro. Little, third trick at Chestnut, is waiting for relief and expects to take a trip to Seattle.

At the recent election C. E. Carpenter, Route 4, Bozeman, Mont., was chosen local chairman of the Montana Division, M. A. Smoot, delegate and H. E. Miller alternate from District No. 3 to the Grand Division convention at Atlanta, Ga.

Bro. Carpenter will be pleased to have the members mail him any thing that they would like to see in the monthly write-up. If you will also help the

cause by notifying him of new men on the line and their standing.

Bro. Millikin, third at Mulr, and Bro. Nott, third at Hoppers, have resigned, and are expecting to be relieved about April 1st.

CERT. 1079.

### Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry.

#### Cleveland Division—

Bro. Brahm, of Kent, spent a few days at his home in Navarre, recently, and had the pleasure of attending our last meeting at that point.

Bros. Cross and Satterfield, of Cleveland Division, have bid in second and third tricks at Somerdale. We are sorry to see them leave this division.

Future meetings will be held at Navarre in the town hall at 8 p. m., third Saturday each month. By holding the meetings at Navarre the boys are given a better opportunity to attend them. From this time on we should have a better attendance, especially from the Cleveland Division.

The last meeting was fairly well attended, considering the poor train service.

Work on the Sugar Creek and Northern cut-off is progressing rapidly. Three steam shovels, several work trains and extra gangs are kept busy. There will be about ten positions for telegraphers when the line is opened.

The new seniority list is now in the hands of the local and assistant local chairman. Any member desiring to look over same can do so by calling on the chairman for it.

Dispatchers have been taken off the telegraphers' and agents' seniority list. Bro. Peoples, general chairman, is now the oldest man on the list.

Bro. Plummer is back at Kent on first trick.

Brothers, do not fail to send what items you can to your chairman or to the secretary each month. Everyone enjoys seeing a monthly communication from this division, but no one cares to bother about sending in items. Let us know the changes at your office, so mention of them can be made in the journal.

Mr. F. Q. Loutzenhiser, the man who was discharged from "CO" shops on account of poor service, is now in the Canton Actual Business College acting as principal in the telegraph department. Keep him marked and give him a wide berth.

Bro. J. C. Hendricks, formerly second trick at Adena, resigned to accept position with B. & O. Ry., Cleveland Division.

Bro. J. G. Tope is now working at Belt Line Crossing, B. & O. Ry., Cleveland Division.  
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### Georgia Southern & Florida Ry.

Division No. 56 held its regular monthly meeting at Valdosta, Ga., March 14th; a large crowd being present. Meeting called to order at 1 p. m., by General Chairman Bro. W. O. Wilson, and business of importance was transacted.

We meet every second Sunday, and transportation can be had for the asking. I dare say the majority of the brothers can arrange for some to sell tickets one day during a month while they are absent at meeting. We will look for the smiling countenances of a majority of the members of our next meeting which will be held at Valdosta, the second Sunday, April 11th.

This will be the last one held before the convention in May.

Bro. R. D. Sams, agent at Unadilla, has been laying off for two weeks, on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. O. H. McWhorter.

Bro. E. Middlebrooks, who is working at Findlay, nights, is on sick list. He was relieved by Mr. J. L. Slappey.

Mr. Ivey is working the telegrapher-clerk job at Vienna. We understand Mr. Ivey is from the Georgia Ry.

Bro. E. M. Carswell, first trick at Union ticket office, Tifton, has resigned, on account of ill-health. It is understood that he is spending some time with his brother, who lives in the country near Damascus, Ga. Relieved by Bro. J. E. Johnson, from the C. of Ga. Ry. We all wish Bro. Carswell a speedy recovery.

Bro. F. A. Yarbrough, second trick at Union ticket office, Tifton, is on a vacation, visiting relatives at Merry Oak, N. C. Mr. Hickey, from Chatam, Can., is relieving him.

Bro. B. M. Kelley, from the freight office at Tifton, is off a few days, on account of the death of his uncle, at Branford, Fla.

Bro. R. O. Dewey, transferred from Sampson City to Sparks.

Bro. Hallam, formerly agent at Bonaire, Ga., is now doing the telegraphing at Hampton, Fla.

Bro. W. J. Clark, agent at Palatka, Fla., is taking a vacation. He was relieved by Bro. O. H. McWhorter, regular relief agent.

The following officers have been elected: Bro. W. O. Wilson, general chairman; Bros. P. C. Griffin, L. F. Sineath and J. M. Wooten, local chairmen; Bro. O. H. Watson, delegate to the Grand Convention; Bro. P. C. Griffin, alternate.

CERT. 5.

### Southern Ry.

#### Washington Division—

No doubt some of the boys were disappointed at not finding the Washington Division represented in the March journal. At the time the writer was suffering from toothache and neuralgia, and just simply overlooked sending in items.

Bro. Shelhorse, who has been in poor health for the past five or six months, is apparently improving, as he has been on duty all month.

The student question is again becoming a serious problem, it astonishes one when he looks over the different sections of the division, to find students at so many offices. This should not be tolerated. If the offending persons are members of this organization, charges should be preferred against them forthwith.

Recently we had the pleasure of meeting Bro. C. L. Kibler, of the Western Maryland Ry.

The third trick at Monroe, Va., bid in by Mr. Pierce.

Bro. J. W. Burgess is in Washington, with the Com. Bro. McConchie, is relieving during his absence.

Bro. J. W. Smith, third trick at Buena, was off duty a few days this month.

Train No. 35 was recently derailed at Tye River. The side track switch was opened. The engineer was injured by being caught under the engine. The guilty persons were caught and jailed, and no doubt they will get their just deserts.

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#### Norfolk Division—

The meeting at Port Norfolk, on February 28th, was well attended. Nothing special on hand, no business transacted, but those present report a pleasant evening, and agreed that the next meeting should be held at Port Norfolk. There are only a few nons on this division at present, and we hope to have them all in line by the time the next new cards are issued. There are no changes of any note on the division.

We have a first-class set of dispatchers, and it is a pleasure to work with them. Will make this short, and hope some brother will write something for us next time.

CERT 2096.

#### Atlanta Division, North End—

Mr. Berry Langford, third trick dispatcher, has been made night chief. Mr. F. M. Bulloch relieved him.

Bro. W. E. Dellinger, agent at North Rome, has resumed duty. He was absent for a week, at his home in Calhoun. Relieved by Mr. T. N. Austin, extra agent and an "O. R. C." man.

Bro. J. N. Hanna, second trick at North Rome, spent Sunday at Dalton with his uncle, Mr. Wm. McDonald.

Bro. Lee Béasly, third trick at Longs, has returned to work. For the past month he has been visiting Florida, and reports a magnificent time.

Bro. R. O. Daly, third trick at Brice, spent Sunday in Dalton recently.

Bro. J. L. Thomas, second trick at Plainville, spent a day in Rome last week, shopping.

Bro. J. C. Gardner, second trick at Rome, is working third trick temporarily.

Bro. F. E. Hudson has resigned and returned to his home at Taylor, S. C.

It is rumored that Mr. W. N. Thomas has returned to work, and is holding down the second trick at Varnell.

Bro. Morseman, from Gadsden, will be with us again at the meeting in Rome. He favored us with a nice talk the last time he was with us.

Now, boys, get busy and attend meetings at Rome. If you haven't a new card, get one immediately. If you haven't the money, borrow it, or sell some of your good clothes.

We must get together and do something, so let every member attend this meeting at Rome, Ga., March 28th, in the Rome Central Labor Union Hall, from 11 a. m. until 2 p. m. Write for transportation now, and be with us.

ASSISTANT DIV. COR.

#### Atlanta Division, South End—

Mr. W. A. Henley, who formerly worked third trick at Holton, is with the Western Union at Jacksonville; relieved by Mrs. W. V. Scott.

Telegrapher Weems, at Polhill, has been relieved by Mr. Bonner.

There are several boys who have not paid dues, but who try to create the impression that they are up-to-date. This is bad policy, and should not be practiced. If they think enough of the Order (which I hope they do), they should get the "goods," and cease trying to deceive us.

There seems to be a number of telegraphers who do not answer calls promptly. This practice should be discontinued, as it shows negligence and inattention to business, and gives the official just cause for complaint. Moreover, it places our committee in an awkward and embarrassing position when conferring with the officials, as this matter is continually kept in the foreground.

It is quite evident that there should be meetings held below Macon, as some of the members cannot come to Flovilla and return in time to report for duty. Even if they came, they would arrive too late to attend meeting. We should get them lined up better, and hold a meeting every Sunday at some point to suit their convenience.

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#### Houston & Texas Central Ry.

Bro. Dug Walker, of this division, is now distinguishing himself as conductor on the Interurban electric line plying between Dallas and Sherman.

A Bro. Walker has substituted Bro. Erland, who resigned at Plano tower.

Mr. Smith, of Richardson, is not among the list of "brothers." We understand he has a "pal" (?) doing the telegraphing when there's no one around. That is bad business.

Several changes have been made along the line, but the correspondence failed to secure particulars.

Let us get interested in our local meetings, attend and become acquainted with each other. We haven't shown much enthusiasm for the past few months.

Our Worthy Chairman, Bro. Burke, will advise when meetings are to be held. Let one and all strive to make arrangements to attend.

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#### Queen & Crescent Route (North).

##### Chattanooga Division—

A meeting was held at Danville, Ky., on the night of March 12, and was attended by about twenty-four members. Some very important business was transacted, after which oyster soup and cigars were in order. Chief Dispatcher R. C.



Reid was present and gave a very interesting and instructive talk. He complimented the boys on the Chattanooga Division very highly, giving it as his opinion that they were the best lot of telegraphers, generally speaking, on any railroad in the United States, and stating that with but few exceptions they were "hitting the ball." He, however, insinuated that there might be an improvement on the part of some of the boys at three-trick stations. Let us all do our best, so Mr. Reid will have no cause to regret having spoken words of commendation.

Bro. H. C. Edde, second trick man at Rockwood, is off for a few days. Relieved by Telegrapher Doty.

Telegrapher Jones, second trick at Cave Springs, is off duty, taking a short vacation; relieved by Bro. Mathias, an extra man.

Bro. John Howe, third trick at Oakdale, is taking a pleasure and business trip. Telegrapher Ferrell is relieving him.

Danville chief dispatcher's office, nights, twelve-hour trick, bid in by Telegrapher L. H. Jones, who has been working third trick at Citico yard office. The third trick at Citico yard office and the second trick at McKinney are now being bulletined.

Bro. Strunk has been assigned to third trick at Oneida, on bid.

Bro. Burgoon reinstated to first trick at Nemo, on his former good record.

Bro. G. W. Riffe has been awarded third trick at Annadel on bid, and Bro. W. B. Compton, first trick at Moreland, which was made vacant by the death of Bro. G. W. Gooch.

Bro. C. C. Singleton has been assigned to second trick at Moreland on bid.

Second tricks at McKinney and Oakdale are on bulletin, but no awards have been made at this writing.

Bro. J. A. Engleman, third trick at Kings Mountain, tiring of single blessedness, has taken unto himself a wife. We wish them much happiness.

Bro. H. H. Hughes, second trick at Oakdale yard office, is off duty a few days. We are unable to say who is relieving him.

We couldn't have selected better men than Bros. Willison and Gardner to represent us at the convention, and it is practically certain that they will have something of importance to impart to us when they return.

Dispatcher W. G. Elliott, second trick on the Third District, is laying off. Extra Dispatcher Hines is filling the chair in his absence.

Bro. Willison advises that there will be a meeting held at Oakdale a few days after he and Bro. Gardner return from the convention at Atlanta. You will be notified in good season and a good crowd is expected.

It has been a long time since this division has been well represented in the journal. If the members will send items to the correspondent or Bro. R. P. Hodges, who is located at Dayton, Tenn., they will be forwarded to St. Louis for publication.

Send them not later than the 21st of each month. The writer's address is Box 15, McKinney, Ky.

Let us give such service that when the committee goes before the management it will be backed by a perfect record. It is difficult to secure concessions without good records, and it is impossible to have a good record as an organization unless we have good records as individuals.

Div. Con.

### Great Northern Ry.

#### Marcus Division—

No items have been received from either the west or north end this month. The brothers up that way do not seem to care to appear in print.

A large amount of steel and other supplies have been sent to the front. This means more work for all concerned. Let the good work go on.

D. W. Williams, of Republic, landed Northport agency, vice Bro. S. T. Moore, transferred to Kalispel.

P. P. Otey, of Loon Lake, was transferred to Republic.

John Raitor, former helper at Addy, is agent at Loon Lake.

J. F. Snyder, Jr., is agent at Clayton, vice J. F. Snyder, Sr.

A Mr. Peters is the new telegrapher at Deer Park, vice J. F. Snyder, who has been made agent at Clayton.

It is our intention to have Marcus Division represented in the journal every month, which will convey the idea to the outside world that we are alive, if nothing more. It would be a material help if every brother would take enough interest to send us an item or two.

When you hear or see anything report it to Valley. It may not seem of importance to you, but may be interesting to someone else.

Mr. J. O. Cline, of Springdale, has been on the sick list for about a week. The helper, Mr. Johnson, has been taking care of the station.

Mr. Doyle, brother of our genial assistant superintendent, is the new helper at Addy.

Carr. 1038.

#### Butte Division, Fifth and Sixth Districts—

We are very proud to be able to state that the majority of the agents on the Great Falls to Billings line carry up-to-date cards. Of course, it goes without saying that a large majority of the telegraphers carry the pasteboard. It is up to the older districts to follow suit. Will some good brother appoint himself a committee of one to see that the other districts of this division are represented in our monthly write-up?

I firmly believe the Butte Division will be the banner division of No. 70 before the close of the year. Let everyone boost.

Agent Jagger, of Hedges, off duty a few days the early part of the month; relieved by Relief Agent Warner.

J. A. Johnson has been transferred to "PD" office, Great Falls. He was relieved at Hobson by O. L. Odell, lately from the Southern.

Telegrapher Lynch was relieved of third trick at Gerber by Bro. McNamara.

Mr. W. A. Golden transferred from Rock Quarry to Teton.

C. S. Protor has lately been installed as agent at Sand Coulee, and a man by the name of J. R. Renand was sent to Stockett as agent.

Telegrapher Greene, who worked at Armington Quarry for a short time, has returned to his home in Kansas, on account of the illness of his mother.

Telegrapher F. W. Prichetts, who was relieved at Teton by Telegrapher Golden, has gone to the Butte office.

Let us, one and all, get busy. Our working conditions are very "bum" at present and only by thorough organization can we hope to remedy them.  
Div. Cor.

### Chicago & Northwestern Ry.

#### Lake Shore Division—

Am very sorry to see so many copies of our journal come to us without even a line from this division. We must get to work and let other divisions know that we still exist. Can't every brother spend just ten minutes each month in sending in some little item of interest? Try it just one month and see if it doesn't help.

H. W. Frank, of Duck Creek, days, secured the third trick at that place on bulletin, and Mr. W. C. Williams, a new man, the first trick. Mr. Williams, we understand, is one of the old-timers from the N. W. Division, having held several agencies on that division. Mr. Hardy, who has held the third trick for over a year, has resigned to start in business for himself at some place in Ohio.

Bro. W. J. Earle spent a few days with his family at Chicago, the fore part of the month, being relieved by Bro. Langworth.

Bro. Geo. Reuther, of the Grand Division, formerly register of deeds of Manitowoc County, is now engaged in the hotel business at Manitowoc, having taken over the Windiate Hotel. Although Bro. Reuther has been out of railroad service for some years past he has always managed to possess an up-to-date card. Brothers visiting Manitowoc should not overlook this when in need of something to eat. Patronize your friends.

Bro. F. H. Vashbinder has been called home by the sudden death of his father at Silverwood, Mich. The members of the Lake Shore extend their sympathy. Bro. Langworth is relieving Bro. Vashbinder during his absence.

Bro. Earle received the second trick and Bro. Brewer the third trick at Montrose Tower on the bulletin. We suppose Bro. Earle will move his family and make his home at Manitowoc in the future.

We understand Bro. Ed Sohre has been investing his savings of late in photographic materials and is now in possession of a miniature photograph

gallery. Report has it that Ed has everything photographed within sixty miles of South Yards, and is considering the advisability of expanding this territory for want of new subjects. That Ed is getting to be quite an expert in this line is putting it mild, as the writer can vouch for the fact that he has already seen worse pictures than those made by him. We would not be at all surprised should he sell out shop at South Yards and stick out his own shingle some of these days.

We regret to announce that Bro. Harry A. Sechrist, now at Glen Rock, Pa., is very low and not expected to live. Bro. Sechrist has been employed on this division for a number of years and is well known to most of the members. Since being compelled to relinquish his position some three years ago, owing to disease, he has been confined to his bed most of the time. It is reported now that a complication of other diseases has set in and he is sinking rapidly, and that undoubtedly it will be but a matter of a few weeks until he will pass into the great beyond from whence no one returns. The local chairman has started a subscription, and it is hoped that each member, as well as non-members, will contribute to the extent of their ability. A mite from each brother, which they would not miss, would amount to a nice little sum, and I am sure would be appreciated by one who is playing in hard luck, and will make his last days on earth somewhat brighter.

We could mention the names of several men who have been in the service for a number of years, and have always fought shy of joining the ranks of the O. R. T. I should think that they could now see the advisability of joining. O. R. T. means that in ten years we have advanced from \$40.00 to \$55.00 and more. It is no easy task for us to argue persuasively with nons, because of the impatience we feel toward them and their trivial excuses. While we are in a position to point to results accomplished, reforms established by rules in schedules for our betterment, to reduction in hours, and salaries maintained even during the last financial depression, we can not conceive what sensible argument could be advanced by telegraphers who are permanently employed at the profession by railroads, to support them in their obstinacy of remaining under the opprobrium of non. Trying to argue with a person who you gratuitously helping financially, physically and socially to a point where he will condescend to help himself, is too much to expect of human nature. It may seem uncharitable on our part, but it seems to us that the nons occupy in regard to their craft a relation similar to our prehistoric ancestors to the present generation of men. You may teach the creature to imitate, but not to think. Our efforts are wasted striving to reverse Nature's decree. After all has been said, railroad officials are human (appearances to the contrary at times notwithstanding), and I think it safe to assume that they reason things out pretty much along the same lines as ourselves. They certainly must conclude that the fellow who works against the interest of his fellow-employees (the

interests that naturally should have first call upon his loyalty) to secure a temporary advantage for himself, would, if the consideration seemed sufficient, sell out to the next highest bidder, and when in need of a man for a position of responsibility, the railroad official is apt to give preference to the man who has shown that he can be loyal to one interest, at least.

Chief Lineman Ed. Hadler, in company of Assistant Superintendent LaCombe, has gone over the line recently perfecting plans for the installation of a telephone block system between Kaukauna and Milwaukee. Understand that telephone operators are to be put on at several of the non-telegraph stations, but otherwise the present mode of blocking will not be affected.

A rumor has reached the writer that some of the members are becoming lax and indifferent in their duties and discourteous in their manners; as nothing to prove such an assertion has come to my personal notice, I absolutely refuse to give it credit. If there are any such men on the division they are not amongst our membership. Should there be anyone inclined that way, the sooner he changes his policy the better, as any such actions not only throw discredit on the member himself, but reflect unfavorably on our organization as well. While our aim should at all times be for the advancement of our organization, thereby bettering our own condition, we should not forget our duty to our employers, do it well and keep their interests in mind. Respect your superiors in the service and carry out their orders and there will be fewer dismissals for cause; opportunities for promotion will be greater and the chances for an advance in wages better. I hope the brothers will attend strictly to business. Do your work in a business-like way. Answer your dispatchers promptly and give them all the information you can when there is trouble at or near your office. You have nothing to lose and all to gain. Show your officials that you are doing your best, and there will be no room for complaint; then when we ask them for concessions they will realize that it is to their interest to treat with us fairly, and when we make small mistakes as we pass along they will be more lenient with us, seeing that we are doing our duty to the best of our ability.

CERT. 368.

#### *Madison Division—*

For a second time, recently, snow and sleet crippled our telegraph service. Mr. P. J. O'Brien, our superintendent, dispatched trains the first day, east and west from Madison. As soon as possible dispatchers Boehm, Warner and Adams, were sent to Madison, where they handled the east and west end, and Messrs. Patterson, DeSantelle and Kock handled trains south of Madison from Evansville. The north end dispatchers, and Mr. G. B. Vilas, our assistant superintendent, handled the south end from Baraboo to Madison. Everything moved along nicely, and in a few days the linemen had the wires repaired.

Linemen Wagonhouser and Knauf with F. E. Warner, from Baraboo, were out on the line making tests with Chicago. The wires in the cables become crossed occasionally, necessitating opening them where spliced, and by cutting in a relay they can get a quick test.

Several carloads of telegraph poles have been received, and soon the work of rebuilding the line will be started.

Bro. T. A. Corcoran, second trick at Caledonia, was off duty a day recently, on account of sickness. Bro. Duprey, third trick man from Oregon, relieved him. Bro. Duprey was relieved by Mr. Wilson, who was formerly agent at Okeech, and is now working third trick at Mendota.

Bro. J. H. Murer, second trick at tower "EA," has resigned, and entered the train service. Bro. W. F. Degnan, agent at Preston, has charge of tower "EA," second trick at present.

Bro. C. W. Walquist went from Fellows, first trick to Leyden, second trick, vice Bro. W. F. Holden, who is working second trick at Madison.

Bros. C. Willis and J. E. Holden are holding forth at Fellows until bulletin is up.

Ray Andrews, agent at Magnolia, has come to the conclusion that forty dollars per month is rather small pay for an able-bodied man, and will try his luck at farming.

Bro. A. J. Warnock, of South Madison, has been visiting at Merrillan, at which place he has a daughter living.

Bro. P. M. Keefe, second trick, is holding down the night trick in Baraboo, "B," office. Bro. Elsner relieved him until he was sent to Wales to relieve B. F. Edwards, the agent who is taking a vacation and spending the time on his farm near Rockland.

Bro. P. W. Avery has taken charge of Dane, second trick, and M. Hendrickson went to Lodi, to relieve Bro. Irwin.

Bro. W. H. Hansen has resumed work at Jefferson Junction, first trick, and J. M. Miller, who worked Jefferson Junction, third trick, went to Waukesha, to work third trick, vice Mr. Avery.

Bro. Cottingham relieved Mr. Miller at Jefferson Junction.

The agent at Elmo resigned, and that station was closed for a time.

Bro. H. R. Pigg, first trick at Merrimac, "BR," was off for a few days, taking in the sights of Chicago. He was relieved by G. J. Adams.

Bro. H. M. Rice worked second trick at Elroy, while Mr. Adams was at "BR," and Gaylord relieved Bro. Rice, second trick at Welton. Mr. R. B. Hart relieved Gaylord at Wonewoc, third trick.

Math. Biewerse, who held down the telephone job, second trick at Mendota, has resigned and is now R. F. D. mail carrier out of Dane. Mr. E. F. Hart is the new telegrapher there, and Wilson works third trick.

Bro. W. A. Browne, agent at Cobb, got Norwalk, on bulletin, and will soon move his family there.

Bro. Cottingham has charge of Cobb while on bulletin.

Bro. L. M. Burt, agent at Brooklyn, and Bro. H. L. Reeves, agent at Waunakee, appreciate the assistance they received in making these stations continuous offices, and, consequently, three tricks, the same good-luck happened, Bro. Wilcox, agent at Union Center; Bro. M. H. Schleck, agent at Wonewoc; Bro. Bentley, agent at Ablemans, and Bro. Elder, agent at North Freedom.

Mr. H. D. Schooff, chief dispatcher, recently enjoyed a short vacation. Mr. A. A. Pelnar was acting chief, and J. H. Hull acting night chief, during his absence.

Bro. L. F. Schneider was elected local chairman and delegate for the fifth time, receiving every vote cast.

This shows what the brothers on this division think of him, and the way he has performed his duty. His experience on committee work will be of great assistance to the general committee, as well as to this division. We know he will continue to do his best for the members, and it is up to us to help him, by continuing to render the company first-class service. There is no reason why the committee should not secure something good for us.

Bro. W. A. Browne, who is agent at Norwalk, was elected alternate to the convention. Bro. Browne once held the office of local chairman, and is well qualified to represent the division at the biennial convention in May, should occasion demand it.

If you fail to see news items which, in your opinion, should be chronicled, advise your correspondent, using a postal card if no other means of communication is convenient. What we desire is the co-operation and assistance of everyone.

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#### *Northern Iowa Division—*

Bro. Foster, of Lawn Hill, was recently called to Sioux City, on account of sickness. He was relieved by Bro. Lampther.

Continuous telegraph service has been resumed at Hubbard and Gladbrook. Bros. Bushnell and Hopkins, second and third tricks, at Hubbard, and two new men at Gladbrook.

Bro. J. W. Lane, agent at Gifford, drew the agency at Laurens, on bulletin. He was relieved at Gifford by Bro. D. G. Woodward, formerly of Kamrar.

Bro. E. E. Carder is doing the night stunt at Gifford, while Mrs. Carder is post-mistress at the same place.

Quite a number of the depots on the south end have been treated to a fresh coat of paint.

We understand that Bro. Beman, of Eldora, will soon leave the service to begin farming in that vicinity.

We are glad to learn that the wife of Bro. Smith, at Radcliffe, is slowly gaining strength, after a severe illness and operation.

We understand that the recently opened night offices on the west end are soon to be closed.

Mr. J. P. Burke, who has been working third trick at Jewell Junction, has left the service, and

gone to Detroit, Mich., where he has a job under the city administration.

Bro. Mike Winkel, of Algona, has resumed charge of that station.

Bro. Billy Doherty, of the relay office, has been called to Milwaukee. We understand he is seriously considering accepting a position with the C. M. & St. P. R. R., on the Pacific Coast extension.

Wm. Gleason, who has been employed in the superintendent's office for some time, has accepted a position with a Cedar Rapids firm.

Bro. Hutchison, of Jewell Junction, is doing the "heavy stunt" during Bro. Doherty's absence.

If someone on the west and north ends would contribute items as requested, it would not be necessary to confine the write-up to less than half of the division.

Mr. John Larson, formerly of the Omaha, is dishing out pasteboards and pleasant smiles at the "EG" ticket office during the small hours.

Bro. F. M. Knidera relieved Bro. Le Blanc, at Renwick, while the latter attended the funeral of a relative in Eastern Canada.

Hobart Carrell, of Cedar Rapids, spent Sunday recently with his father, Eagle Grove's genial ticket agent.

Bro. Knidera recently relieved the agent at Lawn Hill, and is now doing the heavy "phone" stunt at Lone Rock.

Practically everyone is glad to see the Northern Iowa notes in THE TELEGRAPHER, more especially those who have worked here in the past, and are now employed elsewhere. Don't be backward about dropping us whatever notes you may have regardless of how insignificant they may seem. We can "work them over." For the bulk of this "write-up," the boys are indebted to Bros. Troy and LeBlanc.

RAIN-IN-THE-FACE.

#### *Dakota Division—*

Bro. Bert Laity received Arlington agency on bulletin, and has taken charge of that station. Arlington is a heavy station, especially in the fall.

Levi Sedgwick, cashier at Brookings, spent a few days with relatives in Alcester.

Another heavy snowstorm buried the east end the forepart of February. Two of the big plows worked all day between Tracy and Tyler, and succeeded in opening the way about 7 p. m. There were about thirty big drifts between Tyler and Tracy, ranging from three to twenty feet deep, and from one hundred to five hundred feet long. Engineer Carl Smith and Conductor Hart, on the east-bound plow were stuck for an hour and forty-five minutes in a drift eighteen feet deep, just east of Burchard. Forty-five men were carried on the drag-out to shovel the plow out when necessary, which occurred four times.

Bro. A. W. Price, of Athol, has secured a six months' leave of absence, and is trying his hand at the implement business, with a relative. Bro. Price is fortunate, in that he was able to connect himself with a firm having an established

trade. Mr. Cross is holding Athol station temporarily.

Bro. T. K. Barber, of Manchester, is figuring on leaving the C. & N. W., and taking a claim west of the river. Anything beats a \$52.50 minimum, and when a man can get a quarter section of land in a year's time, there is not much inducement to pound brass.

J. D. Callahan, of Brookings, third trick, took a week off and went to Tracy, to obtain treatment for his foot, which was injured recently. Mr. Whaley relieved him. Mr. Whaley is the son of Local Chairman Whaley, of the I. & M. Division, and has not been working for some time.

Burchard is again a telegraph station. Mr. Nelson, of Iroquois, acting as agent.

Bro. R. J. Holmes is visiting relatives in Indiana, Illinois and Iowa. He intends to return to work about April 1st.

Bro. Klingelhofer is acting agent at Salem, during the absence of Bro. J. A. Dawson, who is in Colorado, looking over some land which he intends to purchase. Bro. Vanderhoof is acting as day telegrapher at Salem until that position is bulletined.

Ray Carpenter, of Redfield, received Henry, on the bulletin. Extra Dispatcher R. M. Stapleton is working at Redfield until the bulletin is settled.

I recently received one of the rings which were given for new members, and must say that it is worth working for. The regular price of the ring is \$4.50, and it would undoubtedly cost more if purchased of a local jeweler. The emblem on the ring is about the size of a dime, the wreath is the official green color, and the sounder is of gold and black enamel, the background of both being of white enamel.

Express Route Agent Mr. Butte took up a collection among the express men, and secured \$15.00, which he presented to Bro. E. A. Zollar, of Northville, who lost heavily when the depot burned at that station. Hadn't we better do something?

Bro. Earl Pennington is working first trick at Highland Park, Ill., but says he is there only temporarily. He did not say whether he intended to return to the Dakota Division or not.

Someone didn't vote. Bro. Paulsen was barely elected delegate to the convention in Atlanta, and Bro. Moriarity lost out on the alternate election by two votes. We had a majority of more than twenty members over the Minnesota Division, yet Bro. Paulson nearly lost out. This should be a lesson to us, to be sure to vote at any and all elections.

Prosperity is returning. That is what the papers say on the first page, but the inside pages fail to substantiate such claims. The steel trust is slashing wages right and left, and a general reduction of wages is being made. Ten per cent is the usual slash. Of course, the general officers' wages are not cut, just the workers'. We escaped one wage reduction during the panic, through solid organization. Whether we escape the next, or not, depends on us. A word to the wise is sufficient—organize.

Reports of discrimination and unjust treatment are heard. If you have a grievance of any kind take it up immediately. Several matters were adjudged this month.

Bro. Walter Gordinier recently spent a Sunday with his folks at Esmond.

Bro. Ollie Harris received Cavour, second trick, on bulletin. Bro. House received Tyler, third trick, and Bro. Miller holds Balaton, third trick.

Notes were received this month from "Our Staff" correspondents Bros. Paulsen, Zollar, Nohlgren, Noe and Cert. 2077, of the P. R. C.

#### *Pierre Rapid City and Northwestern—*

Mr. J. J. Farrell, agent at Ft. Pierre, was relieved by Bro. J. M. Whiting, for about ten days, while he attended to personal business matters. Bro. Whiting was relieved at Midland, nights, by Bro. J. E. Noe.

Bro. F. M. Noe acted as agent at Owanka, temporarily, being relieved at Philip by Bro. J. E. Noe. Bro. Noe was relieved at Midland, nights, by L. W. Smith, of the Dakota Division, who was later relieved by Bro. G. B. Aldrich.

Bro. Whiting relieved R. H. Smith at Midland, days, while he looked after his claim in Nebraska. It is understood that Mr. Smith intends to take a position on the Black Hills Division, to be nearer his claim.

Business is quite heavy on the P. R. C., on account of immigration.

C. T. D., Rauch has completed checking the tariffs, and all stations now have a complete set.

Superintendent Dike went over the division, in his private car, March 6th, on a tour of inspection.

Last month I wrote up an account of the death of Bro. Hunter's child, but on account of being misinformed, I did not get the account quite accurate. The following clipping from the *Vermont Messenger*, gives a full account of this sad affair:

"To show respect to Mr. and Mrs. Hunter in their sorrow, all the business places in town were closed, and Mr. Callihan dismissed school at train time, Thursday afternoon. Four members of the Bankers' Club acted as pall-bearers in putting the little casket on the train.

"DIED.—Wednesday evening the death angel was in our midst, and selected as its burden, Stella, the beloved little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hunter, thus robbing a happy home of one of its brightest jewels, only that it may shine more brightly in its Heavenly home. Death came very suddenly, with no warning of sickness. Little Stella, though always a frail child, had seemed well as usual all day, and after her sister, Nena, came home from school, the two children were playing out of doors, when suddenly Stella, who was sitting on the station platform, fell backward, striking her head on the brick walk. Mrs. Hunter saw her fall, and ran to her at once, only to find the little body tense and rigid, and her breath coming in gasps. She was placed in hot baths and then wrapped in warm blankets, this

treatment seeming to relieve the little sufferer, and when death came at 5:40 p. m., it was a surprise to all, as it was thought she was recovering. The doctor who came down from Capa, gave it as his opinion, that death resulted from spasms. Little Stella was one year, seven months and seventeen days old, and a bright and active child who was loved and petted by all. Kind friends ministered to the needs of the bereaved family, and gentle hands prepared the little form for its last resting place. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter departed, Thursday, for Springerton, Ill., where funeral services and interment will be held. The heartfelt sympathy of the entire community goes out to them, in this their hour of sorrow."

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#### Minnesota Division—

Mr. R. C. Wood drew the second trick at Tracy, and is making good there.

Mr. J. L. Keegan has been off duty for some time on account of sickness. He was relieved by Mr. J. P. Banks, regular thlrđ trick man at Rochester.

Mr. W. J. Maxfield gets third trick at Sanborn, which was made vacant by Mr. Wood.

Mr. J. B. Carpenter is laying off a few days, and is being relieved by Mr. M. M. Zeches.

Mr. A. O. Titus, former day telegrapher at Watertown, has resigned to engage in some other calling, the nature of which we are unable to state. The vacancy was filled by Mr. H. Olson, the regular night man at that point.

Mr. T. F. Carroll, thlrđ trick at Waseca, is off duty a few days; Mr. A. McDonald is relieving him.

The day job at Canby is on bulletin. Mr. H. E. Spornitz has resigned to enter the restaurant business at Canby.

Mr. A. J. Walz is holding the position until bulletin expires.

Mr. R. A. Pfefferly drew third trick at Sleepy Eye on bulletin. His old position at Lewiston is being filled temporarily by Telegrapher Zeige.

There is a new man by the name of Richardson working second trick at Janesville.

Mr. W. A. Wagner is laying off for a short time, and is being relieved by Mr. H. J. Johnson, a new man.

Mr. F. W. Mosher is laying off to look after his interest in the bottling works.

I notice that, with few exceptions, the boys on the Middle Division are never cut in on No. 63 wire. I can call the telegrapher at one of the smaller stations on No. 63 and never get an answer, but as soon as I cut in and call on No. 61 he will answer up at once. This shows that the telegrapher is there but has the instrument plugged. Bad biz.

This may sound like a sermon, but I do not wish anyone to take it in the wrong light. It certainly is a fact, that if we do our best to give good service we will get good treatment in return.

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#### Chicago Terminals, Wisconsin Division—

Bro. Williams, who was working first trick extra at Highland Park during Bro. Anholt's illness, became sick on Friday, March 5. He was relieved by a man representing himself as Dolan, who relieved the cash drawer and safe of all the loose change, aggregating about \$50.00. This is an argument in favor of the closed shop. If it had been necessary that he show a union card, he could not have gone to work under an assumed name, could have been easily traced, and it would be but a short time until he would have been in the clutches of the law.

Signs of spring are appearing on this division; the telegraphers are commencing to move. Seven jobs have been bulletined within the past few weeks, which are as follows: Highwood, agency; Lake Forest, first trick; Central St. "NI" tower, third trick; Kenosha, third trick; Woodstock, day telegrapher; Waukegan, third trick; Lake Shore Jct., thlrđ trick.

Mr. Faucet, agent at Highwood, secured Capron on bid, but "lost out" to some older man who bid for it. He is now working as agent at Glencoe.

Mr. Hinsmith, of Lake Forest, first trick, was assigned to Highland Park agency on bid.

Mr. Wagner, the relief agent, resigned after being checked out at Highland Park and refusing to go to Highwood.

Bro. Kaspari, of Central Street, third trick, goes to Wood street, first trick.

Mr. Jones, of Waukegan, third trick, secured Central Street on bulletin.

The track elevation at Evanston is to commence in earnest on April 1. Mr. Posey, one of the trick dispatchers, is to have charge of the telegraphic end of it.

Bro. Jackoby, of Howerd Ave., Rogers Park, and the three brothers at Central St., Boyington, Curtis and Kaspari, will be dispatchers, according to the telephonic list placed in the offices of the elevating department.

A sad and fatal accident occurred Sunday, March 14, to the wife and child of Bro. Gore, relief agent at Glencoe. The baby's clothing caught fire, and in trying to extingulsh the blaze the mother's clothing became ignited. She, being panic-stricken, ran outside, where she soon became unconscious. She revived long enough to tell Bro. Gore how it occurred. The mother died at 2 p. m., and the baby at 3 p. m., Sunday. Bro. Gore has the sympathy of the telegraphers. He is now working as agent at Irving Park, in the Terminals. The members have started a list, which is now in the hands of Bro. Connors, of Kenilworth, and if anyone has been overlooked he can mail his contribution to Bro. Connors, who will see that Bro. Gore receives it. The O. R. T. boys presented a pillow of flowers with "O. R. T." on it to Bro. Gore at the funeral.

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*Wisconsin Division—*

The meetings at Harvard and Waukegan were well attended, and the members who were absent missed something, as Bro. Troy was with us and the evenings were pleasantly spent.

Bro. Himmler, from Highland Park, Ill., has gone in the grocery business at Highwood.

Now, that our local chairman has been relieved of working a twelve-hour trick, we will have regular meetings at Waukegan.

Bro. E. Jacobitz, third trick telegrapher at Kewaskum, is on the sick list. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Mr. H. C. Murray, who worked the second trick at Jackson, left for the West on account of his health, and Mr. W. J. Hepburn, who was on third, has gone to Kansas. Railroad work did not agree with them and they are looking for positions with the W. U. Telegraph Co.

Mr. H. E. Evans, agent at Capron, Ill., has been placed on the pension list. Telegrapher Thomas Nolan, from Woodstock, received the position by bulletin. The position of first telegrapher has been abolished and Bro. Nolan is working as agent and handling first trick.

Bro. Chas. Regan, of Capron, recently enjoyed a week's vacation, being relieved by Bro. Cameron, from the Canadian Pacific.

Bro. Bixby, of Shopiere, is on the sick list, and is being relieved by Telegrapher P. Woodbury.

Bro. Chas. Regan has taken the third trick at Shopiere until he can secure a more desirable position.

We have seen no Wisconsin Division news in THE TELEGRAPHER for some time, owing to the fact that we have no regular correspondent, but at the next meeting we expect to elect a man to the position so we can be represented regularly. We very often hear complaints on account of no items appearing from this division, but those who complain are as much at fault as anyone else, as they never render any assistance in this direction. Take one hour every fifteenth of the month and write up the news and send to the correspondent or to your local chairman and he will forward to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

Positions bulletined and filled this year are as follows:

Janesville, second trick, J. L. Mulvanney.  
Central St. Tower, third trick, T. J. Kaspari.  
Crystal Lake, third trick, G. W. Whitney.  
Lake Forest, second trick, E. F. Radke.  
Sharon, second trick, J. L. Montgomery.  
Kenosha, second trick, W. P. Dempsey.  
Twin Lakes, second trick, C. H. Lund.  
Salem, second trick, H. A. Stocker.  
Jackson, second trick, T. Scheaffer.  
Jackson, third trick, W. I. Oyler.  
Rockfield, second trick, N. I. Lockwood.  
Granville, third trick, T. G. Kaiser.  
Lake Bluff, third trick, G. F. Brandt.  
Sharon, third trick, T. Burns.  
Highland Park, agency, J. W. Rheinsmith.  
Glencoe, agency, J. H. Faucett.

South Janesville, third trick, Telegrapher Edwards.

When bidding for positions on bulletin mail a copy of the application to the local chairman, which will keep him informed as to what is being done.  
Drv. Cox.

*Ashland Division—*

At our last meeting in January the following officers were elected to serve our local division for one year from time of election: Bro. D. R. Hickok, chief telegrapher; Bro. P. W. Raettig, first vice-chief telegrapher, and Bro. Chas. Krumrey re-elected secretary.

While on the subject of elections it might be well to report the result of the recent election for local chairman, delegate, etc. Bro. L. F. Nelson was re-elected local chairman and was also elected delegate to represent the Peninsula and Ashland Divisions at the grand convention, which convenes at Atlanta, Ga., in May. Bro. D. R. Hickok was elected alternate. Bro. Nelson wishes to thank the brothers on this division for their loyal support in this election.

The seniority list is at present being revised in the superintendent's office, and ere this appears will probably be in the hands of your local chairman. Several errors in the old list will be corrected. Through an error, Mr. J. R. Carmany's seniority is not stated correctly on the old list. It should be April 11, 1905. This will correct the mistaken impression held by some of the brothers that Mr. Carmany was not entitled to Summit Lake agency, which he received on bulletin.

We are pleased to announce the marriage of Bro. E. M. Coffman, agent at Hatley, but are unable to give the name of the fortunate young lady. We extend him the congratulations of the Ashland Division brothers.

Bro. H. A. Sechrist, who formerly worked at Ulao and other points on the Lake Shore Division, is at his home at Glen Rock, Pa., sick with the dreaded disease tuberculosis. He has been sick now for over a year and is rapidly failing. He asks the brothers to render him whatever financial assistance they can. As Bro. Sechrist was always a loyal O. R. T. man, you are asked to do what you can for him.

Bro. H. Verqowe, working on the C. P. in Canada, is at New London on a visit.

We are in receipt of a postal from Bro. J. N. Jacoby, at Big Timber, Mont., who says that he will pay the Ashland Division boys a visit in June.

Mr. F. E. Klug is at present holding down Kimberly days. Bro. Leurquin went to Rhinelander on bulletin.

Bro. Jones, at Wittenberg, promises to contribute an article to these columns next month on how to do proper blocking, and the value of promptly reporting trains to the train dispatcher.

Bro. Shimeck was elected local chairman on the Lake Shore Division, and Bro. Hackbert, of Appleton, was elected delegate to represent the Nor. Wis. and L. S. Divisions.

Bro. Garvey, at Saxon, paid his parents at Kaukauna a short visit last month.

#### *North End, Ashland Division—*

Bro. Lethenstrom was exchanging grips with the brothers at Rhinelander office last Thursday.

Mr. J. R. Carmany, second trick at Rhinelander, received Summit Lake on bulletin. Bro. Matz, from Flambeau, relieved while Rhinelander office was on bulletin. Bro. Leurquin received Rhinelander second trick.

Bro. Atchison, Tomahawk Lake, made a flying trip to Milwaukee, March 6, on account of the illness of his wife. She is now much better.

Mr. Nelson, at Woodruff, was off a few days last month, Bro. Matz relieving him.

F. E. Klug, of the south end, was at Conover for a few days while Bro. Hutchins was making up his mind whether he would quit. He finally concluded to stay with Conover for a while longer.

Mr. Thomas is holding down Bessemer office since last fall and still we wait for a bulletin of the position. A \$70.00 job, too.

It seems strange when a brother gets a paying station on bulletin he at once loses all interest and drops his membership in the Order. Mr. Nelson, at Woodruff, Mr. Heinrichs, at Mercer, and Mr. Hoyer, at Wakefield, are three bad examples on the north end, and they are all men who worked for \$40 and \$45 before the O. R. T. came on the C. & N.-W. Ry. Div. Cor.

#### *Eastern Division—*

##### A CARD OF THANKS.

Myself and family desire to thank the brothers of the Eastern District for the manner in which they so cheerfully and voluntarily came to our aid during my late misfortune. Although words cannot express our thanks we hope this will convey to your minds the gratitude we feel.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

JAMES M. FRIEND,  
Charleston, Neb.

##### C. St. P. M. & O. Ry.

#### *Eastern District, Wisconsin Division—*

Employees of the Omaha were shocked to hear of the sudden death at St. Paul of Mr. H. C. Hope, superintendent of telegraph. The telegraphers on this line feel that they have suffered a personal loss in the death of Mr. Hope. He was a good friend of the telegraphers and always took a deep interest in everything pertaining to their welfare.

We are informed that Mr. Geo. Boyce has been appointed Mr. Hope's successor. This appointment will be a source of satisfaction to all concerned.

Bro. Marquette, local chairman of the Northern District, met with a severe injury at Shell Lake some time ago. While pushing a baggage truck across the platform he slipped on the ice and a

trunk fell on him, badly lacerating his leg. At the time of this writing he is still confined to the house while the injured limb slowly heals. He has the sympathy of all.

A little bird whispered to us that before this is in print, the gentlemanly cashier at New Richmond will be a benedict. Ed will carry with him the very best wishes of a host of friends among the telegraphers.

Mr. E. R. Swanson, second trick telegrapher at Eau Claire, has resigned, and is now employed as clerk in the freight office at Eau Claire. This will be a good job for some of the old heads when bulletined.

Bro. A. W. Hoffman has been relieving in the general office at St. Paul during the absence of one of the regular men.

Bro. H. Gaarden spent a few weeks at Cameron, relieving Bro. Steiner, who was on the sick list. Bro. Steiner has fully recovered and Bro. Gaarden is now back on his regular job, second trick at Woodville.

Bro. Kvoel held down the second trick at Knapp while Bro. Kanar was relieving at East St. Paul.

Bro. H. J. Pope on first trick while Bro. Pete Anderson holds down the agent's chair pending the appointment of a regular agent.

Bros. Liddane and Tenney spent several days in St. Paul on committee work. Bro. Kanar relieved Bro. Liddane. The latter cleaned up several grievances while off and reports a clean slate on returning to work.

The election is now over and notice of the result has been sent to all members. It is now up to us to support those whom we have chosen to lead us for the next two years. Their path will be anything but smooth at the best, and the least they can expect is the united support of those who have elected them. Help them all you can, boys, and you will find that they will deliver the goods.

Following are assignments on February bulletin: Stanton, A. T., C. V. Fletcher; Barronette, second trick, R. W. Carey; Rice Lake, first trick, H. E. Harbour; Duluth, D. T., G. E. Anderson.

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#### *Minnesota and Iowa Division—*

There has been a radical change in the weather since last we gave you the benefit of a collection of items. Then we were being visited by a blizzard from the Northwest; now we are enjoying balmy spring days, and indications are that our winter weather has passed and bright, pleasant spring is here.

Business on the M. & I. division has been exceptionally good for the past two months, whether caused by the lifting of the recent blockade we are unable to say, but we are inclined to believe that such is not the case.

We are sorry to learn of the serious illness of our old friend, Chas. Fairfield, of St. James. It is reported that as soon as he is able he will have to undergo an operation for appendicitis. Bro. A. P. Jamieson, of Lake Crystal, is relieving him.



Bro. M. E. Haggerty, of Mendota, is relieving Bro. Jamieson at Lake Crystal.

We were surprised and sorry to hear that Bro. A. M. Kehrer, of Mankato, has resigned. For the present he has accepted service with the G. N. Ry. at Fergus Falls, Minn.

Bro. Funk is doing the day stunt at Mankato, and Mr. G. A. Dauffenbaugh, from the Wisconsin Division, is relieving Bro. Funk.

Bro. Kilburg has been doing the agent's stunt at Minneopa vice Bro West.

Bro. F. W. Larson, of the G. N. Ry., is visiting his parents and friends at Madelia.

Bro. Alfred Backer was called to Minneapolis early in March where his father was quite sick. He was relieved by Bro. M. E. Haggerty.

Mr. E. C. Callan, of Woodstock, was laying off; relieved by Mr. J. H. Johnson, of Shakopee.

We understand that Mr. F. E. Straka, formerly agent at Shakopee, has been appointed tariff inspector at Hudson, Wis., and Mr. H. M. Helenaick has a like appointment at St. Paul.

Bro. H. E. Reed, of Lake Wilson, has taken a ninety days' leave of absence, to enable him to give his new position, as cashier in C. T. Spear's office at St. Paul, a trial. He was relieved by Bro. Stolte.

Bro. Wm. Hale has been absent from his duties on account of his wife's ill health, Bro. Levering officiating in his stead. Bro. C. N. Williams relieved Bro. Levering, and later went to Le Sueur as relief.

Local Chairman Tenney was absent from his office a few days lately. On the 8th inst. he transacted business with Mr. Slaker and Mr. Hickey at St. James and also with General Chairman Liddane at St. Paul. Bro. Tenney was re-elected to succeed himself as local chairman, and was also chosen representative to the grand convention at Atlanta, Ga. Bro. G. R. McGinity is his alternate. Bro. Tenney and wife will join Bro. W. J. Liddane and wife and the four will join Bro. Marquette, of the Wisconsin Division, and it is safe to say their trip to Atlanta will be one long to be remembered.

Bro. Wagner, of Garden City, is keeping bachelor hall while his wife is visiting in South Dakota.

Bro. and Mrs. C. M. Bowen, of Lake Crystal, took in the inaugural doings at Washington, D. C., returning on the 11th inst. Mr. A. B. Griffith, of Blue Earth, relieved Bro. Bowen.

The vacancies on the March Bulletin were filled as follows: Carnes, agent-telegrapher, O. J. Smith; Lake Wilson, A. T., A. G. Lane; Su City Shops, D. T., R. A. Westbrook; Savage, third trick, G. F. Stucke; Madelia, third trick, Geo. Jarman; Belle Plaine, second trick, J. H. Johnson; Worthington, third trick, J. M. Locke.

Our old friend, N. S. Costello, of Lake Crystal, with his family, visited relatives at Brewster Sunday, March 21st.

Now that we are fairly working on a basis, and conditions have assumed their normal state, let us all put our shoulders to the wheel and boost for our living. Keep your eyes open, and when you

see or hear of a new man on the division, write the local chairman, first finding out particulars. If he is a member, ascertain to what division he belongs; also get his name and certificate number, which should be given in your letter. This will assist in making and keeping the membership on our division solid.

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#### *Northern District—*

Bro. Marquette wishes to take this opportunity to thank the members for electing him local chairman of the Northern District. He now expects their hearty co-operation and support, for without that his work would be of no avail. If we are to be successful we must all work in unison—"United we stand, divided we fall." Too many think that once their committee is appointed, their part is done. Not so. The committee's hands are tied without the support of the membership. How can you support them? First by promptly paying your dues, and then by keeping you eagle eye open for nons. Do not sit idly in your office and permit a non to work with you, and not find out that this road is organized. You are on the ground and should be able to land him. How many brothers on this division have, during the past year, placed one new member to their credit? If every one would show the proper spirit, this road would soon be solid. Remember, a word from you in the right way is worth any argument your local chairman can put up in writing to a non. This is the way you can help your committee and yourself.

Then, there is your duty to your superiors. Don't sit in your office and listen to your call and not answer it. Always answer promptly. If the dispatcher says something to you that apparently is not within the bounds of reason, don't take offense and cause ill-feeling. He has his troubles and has to answer to his superiors. Be prompt with your correspondence and reports, the sooner they are off your hands the better. Did you ever stop to think how these little things help to win promotion and make the officials appreciate your services? If you do your part, when the committee is before the management for a revision of the schedule, they can truthfully say to the officials "the men do their duty and are deserving."

Local Chairman Marquette met with a serious accident, February 27th, cutting his leg on a trunk at the depot at Shell Lake, which incapacitated him for a month. We are pleased to hear that he is steadily improving, and will soon be at his post again. He was relieved by Bro. E. W. Crandall, from the M. & I. Division, who was later relieved by a Mr. Christie.

We neglected to mention at the time, the transfer of Bro. McElroy, of Bayfield, to the agency at Hayward. This is a good station, and we are glad to see our brother get it. Some new man is at Bayfield.

We are glad to know that Bro. Anderson secured Duluth on bulletin.

We received a very pleasant call from Bro. Brodt, of Clear Lake, who has been appointed traveling tariff inspector of the Northern District. He placed our tariff case in up-to-date condition as required by Uncle Sam.

Bro. Ray F. Biggar is taking an extended lay-off, on account of poor health, and is being relieved by Bro. Crowell.

Results of February bulletin are as follows:

Stanton, A. T., C. V. Fletcher.

Barronett, second trick, R. W. Carey.

Rice Lake, first trick, H. E. Harbour.

Duluth, D. T., G. E. Anderson.

In the recent death of Mr. H. C. Hope, our esteemed superintendent of telegraph and signals, we have lost a good friend. He was dear to all on the road, and a great friend to the telegraphers. A man whose place can not be easily filled in the hearts of the men, and they will all miss him and his good work. The O. R. T. presented a large and beautiful wreath at the funeral. We earnestly hope that his successor will possess the same sterling qualities as did our former superintendent.

Div. Cor.

#### Nebraska Division—

As Bro. Jones has furnished me with a few items, and I have been able to glean a few myself, I will again contribute a write-up from this division.

Bro. Jones relieved Agent Schrupf, at Laurel, for a day or two, while the latter went to dispatcher's office to take the examination.

Mr. Ayers, the agent at Thurston, took a couple of days off recently, to attend to business in Omaha; relieved by Bro. Jones.

Mr. Reed, the agent at Lyons, recently took another trip to California, to see his wife and son. He was relieved by Bro. Foutts.

Bro. O. A. Reveal, who worked as telegrapher at Lyons for several weeks, has left the service.

Bro. A. W. Barge, agent at Hoskins, has gone into the train service, on account of being more in the open air. He will get plenty of the fresh variety in the train service all right. The station was bulletined and bid in by Bro. B. E. Crouch, of Wayne, who has entered upon his duties at that place. Bro. Barge was relieved by Mr. Crinklaw, from Pender, until Bro. Crouch took charge. Mr. Phillips, extra man on the road relieved Bro. Crouch, at Wayne, until Mr. Crinklaw could get there to fill the vacancy.

Bro. C. E. Hedges, second trick at Wakefield, bid in vacancy at Pender, as telegrapher, and has taken up his duties there. Bro. Foutts changed from first trick to second trick at Wakefield, account more money in it. Did not hear who was working first trick.

Telegrapher C. P. Wilson bid in the second trick at Emerson. Bro. Dygert leaving the service.

We understand that Bro. Ferber, at Maskell, bid in the telegraph job at Bloomfield, but reconsidered the matter. Bro. Gragsow is still on duty at Bloomfield.

Bro. Jones is doing the stunt at Tekamah, as clerk, during the absence of the agent, Bro. Ballinger. Our old-time friend C. H. Hamblin, again takes the helm as agent here for a couple of months.

Bro. Carney, first trick at North Yard, was off duty a few days, but we did not learn who relieved him.

Bro. Owens, agent at Magnet, was visiting in Wayne, one afternoon recently.

I wish the boys would keep me informed as to what is going on over the division. So many new men are coming to the line that, if someone near them, or in the same office does not give me the information, I am up against it. A small note would do the trick, and would be appreciated very much.

Div. Cor.

#### Western Maryland Ry.

The general committee held a meeting at Gettysburg, March 23d, for the purpose of electing officers for the next two years, and transacting other important business.

The following is the result of the election:

Bro. R. E. Smith, general chairman, Smithsburg, Md.; Bro. C. T. Rose, general secretary and treasurer, Gettysburg, Pa.; Bro. J. Harry Blocher, local chairman, Maryland Division, Alesia, Md.; Bro. Sommerville, local chairman, West Virginia Division, Gorman, W. Va.

After the meeting adjourned, we were favored with an entertainment as follows:

Music—Gettysburg Band Quartette.

Address—Birth, Childhood and Present Status of Division No. 82, Bro. Smith.

Solo—Rain-in-the-Face, Bro. Gardner.

Monologue and Jokes—Bro. Hickerson.

Music—Band Quartette.

Impersonation—Shakespeare's Hamlet, Bro. Sommerville.

Duet—They Were All Doing the Same, Bros. Berger and Rose.

Scenic Dancing—Bro. Blocher.

Final—America—Everybody, and the Band Quartette.

It is understood that some of the members are a little discouraged, thinking there is nothing being done. To such I would say that the schedule is drawn up and ready to present to the general manager, who promises to meet the committee as soon as the road is reorganized. This, he states, will be done in the near future.

A few of the members have been sending dues to Bro. L. W. Quick, this should be discontinued, and remittances in payment of dues forwarded to our general secretary and treasurer. Remittances in payment of insurance assessments only, should be sent to Bro. Quick.

All members, with the exception of one or two, have paid dues for current term. Let us remit promptly and carry up-to-date cards. Remember, "No Card, No Favors."

Brothers are cautioned not to use railroad stationery in transacting O. R. T. business, as this is in violation of law.

We experienced a snow storm and blizzard this month. Considerable damage was done between Hampstead and Emory Grove, on the B. & H. Division; the snow being about 16 inches deep on the level. All trains were tied up for a day. Telegraph poles and wires were down, practically all communication was suspended for three days.

On the night of March 7th, the freight house at Chambursburg was robbed, but have not learned what was missing.

Conductor Wallet, of Hanover, Pa., made a trip south last month. He reports a very nice time, but says "no New Mexico living for me."

The extra telegraphers are getting an abundance of work at present. A number of the boys spent several days in Washington and attended the inauguration.

Telegrapher M. F. Birely, first trick at Highfield, was off duty a few days last month, on account of the illness and death of his son. He was relieved by Bro. Harbaugh.

Bro. Loy, second trick at Thurmont, was off duty one day recently; relieved by Bro. Breighner.

Bro. Hoke, third trick at Gorman, W. Va., has been laid up for some time, on account of sickness. We hope he will be able to soon resume duty.

Bro. Ernst, of Hampstead, was off two nights recently, visiting relative in Porters.

Telegrapher Martin, second trick at Hampstead, was relieved two nights by Bro. Tuck. Mr. Martin has been moving.

Bro. Mummert, third trick at York, resigned last month. He is going to Savannah, Ga., in search of a better position, and we all wish him success. Telegrapher H. Dubbs filled the vacancy at York.

Bro. Kalebaugh, second trick at Hanover, is spending a day with friends at Hampstead; relieved by Bro. Breighner.

Bro. Berger, third trick at Gettysburg, recently made a business trip to Baltimore.

Bro. Breighner relieved telegrapher Perren, of Lawndale, for one day.

Get busy and send your correspondent all the items you can get together. We have not heard from the West Virginia Division for some time.

Div. Cor.

### Bangor & Aroostook Ry.

#### *Southern Division—*

We are sorry to learn that Bro. E. N. Tapley has been sick at his home in Robinsons, and unable to work all winter.

Mr. M. W. Mosher, freight clerk at Brownsville, recently took a trip to Washington, D. C. He was relieved by Bro. Hamilton.

Bro. J. B. Cookson was off duty a few days recently, and was relieved by Mr. Mosher.

Bro. Whipple has returned to his old stand at K. I. Works, after spending the winter in the State of New York, on account of his health, which we are glad to state has improved. He has been working a private line.

Bro. E. J. Matthews, who has been doing relief work at Stockton all winter, has bid in Staceyville station, and will assume charge at that point as soon as relieved.

Mr. M. J. Goodere, of Limestone, secured Stockton agency, on bulletin.

Bro. Hamilton drew Patton assistant's position, on bulletin, and has taken up his duties there.

Bro. Ingus is relieving at Millinocket freight offices, while the position is up for bid.

Bro. Bamford secured Sherman, nights, on bulletin.

Bro. Williamson, of Norcuss, recently spent Sunday at Milo, with relatives.

It is understood that Bro. Crozier, who is located at Moason Junction, is contemplating buying an auto this spring.

Bro. C. R. Bowley, who is now located at North Jay, on the N. C. R. R., recently spent a week at Staceyville. He was formerly employed on the B. & A. Ry. CERT. 90.

### Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Ry.

#### *Rochester Division—*

Our worthy Local Chairman, Bro. L. P. O'Brien, has appointed me "scribe" of this division, to look after our write-up in *THE TELEGRAPHER*. I will cheerfully do my best to send in a good, lively article each month, if the brothers along the Rochester Division will do their part, by contributing their "mite." You must understand it is impossible for me to get all the news of the Rochester Division without assistance, and if each one who gets hold of any items of interest, however insignificant, will send it to me on a postal card at 15 Ringle Place, Rochester, you will be helping along a good cause.

As I read the write-ups from various railroads, I notice two-thirds of them contain a request that the members interest themselves more in sending these little items of news to the division correspondent. Let us see if we can not have a write-up each month hereafter that will not contain these "appeals." The item may not concern you personally, but do not wait for some one else to send it in, because he may not send it, then it will, perhaps, go unpublished.

I am sure a division in as good standing, and as near solid as ours, should be well represented each and every month, and with your co-operation it will be. All push together and results are sure to follow both in the securing of new members and in the awakening of interest in old members.

If a non on our division sees a journal month after month, in which there is no mention of "B. R. & P., Division No. 92" he will think we are a "dead-letter," and one can not blame him for not showing any special interest in the matter of filling out his "papers."

If you should think this attempt, or any succeeding one of sufficient interest, mark it and lend your journal to some non-member. Getting them interested in a friendly way is much better, to my way of thinking, than threats, etc.

Endeavor to secure at least one application, and notice how soon we will be able to call ourselves "solid." There are some fine prizes offered in June for applications. Try for a ring or charm at least. "Your Uncle Dudley" has a ring nearly cinched already, and there is not an awful lot of material to work on at this end either. "13" there are several nons strung along the division, who would be glad to join if approached in the right way.

Bro. L. P. O'Brien requests me to state that he has been elected to the local chairmanship for another term. Bro. H. R. Childs was elected delegate, and Bro. O'Brien, alternate, to the convention to be held at Atlanta, Ga., in May. There was no opposition to any of the above candidates. The necessary vote was cast by the secretary, thereby making it unnecessary to send out ballots.

Bro. Carney, of "MS," dispatcher's office, off a few days recently; relieved by Mr. Green, from Silver Lake Junction.

Bro. Childs, of "W," Warsaw, was off duty for a week, and was also relieved by Mr. Green.

With a final "plea" for your co-operation in this work, I will "plug out." Div. Cor.

### Illinois Central Ry.

#### Chicago Division—

Chicago Division, of System Division No. 93, held its regular meeting at Gilman, Ills., March 13th.

Meeting called to order by Chief Telegrapher Bro. Walters. Members present, fifteen. After the usual routine of business, we proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year. Bro. R. R. Searl, of Savoy, Ill., was elected chief telegrapher; Bro. Reynolds, first vice-chief telegrapher; Bro. Hupp, second vice-chief telegrapher; Bro. Barr, secretary and treasurer; Bro. Newton, inside sentinel; Bro. Tune was appointed outside sentinel. Bro. Morrison was prevented from being present by sickness at home. We were sorry to note the brother's absence, as he always gives the members good advice and instruction. He wrote a letter expressing his regret, and conveying his best wishes, for the success of the craft.

Try to attend the meetings as often as possible, and let us endeavor to make them instructive by making notes of perplexing matters that come up during the daily routine of business and bringing them to the meetings for discussion. Such a course on the part of each and every one of us would make the meetings not only interesting but instructive, and I have no doubt but that our officials would encourage such action and aid us to attend meetings, and, moreover, would attend themselves to instruct and assist us.

Bro. Woolley, of Pesotum, is laying off, attending to the duties of township collector, being relieved by J. R. Billingsby.

I take this means to request Bros. Stone, Marshall, Pendergast and Burkey to send news from their respective divisions. Items should reach me not later than the 17th of each month. Any

brother hearing news of interest will please notify the correspondent, who will see that the item reaches the journal in time for publication.

J. F. C.

#### Peoria Division—

We trust that the Order will be just as prosperous during the present year as the one just ended, and such will be the case if we put our shoulder to the wheel and push things along.

Bro. C. J. Walker has been re-elected local chairman for the Peoria Division, and it is to be hoped that everyone will do all in his power to make the membership on this division solid.

Only one contribution has been received this month, so don't complain if the items from this division are brief. Certainly each brother could send at least one item. Remember the old saying, "every little bit helps." I am doing all I can to have Peoria Division well represented each month, but unless the membership comes across and assists me I will have to give it up as a "bad job."

Business seems to be improving and quite a number of extra trains are running. Local freight business is reported heavier by the local crews. We are glad to see this; let the good work continue.

Bro. E. E. Boyer, agent at New Harmony, took a vacation of sixty days and spent the time touring the South, visiting Atlanta, Ga., Montgomery, Ala., Palmetto, Brandentown and Tampa, Florida. He also visited New Orleans, La., where he witnessed the Mardi Gras parades. He was relieved by Bro. Caster, from the extra list. Bro. Boyer reports a royal good time.

During the past year a large number of new members have been initiated into this division. We have made a good showing and we are proud of it, but we want to make this year a banner year and we can do so if we make the proper effort. There are a few nons in the service who have been with us for some time, but we are after them and have strong hopes of landing them in the near future. Whenever a new man comes to work it is our duty to go after him and find out whether he has an up-to-date card and if not ascertain why. Don't take no for an answer, but make it so warm for him that he will be glad to come across and do the right thing. We need these men in the Order and they need us.

Bro. C. J. Walker, local chairman, was in Anna, a few days in March, to assist in auditing the books of the general secretary and treasurer, Bro. R. L. Shannon. He was relieved by Bro. Caster, from the extra board. CHAT. 1315.

#### Louisiana Division—

After a storm a calm. Not exactly a storm, but a red-hot campaign. This was the most interesting election held for several years and one of the most harmonious. Bro. J. W. Miller was elected local chairman by a substantial majority. Bro. F. E. Rehorst was elected representative and Bro. C. A. Head alternate. The local board of adjust-

ment for this division is made up as follows: Bro. Miller, chairman; Bro. W. B. Sanders, Yazoo District; Bro. W. H. Serrett, Canton District, and Bro. S. C. Turner, McComb District.

Bro. E. I. Bordages, "CO," New Orleans, has been appointed division correspondent, and all items for THE TELEGRAPHER should be sent to the local chairman, who will turn them over to Bro. Bordages.

We have an excellent local board of adjustment; all hustlers and enthusiastic members, and it goes without saying that grievances will be handled promptly and in a satisfactory manner. Members are invited to co-operate with the local board. Individual effort is what we most desire.

Our regular monthly meeting was held at McComb, Sunday night, March 14. Owing to inclement weather, a large crowd did not materialize. Several applications for membership were considered and several grievances were acted upon. Bro. J. G. Hayes occupied the chair. Regular monthly meetings will be held at McComb every second Sunday night. Members will please bear the date in mind, as notices will not be sent out for the McComb meeting in future. Meetings will be held at Jackson, Miss., occasionally, for the benefit of the Yazoo and Natchez Districts of the Y. & M. V., as they are unable to attend meetings at McComb. Members will be notified by card of the Jackson meetings.

Our general committee will convene at Memphis, March 24, to elect a general chairman and general secretary and treasurer, also an assistant general chairman, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before it.

Bro. S. N. West, second trick at Gwin, Miss., had his card stolen by a telegrapher named C. A. Morey, who came into the office during Bro. West's absence. Card is in Division No. 93, Certificate No. 2815. This man is headed north, and if card is presented, take it up and return it to the general secretary and treasurer of Division 93.

Bro. C. Galvani is still at his home in Magnolia, Miss. in a precarious condition from a stroke of paralysis and his life is despaired of. Bro. T. S. Akers is acting as agent at Manchac during Bro. Galvani's illness.

Maj. J. B. Kemp, who has been division superintendent of the I. C. and Y & M. V. at different points for the past twenty-five years, died in New Orleans, March 6, and was buried at Canton, Miss.

Bro. W. I. McFatter has resigned and is now working for the Western Union at New Orleans.

Bro. Edward Moon, second trick at Jackson, Miss., has returned from a visit to relatives at Tupelo, Miss. Drv. Con.

#### *Tennessee Division—*

Everything seems to be moving along in the usual manner.

We have held our annual election, and officers for the ensuing year have been elected as follows: Bro. E. Cosgrove, Fulton, Ky., local chairman; Bro. E. L. Mathis, of Greenfield, Tenn., representative to the grand convention at Atlanta, Ga.;

Bro. W. B. Romine, alternate. Almost everyone is well pleased.

There is a rumor that telephones are to be installed on the Louisville Division. I was over that division a few days ago and could learn nothing about it.

Bro. Nesmith worked extra a few days at Cairo, Ill., ticket office.

Bro. Sowrey, of Illinois Jct., recently relieved the agent at Pulaski, Ill., for a few days, while Bro. Campbell relieved Bro. Sowrey at Illinois Jct.

Bro. Dye, of Ballard Jct., is off duty a few days, enjoying a visit home.

Bro. Arter, of Cairo ticket office, secured Mounds, nights, regular.

Bro. C. V. Lynch, of Wickliffe, Ky., is off a few days on vacation.

Bro. Edwards, of Bardell, nights, is visiting relatives at Louisville, Ky.

Bro. W. A. Wooldridge, formerly of Holly Springs, Miss., secured the position of assistant ticket agent and second trick telegrapher at Fulton, Ky., on bulletin.

Bro. E. Cosgrove, our local chairman, is in Chicago, looking after the interest of the Order; relieved by Bro. Scott, who is on extra board.

Extra Train Dispatcher S. L. Brown relieved Bro. J. E. House a few days in Fulton ticket office, on account of Bro. House being sick.

Bro. O. T. Buffalow, of Martin, Tenn., was off a few days recently on a business trip. Bro. O. H. McFarlin, of Martin, is off a few days visiting home folks in Medina, Tenn. Both were relieved by Extra Telegrapher Bro. J. E. House.

Bro. J. C. Mills, of Greenfield, Tenn., has not entirely recovered, although he is again at work.

Bro. D. T. McAdoo, of Lawrence, has just returned from his honeymoon. He was relieved by Mr. Morris, of Fulton, who was quite seriously injured by a train.

Bro. W. B. Maxwell, of Frogmoor, was sick and off duty a few days. He was relieved by Telegrapher McPiggott.

Bro. J. M. Graves, of Oxford, Miss., was sick and off duty for a few days; relieved by Bro. Matthews.

Bro. W. P. Hardaway, of Michigan City, off a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. Greer.

Bro. C. S. Chandler, formerly of Gibbs, Tenn., landed Holly Springs, Miss., on bulletin.

Bro. W. H. Whitis, of Gibbs, was recently off for a few days, visiting home folks at Boaz and Paducah, Ky. He was relieved by Bro. A. E. Pace, an extra telegrapher.

We are all glad to learn of Bros. B. W. Aldin and V. A. McClure being reinstated.

We have some four or five extra men, but they are kept busy, and at times it is hard to get relief.

No further news at present. I trust this is to be our banner year. Remember, organization is the only way to win. While we are nearly solid, we must not lose energy, but keep in touch with all newcomers, if there be any, and line them up as fast as possible. CHET. 1099.

*Mississippi Division—*

Several new men are working on Grenada District, on account of Mardi Gras business.

The regular meeting was held at Grenada on the 7th inst., and quite a number were present, but not as many as should have been there.

Bro. Bull was nominated for local chairman without opposition. He was also nominated for representative with Bro. T. E. Winborn as opponent. It is hard to say who will be elected, but either will fill the bill satisfactorily. Bros. J. E. West and H. R. Western were nominated for alternates.

Bro. Crow, of West, has been rusticated for a few days this month; relieved by Bro. Prigmore. Nesbitt and Sturges are bulletined.

Second trick at Sardis is also on bulletin, and is being held down at present by Bro. Shomette.

Mr. D. F. Coward was off duty for a few days this month on account of sickness in his family. We are glad to note that he is again on "deck" and reports that his wife is better.

The brothers will have to help out on the correspondence if they want items to be in the journal regularly. Just send to Bro. Bull any news you may have and he will forward it to me.

Hope to see a large crowd at Durant next meeting. CERT. 1658.

*Dubuque Division—*

Bro. F. E. Conca, of Waverly, gets Masonville agency on bulletin.

Bro. C. B. Stocks, day telegrapher at Nashua, has resigned to go into other business. He was fourteen years in continuous service.

M. B. Norman secured third trick at Independence on bulletin.

Bro. S. V. Norman is relieving him for a short time, Bro. Norman being relieved at Charles City, nights, by A. G. Donahue.

C. A. Heath secured "CW," Waterloo, first trick, on bulletin.

Bro. O. O. Kilgore is acting as relief agent at Masonville until regular man is checked in.

Bro. J. J. Duffy is filling the bill to perfection as agent at Dyersville.

Bro. B. A. Patrick is working relief on third trick and Bro. C. O. Butler working relief on second trick at "CW," Waterloo.

Bro. S. V. Braden, of first trick "FE," Independence, was the oldest applicant for first trick at "CW," Waterloo, but after looking over the situation, decided that he would not be making much money on a \$7.50 raise in salary and a \$20.00 raise in rent.

Mr. W. R. McKelvie, of the I. & D. Division of the Milwaukee, is doing the relief act in Bro. Stocks' place at Nashua, until bulletin bid is filled.

Mr. L. J. Smith, of the dispatcher's office, Dubuque, did the dispatching on Albert Lea District during the recent "wireless" period. All wires were down between Independence and Waterloo for nearly two weeks and "smoke signals" were

about the only means the trains had of getting over the road between these points.

O. E. Sternberg, of "X," Chicago, was at Waterloo as "wire chief" while the wires were being lined up again.

Bro. W. J. Filtz, of "KB," Dubuque, nights, took a short vacation and went to New Orleans to take in the Mardi Gras. Understand Bro. A. S. Mould acted as his relief. Bro. Mould lately returned from the Southern Pacific.

Bro. J. F. Brown was assisting Bro. F. W. Lacy at "KB," Dubuque, days, during the time of the wire trouble.

Work on the new electric interlocking tower at Dubuque Junction is progressing rapidly and it will only be a matter of a short time until the brothers at "JC" will have charge of one of the finest towers in the state. It will be located between the C. G. W. and I. C. tracks, about two blocks west of the old office.

Bro. M. F. Houlahan, of East Dubuque, was relieved a few days recently on account of the death of his brother at Ryan, Iowa. Bro. Houlahan has the sympathy of all in his bereavement.

Bro. J. E. Davis was recently off duty for thirty days and was relieved by Bro. F. E. Conca. Bro. Conca secured Masonville agency on bulletin.

Bro. M. S. Resor, third trick at Scales Mound, has resigned and expects to go to Kansas.

Mr. E. Parkhurst, agent at Lyle, has returned from his vacation and Bro. H. G. Farley, who relieved him has returned to second trick at Glenville.

Traveling Auditor W. G. Conner recently called on a few of the boys on the Albert Lea District and, as usual, found everything in "apple pie order."

It seems strange that we can't get news from the east end of the division. Someone had better get busy over there and keep us posted on what's going on.

At this writing Bro. Shannon, G. S. T., advises that most of the boys have paid their dues for the period January to June 30, 1909. Have you paid yours?

Keep after the nons. If a new man comes on the division and he is a member of some other division, secure his certificate and division number and advise Bro. Shannon in order that he may have him transferred to No. 93, as that is where he will do the most good.

Have you attended a meeting of the Key City Telegraphers' Club? Come down to the next meeting and see the "big doings."

LINE M. UP.

**Chicago Great Western Ry.***Northwest Division—*

We notice that the "Poetically Inclined" made a big noise in the February number of the journal. These poems add gaiety to the write-up and the journal, and if there are any poets on the Northwest Division let them come forth and be known.

Bro. J. B. Duvall, who has been handling second trick at Rich Valley for some time, has secured the agency at Coates.

Bro. Vermillion, of Randolph, first trick, was transferred to Dodge Center, second trick. Telegrapher Sourchan relieved him.

Agent Hine, formerly of Elkton, is at present relieving W. L. Albrecht, agent at Fredericksburg.

Bro. F. J. Donovan, second trick at South St. Paul, is laying off for a couple of weeks and is being relieved by Bro. J. P. Trichler, from the Rock Island road.

Bro. C. E. Norris, agent at Inver Grove, was elected local chairman for the Northwest Division, to succeed Bro. H. R. Grannis, resigned. Bro. Norris is a staunch union man, a hard worker and a genial brother, and I am sure I voice the sentiments of all in declaring that a better choice could not have been made for local chairman.

Mr. J. P. Houston, at one time our chief dispatcher, and for the past few years train master of this division, has severed his connection with the C. G. W. Ry. and has accepted a position on the Milwaukee road as assistant superintendent. I feel safe in stating that Mr. Houston was better known and came closer to the hearts of the workmen than any official this road has had for years, and we regret very much to have him leave us. We are confident that he will "make good" in his new position, and we are glad to know that other workmen are to be governed by his just and honest hand.

Bro. F. G. Norris, second trick at Inver Grove, performed the strenuous duties of agent at that place while his brother, C. E. Norris, was acting on the committee.

Telegrapher Wallace, of West Concord, is reported sick, and Mr. A. B. Cook is relieving him.

Telegrapher E. L. Johnson, who has been working second trick at Vlasaty for some time, is laying off temporarily. A new man, Mr. I. B. Short, is relieving.

It is not necessary to comment upon the work of the general committee while that august body was negotiating with the railway officials. The results of their efforts are well known and we can only admit that far more was accomplished than was expected. The affairs of the railway company being in the condition in which they were, made the task a very difficult one, and the committee is to be congratulated upon their success. The treatment they received from the officials was beyond all reproach, and Mr. Cornelisen, general superintendent, showed them the greatest respect and courtesy. He took considerable interest in the telegraphers and their work, and spent an unusual amount of time and energy in assisting the committee in the revision of the schedule. At the close of the conference the members of the committee returned to their homes bearing a warm spot in their hearts for the general superintendent. With this feeling of loyalty and friendship existing between employer and employees, there can be but one result, and that is, faithful, prompt and obedient discharge of duty.

Bro. F. Cain, formerly of Coates, second trick, has been transferred to second trick at Rich Valley. He was relieved at Coates by Mr. F. W. Burns, a C. T. U. of A. man.

After completing the work of revising the schedule and adjusting other minor matters, General Chairman Albrecht started on a tour of inspection and organizing, and expects to visit every division and town on the system. There will be no escape for the nons now, and if you, Mr. Non, wish to keep your scalp and avoid an embarrassing interview with the enemy in your own den, my advice to you is, get a card and get it quick.

Div. Cor.

FREDERICKSBURG, IOWA, March 22, 1909.

*To Members of Division No. 96:*

The committee of Division No. 96 convened at St. Paul, on March 5th, for the purpose of revising our present schedule and making it conform with the federal nine-hour law.

The committee framed a new set of rules and changed the wage scale, where conditions required it, and presented same to General Superintendent O. Cornelisen, March 8th, and was in daily conference with him until negotiations were completed. On account of the road being in the hands of receivers, our outlook was not very promising, but even under these trying conditions we were able to secure a new working and wage scale which every member should feel proud of.

We now have the best schedule of any road entering the Twin Cities or Chicago, not excluding such roads as the C. & N. W., C. M. & St. P., C. R. I. & P., C. St. P. M. & O., and the C. B. & Q., and all lines that come in close contact with our line. We received money concessions, and also new rules, such as no other line has been able to secure. We were treated in the most courteous manner by the officials, who extended us the working conditions and wages that we requested, with a few exceptions.

The members of Division No. 96 should feel proud of the concessions granted by the officials, and appreciate the work done by their committee.

Now, brothers, your committee has returned, is with you day and night to fight your battles, and don't forget your duty as members. There is plenty of room for improvement. Be loyal to your employer and perform your duties promptly and well. Be men amongst men and when you show yourself thus, the officials will be glad to receive you with open arms and consider any grievance you may have.

They will be glad to meet this kind of working material and give you the benefit of any doubt that may arise in your case.

Will you do your part? Your committee has done its part and expect as much from you.

In conclusion, I wish to say that every member should make it his business to line up the nons remaining in the jurisdiction of Division No. 96. Should a non-member come in our midst, get acquainted with him, treat him kindly, show him the benefits to be derived from joining our Order,

and kindly ask him to become one of us. Do not allow him to remain outside the fold without an effort on your part. If he does not then appreciate our Order or the company, he is not honest with himself and can not expect the others to have much respect for him.

Yours fraternally,

W. L. ALBRECHT, *General Chairman, Div. 96.*

#### *Ft. Dodge Division—*

With the help of the membership on the Ft. Dodge Division we are going to have a write-up each month, which will keep the boys interested, we hope, and possibly increase our membership, which has fallen off to some extent in the last year.

We are going to ask each member to send at least one item of interest, and as many more as convenient, to the local chairman not later than the 20th of each month, who will arrange in proper form and forward to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

Let each brother do his duty in this matter and not expect the local chairman to do all this work without assistance. He is not in a position to find out the changes as soon as they occur, and can not keep up interest in this work without the help of the membership.

By the time this is in your hands you will have a copy of the new schedule that our committee secured at St. Paul, March 12, 1909. Those of the boys who have seen a copy are greatly pleased with it, especially in regard to the third trick positions, which were put on an equal basis with the second trick positions with but few exceptions. This matter has been causing much ill feeling since the nine-hour law went into effect and was the principal reason for convening the committee. We understand that the negotiations were carried on in a friendly manner and that our committee was treated very courteously by the management and given every concession that was possible to be given at this time. The committee did its best to treat all members alike, having in mind the good of the membership as a whole and not favoring any one in particular. If there is any member who is the of the opinion that he was not fairly treated, we refer him to the general committee, who will gladly take care of his case with a view to adjusting any inequality that may exist.

Bro. A. G. Peterson, second trick at Harlan, bid in Irwin agency.

It is a source of satisfaction to note that positions are again being bulletined, thereby giving every one an equal chance for promotion.

Bro. Quirk, of Carroll, is working side table at Clarion. We can not say whether the position is permanent.

Bro. A. W. Hansen, second trick telegrapher at Eagle Grove, has taken the agency at Burchinal, former Agent Davis going to Meservey.

Bro. W. H. Mooney is relieving Bro. Hodges, of Redlyn, during his absence with the committee at St. Paul.

Bro. J. M. Poole, of Bristow, has been taking a much-needed vacation. H. L. Cole is doing the relief work.

Here's hoping you will wake up and get busy. Do all you can for the good of the Order by securing new members, keeping your local chairman posted on changes, and, above all, being a "live one," which does not mean to merely pay your dues and think you have done your part. If you desire these communications to continue, please show your colors by doing your part of the work, thereby encouraging those who are trying to keep up interest.

CERTS. 102 AND 321.

#### *Eastern Division—*

The new schedule goes into effect April 1, with a few welcome changes in the rules. All third trick positions now pay the same as second.

Virgil has been opened as a night office, with Mr. Roy La Force in charge. This is the first time Virgil has ever had a night man, and is a good indication that business on this division is improving.

The following positions have been bulletined and filled: Sycamore, third trick, Bro. O. N. Jordan; Richardson, second trick, Bro. R. D. Keys; Esmond, agency, Mr. A. L. Rodgers; Kent, second trick, Bro. J. P. Downey; Stockton, third trick, Bro. Geo. Trezona; Dubuque, third trick, Mr. O. A. Quigley; Fair Grounds, second trick, Bro. H. C. Kelley; Farley, second trick, Mr. E. C. Fuller; Grof, agency, Bro. R. G. Lewis; Grof, second trick, Mr. Hudson; Farley, agency, Bro. E. S. Kretz.

Bro. Lennon, of Kidder, left on the 4th to take a ninety-day vacation. He is going on a farm in Minnesota to regain his health.

Telegrapher Shara, a new man, is working third trick at Farley.

Mr. A. M. Handsfield, of Chicago, went to Pearl City as relief but returned. He was relieved by Mr. C. R. Allen, who is at present relieving at Oneida.

Bro. N. H. Cornell, a N. P. man, is working third trick at Pearl City.

Bro. T. E. Penticoff, of Stockton, was the successful applicant for the agency at Wilkinson.

Bro. M. J. Martin, regular second trick man at Pearl City, relieved the agent, Bro. Basham, while he was in St. Paul on committee work.

Let every one consider himself an organizer and endeavor to line up his side-partner or neighbor. This would soon result in our being one hundred per cent strong on this end.

If a brother at each office would notify me when a change takes place I would be in a better position to give a complete write-up each month. It would only take a few minutes' time and would be of great assistance to me. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.



**Seaboard Air Line Ry.***Fifth Division—*

The February meeting was held in the Pulaski House, Savannah, Sunday, February 28th, with an encouraging attendance.

The matter of formally installing Bro. Tidwell, our new local chairman, was of considerable interest to those present, and consumed some time. We believe that Bro. Tidwell will make an efficient official, and every member should cheerfully render him assistance at any and all times.

A committee was appointed by Bro. Tidwell, to formulate resolutions relative to the resignation of Bro. Smith.

The advisability of the local chairman, requesting division officials (company) to address our meetings, when convenient, was discussed. It was the unanimous opinion of the members present that this plan would result in the betterment of the service, and increased capability of the members who attend and hear the talks made by our officials. In future such addresses will be a feature of our meetings, when convenient. Refreshments will be served at all our meetings, and we feel justified in anticipating an increased attendance.

Meeting for March will be held at Americus, and Bro. Castleberry has promised us some thing good in the way of refreshments.

We were pleased to note the attendance of Bro. Brown, of Fitzgerald, at the meeting in Savannah.

Bro. J. C. Smith was appointed secretary and division correspondent, and if you know of anything that would likely prove of interest to the membership, drop him a line at Bellville.

Bro. Z. B. Littlejohn is now located at "YN," Americus.

Bro. Tidwell is anxious that each member go to work on the few remaining nons, and secure their applications.

Those who are up-to-date, and who desire to keep themselves informed, not only relative to matters pertaining to the Order, but to the service in general, should make every reasonable effort to attend, not only one meeting, but all of them.

These meetings are going to prove very interesting and instructive, to say nothing of the pleasures of social intercourse. Our local chairman, as previously stated, is making an effort to secure the presence of our superintendent, assistant general freight agent, chief dispatcher, assistant general passenger agent, and others who will indicate those things in our daily routine duties that either add to their burden or lighten it, as the case may be. So wake up and let us have the pleasure of your presence at the next meeting.

CERT 147.

**IN RECOGNITION.**

WHEREAS, Bro. D. C. Smith, by reason of the increasing pressure of other duties, has found it necessary to sever his connection with our Order in an official capacity, and

WHEREAS, Bro. Smith has been closely identified with the Order as Local Chairman for several

years past, during which time he has greatly aided in building up and maintaining a solid line-up, and

WHEREAS, His devotion to the Order and the individual members thereof, his unremitting patience, and his uniform good nature under various trying conditions, has endeared him to the membership, be it

*Resolved*, That we express to Bro. Smith our sincere appreciation of his labors in our behalf as an official, and our high regard for him as a brother, and that we extend to him our heartfelt wishes for his future prosperity and happiness, and be it further

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be spread on our minutes, printed in *THE TELEGRAPHER*, and a copy mailed Bro. Smith.

W. T. WILLIAMS,

A. F. FANNING,

J. C. SMITH,

*Committee.*

**San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Ry.**

The result of election of delegate and alternate to the convention will not be known in time to publish in this issue of *THE TELEGRAPHER*. Therefore, it will appear in next month's number.

The promptness with which our members have sent in semi-annual dues, and the manner in which they voted for delegate and alternate, indicates that they are taking a keen interest in the affairs of the division.

Undoubtedly there are a number of brothers employed on the S. P. L. A. & S. L., who have not been transferred to this division. If such is the case, the brother, himself, or any member, knowing of such a case, would confer a favor by advising the general secretary and treasurer of this division, so transfer can be made.

Wish to thank the membership for courtesies extended to me since assuming office last June. Should I be your secretary at the time of rendering reports for the present year, I shall be able to get them to you at an earlier date, as the work and procedure will not be so new to me, as they were during the past year.

Any suggestions from the membership are always gladly received.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours in S. O. and D.,

L. R. TUTTLE,

G. S. and T. Div. No. 111.

**Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Ry.**

A meeting to elect officers was held at Hancock, February 28th. Bro. C. Rief, Lake Linden, was unanimously chosen for representative to the Grand Division, with Bro. E. J. Steusser, Seney, as alternate.

Election of officers as follows:

Chairman Mackinaw Division, Bro. M. B. Marsh, of Wetmore.

Chairman Houghton Division, Bro. Aug. Carlson, of Ishpeming.

Chairman Western Division, Bro. M. J. Clossey, of Trout Creek.

Owing to the absence of Bros. Carlson and Marsh, no appointment was made for general chairman and general secretary and treasurer.

Bro. A. W. Stark, of Baraga, returned from a trip to Mexico, a few days ago. He was relieved by Bro. J. H. McLean, first trick at L'anse.

Bro. F. W. Knepple, agent at L'anse, recently spent a few days in Milwaukee. He was relieved by Bro. J. H. McLean.

Mr. Collins, of Keweenaw Bay, is absent on his wedding trip. He was relieved by Mr. Willman, the day telegrapher, who was in turn relieved by a Mr. Hamilton, from the N. P.

Mr. K. H. Gilbert, from the Omaha Ry., is now working second trick at L'anse.

Mr. D. H. Persons bid in second trick at Ishpeming, on bulletin.

Bro. M. J. Clossey, local chairman, reports the Western Division in very good shape, but he will have to do a little missionary work at several points along the line.

Bros. S. G. Warner, L. A. Draval and the general chairman checked up the books of Bro. C. Reif, the secretary, which were found to be in first-class condition.

Bro. R. G. Bishop, second trick at Nestoria, bid in the agency at Nestoria, relieving Mr. Flatley. Bro. Bishop was relieved by Bro. Adams, the third trick man, Bro. Ford taking third trick.

Bro. R. A. Parrot, of Allouez, bid in the agency at Lake Nebagamon, relieving Mr. A. E. Brittan. Unable to say who relieved Bro. Parrot.

We have several nons on the division, some of whom, until recently, were in good standing. Every one of these boys should see the error of his ways, and get back into the fold at once. Get up-to-date, do what is right by yourselves, and your duty to your fellow-workmen. Every member should appoint himself a committee of one to solicit the non next to him. Get him in line. Don't wait for the brother next to you to move, but take the initiative.

I notice we have had no write-up in the journal for several months. Let everybody do his utmost to gather up items and send them to me. We can then have a good write-up every month.

Div. Cor.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in his infinite wisdom to take from us our loyal Bro. F. E. Hastings. Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That D. S. S. & A. Division No. 116 extend to the wife and family of our deceased brother our heartfelt sympathy; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the records of this division, a copy sent to the deceased brother's family, and one to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

(Signed) S. G. WARNER,  
A. W. STARK,  
L. A. DRAVAL,  
Committee.

#### Lehigh Valley Ry.

##### Auburn Division—

The Order on the Lehigh Valley R. R. needs the support of every agent and telegrapher on the entire system. Every man should come to the front and help a movement which will not alone benefit the agents and telegraphers but the company as well. The Order at all times upholds only that which is right and protects only those who do their duty to the very best of their ability. Every telegrapher on the system should give the movement his loyal support and help to bring the division to a high standard of perfection in the shortest possible time. The officials are not adverse to organization if such organization is carried on in the right spirit. They expect, and have a right to expect, from us at all times the proper performance of our duties. Every man should endeavor to give first-class service, loyally support the Order and do everything in his power to cultivate a better relationship between employer and employee. We want and need a schedule on the Lehigh Valley R. R., and it can only be secured by each and every man lending a helping hand. If a schedule were in force no doubt every member of the Order would show his appreciation by rendering better service and the company, in the end, would be benefited by reason of such improvement in service. This has been demonstrated time and again on well-organized roads.

No matter with whom you speak you hear expressions of dissatisfaction with conditions as they now exist. Should the company and the men employed as agents and telegraphers reach an amicable agreement, things would adjust themselves, everybody would be satisfied, and, consequently, strive to better the service, as the incentive to do so would be far greater.

The agent renders the greatest service to the company, and yet is placed below the level occupied by others who merely do as he requests. Through the agent come business for the traffic department, which is the mainstay—the lifeblood of a railroad system. He is at all times on the alert for business. Solicitors are located at all principal points, but to look after the whole territory properly without the assistance of the agent would require just double or treble the number of solicitors. This, of course, would be an extra expense to the company, therefore we, the agents and assistants and telegraphers are expected and required to act in the capacity of solicitor whenever occasion demands it.

In addition to handling the wires, the telegrapher must at all times be ready and willing to wait upon the traveling public in a courteous manner. This being the case, why should we not ask for and receive as good salaries and working conditions as employees in other departments? Why should we be obliged to work seven days each week, with no evenings to ourselves, no vacation and no extra compensation? Why should not our hours of labor be limited, with pay for overtime? There is no reason why we should not, but the reason why we do not enjoy the above

Is because we are unorganized and do not stand together for the right. We do not give the Order our support and try to bring about a better state of affairs.

Fellow agents and telegraphers, the securing of better conditions and salaries rests with you. Look up the local representative of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, join the organization and give it your loyal support by assisting the officials in thoroughly organizing the road. Get in line and help do something to raise the standard of the service and the standard of salaries for agents and telegraphers.

Don't keep your TELEGRAPHER locked up for safe keeping. Pass it along to some non on the L. V. R. R. and be particular to mark everything referring to the O. R. T. on the L. V. R. R.

### R. F. & P. Ry.

The regular monthly meeting of Division No. 125 was called to order at 7:30 p. m., March 12, with Bro. G. A. Bowles in the chair. Minutes of the February meeting were read and approved. Other business was handled as usual in an expeditious manner.

During the inaugural period Bros. Riney and Herndon were sent to "H" office at Washington, to assist during the rush.

Business appears to be on the increase, which is very gratifying. We hope to see it reach normal proportions within a short time.

At our February meeting Bro. D. D. Davis was elected chief telegrapher and Bro. J. S. Dempsey first vice-chief.

The committee appointed to count the ballot report the following elected: Chairman, L. B. of A., north end, Bro. J. A. Crowley; chairman L. B. of A., south end, Bro. D. D. Davis; delegate to the convention to be held at Atlanta, Ga., Bro. R. M. Graham; alternate, Bro. C. H. Boschen.

I understand that we have a number of telegraphers on the line who decline to join us, owing to the fact that they at sometime during their lives, came in contact with a member of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers who was not up to the standard. This appears to be about the flimsiest excuse that one could offer, but, no doubt, it was made on account of their not having a better one. It is impossible to point out a profession, an organization or a religious sect, the membership of which is absolutely above reproach. Do you expect more from an organization the object of which is to educate and elevate than an organization the theme of which is of a purely social nature? It is time they open their eyes. One naturally comes to the conclusion that they are too selfish and grasping to participate in a work that means the moral and intellectual advancement of the craft and those with whom they come in contact.

Our organization, from its infancy, has steadfastly and valiantly pushed its way to the front,

until it now stands grandly among the foremost labor organizations of the age, and every eligible person should not only be willing but anxious to be enrolled as a member. CERT. 56.

### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to call to the great beyond the beloved wife of our worthy Brother E. Nussey, be it

*Resolved*, By the members of Fredericksburg Division No. 125, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend our sincere sympathy to the husband and relatives in thier sad bereavement, be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to our brother, a copy spread on the minutes of this division, and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

G. A. BOWLES.  
J. A. CROWLEY.  
J. P. DEMPSEY.  
R. M. GRAHAM.

*Committee.*

### C., R. I. & P. Ry.

#### Dakota Division—

If your dues are not paid for the current term, pay them now.

No doubt many of you will be surprised to see the Dakota Division represented in this issue and wonder how it came about. It is just this: There are a lot of good, live brothers here who are waiting for a chance to do something, but they didn't want to be the first one to make the break. Now, the ice is broken and the way is clear, we hope to see more interest taken by all.

At the recent election I was elected local chairman, and in the discharge of my duty I will do all in my power to further the interests of the O. R. T. on this division, and in this I ask your co-operation. If you know of anything that would benefit the Order write me; we want suggestions from all members, and communications received will be answered promptly.

We are all glad of the re-election of Brothers W. T. Brown and M. E. Schooler as our general chairman and general secretary, and you may rest assured that the affairs of our system division are in the hands of competent men.

Bro. Blair, of Larchwood, spent a few days visiting his brother at Lawn Hill, Iowa. Mrs. Blair and Helper Lyman managed the station during his absence, there being no relief agent available.

Nick Gasahl is now telegrapher at Worthington.

Helper Wm. Lyman, from Larchwood, is holding down Rake Station. Understand regular Agent J. H. D'Acres received an injury, but do not know particulars.

Wires have been cut out at Maple Hill and Allendorf.

R. H. Skliver, Granite is on the list for a vacation, having planned a trip through Idaho and Canada.

Chief G. H. Morse attended court at Vinton, a few days. Dispatcher E. W. Knight acted as chief, while Edward Broms worked first trick.

Bro. O. A. Corbett, Cazenovia, is our assistant local chairman, and is keeping tab of things on the north end. We expect to have some brother look after the south end, as I cannot do it all.

E. D. SMITH,  
Local Chairman.

#### Missouri Division, 6th, 7th and 8th Districts—

Telegrapher Burnham, who has been working the trick at Donovan, has resigned. Bro. J. W. Boose on first trick and Telegrapher Bancroft second.

Bro. J. E. McColloch, of Mohawk, laying off, being relieved by Mr. J. L. Stewart.

Telegrapher Hollis is working extra at Highland while the position is on bulletin.

Bro. N. J. Chinn, of Gay, is on the sick list.

Bro. R. O. Lynn, who has been located at Ainsworth nights, has bid in Columbus Jct., second trick. Bro. G. C. Wallingsford, from Troy, extra, working extra at Ainsworth.

Mr. Robinson, extra helper at Gallatin, is working at Stillings Jct. We hope he will do the right thing.

Mrs. M. O. Wadsen has returned to Mercer nights, after a two weeks' vacation. Bro. Hollis went to Highland.

Telegrapher Fuller, from Troy, is pulling the levers at Belknap tower. He was relieved at Troy by Bro. Wallingsford.

Bro. G. E. Hughes has returned to Howard, after a two months' leave of absence. Bro. J. F. McDonald, who was relieving him, went to Cameron Jct.

Mr. J. C. Morrow bid in Troy, Kansas.

Bro. E. O. Schrieber, extra at Columbus, Jct., is relieving Telegrapher Benner at Cameron Jct., for a month or so.

Telegrapher Cox and Bro. J. S. Freeman, of Rushville, have gone into the onion and potato business as a side line.

Bro. M. K. Freeman, of Rushville, and Dispatcher Jones, with the Missouri Pacific, at Atchison, attended the Masonic meeting at DeKalb, March 6.

Bro. J. H. Wilson, of Cotter, had the misfortune to sprain his ankle and was unable to secure relief.

Agent Wagner, of Brighton, visited his parents a few days, lately.

Bro. F. M. Smith, of Washing, and Bro. J. L. Barrett, of Columbus Jct., traded jobs. Bro. Smith, "CJ," first trick, and Bro. Barrett, "WA," third trick.

Bro. B. H. Carson, second trick at Columbus Jct., has been relieved by Bro. Belding, of Division No. 130.

Telegrapher Doman, of Eldon, third trick, was called to Allerton, a few days ago, by the serious illness of his mother. Telegrapher Speery doubled during his absence.

Motor Car No. 1820 now on Atchison plug, making trial runs. They are figuring on doing away with old equipment on branches and using motors exclusively. T. M.

#### Minnesota Division—

Bro. Wm. N. Staley has been elected local chairman of this division. It is up to us to assist him in every way possible. Give him the names of the nons working on the line, which will keep him in touch with the situation, thereby enabling him to work intelligently.

Also furnish him with a notice when there is a change of employees in the telegraph department at your station, stating whether member or non-member. This will greatly assist the chairman in his work.

Bro. J. P. Tritchler, of Inver Grove, relieved by a Mr. Scholof, an old dispatcher from the Wisconsin Central. Div. Cor.

#### Oklahoma Division—

I have just received notice from the general secretary and treasurer that I have been re-elected to the position of local chairman on the Oklahoma Division. I appreciate the honor thus bestowed upon me, and trust I can fill the office to the satisfaction of all concerned.

If the members co-operate with and assist the local chairman in his work it is a pleasure to fill the position. If they do not, then the office becomes anything but a pleasant one—in fact, it becomes burdensome, the incumbent loses interest, and the membership suffers as a consequence. I want every member to feel that he is my assistant, and keep me informed on all matters of any importance, and, no doubt, everything will glide along smoothly.

Mr. C. W. Winger, day telegrapher at Okarche, has landed the agency at that point.

Bro. Hoopingartner, from Concho, nights, is working as day telegrapher at Okarche, until the position is regularly assigned on bulletin.

Bro. T. B. Higgins has been doing relief work at Carnegie for some time. Mr. G. J. M. Steininger, the regular agent who has been spending his vacation in Texas, returned and resumed duty.

Mr. H. E. Ogle, who was appointed temporary night man at Anadarko, has resigned, to accept a Western Union job at the same place. Mr. F. Hamilton succeeds him.

Telegrapher Gibson, of Gracemont, who went to Concho nights, has resigned.

Mr. Turner has been made agent at Faxon. Did not learn where his predecessor went.

Mr. Merriott, of Hastings, made a trip to Oklahoma City to hear Mr. Morrissey speak.

We expect to hold a meeting at some central point on the division in the near future and stir up a little interest. A regular correspondent should be appointed who should be assisted by each and every member, in collecting items, as it is almost impossible for one to do it alone.

W. E. JACKSON,  
Local Chairman.

*Indian Territory Division—*

It is time we were represented in THE TELEGRAPHER, as no items have appeared for the past year. Someone should contribute items each month. This would influence others to fall in line, and the write-up from this division would soon assume satisfactory proportions.

We have quite a number of nons on this division, and it will be necessary for us to wake up and get busy, if we expect results. I have been making every effort to secure applications, and would like the help of each and every member. With the special rate in effect, we should be able to make our division solid, which I am sure would be a source of satisfaction to all concerned.

The year of 1908 was a trying one, but we should make up our minds to even up this year, and, no doubt, we can do so by making a special effort. Things are in much better shape than they were a year ago, and this should encourage us to keep on pulling. I have not had the pleasure of meeting all of you, but I hope to be able to do so in the near future. While I can not be with you, I am making every endeavor to better conditions. I note there are quite a number of telegraphers working ten-hour tricks with meal hour off. This is not in line with our schedule, and we hope by the time this is in print that each office will have hours adjusted to agree with schedule. This matter is up with the officials at the present time.

Officials are reporting better service than ever before, which is encouraging. We should strive to give first-class service, which will make it easier for the committee when conferring with the management.

A great many of the boys leave everything to the local chairman, and think he should be conversant with each and every occurrence along the line, which is not the case, of course. If a member sees anything that is not in accordance with the schedule, I would thank him to drop me a line, and I will do all I can to have it properly adjusted. If you are working with a non remind him of his duty occasionally, and see what you can do with him. Don't get angry because he will not join at once, but have patience and perseverance, and you may be able to land him when you least expect it.

We should hold meetings once a month, and in this way arouse interest and talk over things that need to be looked after. Of course, on account of the train service this will be difficult, but I hope we can arrange some way to get these meetings started, as they would be a great help to us. Let's hear from some one else on this subject.

Fraternally,

N. F. DALTON,  
Local Chairman.

*Des Moines Valley Division—*

The election is over. Bro. T. J. Stanley, Douds-Leando, has been elected local chairman. He has appointed Bro. F. A. Forche, Oskaloosa, assistant,

in charge of the Washington-Knoxville Line. Bro. H. I. Ramsey, Hartley, will look after the interests of the Order on the Sibley Line. Bro. I. H. Brokaw, Bonaparte, has accepted the office of division correspondent. Bro. Stanley is well-fitted to handle the position to which he has just been elected. He was formerly general chairman of the Iowa Central, and gave general satisfaction while in charge of that office. After accepting service with the Rock Island, he resigned the general chairmanship of the Iowa Central. Bro. Brokaw, ex-local chairman, was not a candidate for reelection. He gave as his reason for declining reelection that he had already held office over two years, and thought the office should go to some one else. Several of the members insisted that the conduct of the office under his charge was satisfactory to all concerned, and that there should be no change at the present time.

There was quite a snow blockade on the "high" line, March 15th. Trains were more or less delayed.

Bro. Wm. Gibson, Oskaloosa, has a new sending machine, which he is as proud of as a kid with a pair of new boots. He hasn't got the "critter" tamed down enough yet, so as to be very speedy, but he is fast improving.

J. L. Napier has been appointed agent at Melvin. Bro. C. F. Ream, formerly trick telegrapher at Evans, and recently from the Iowa Central, at Cramers, Ill., is now working for the C. & N. W., at Buxton, Ia.

The *Commercial Telegraphers Journal* is a bright little journal, published in the interests of the C. T. U. A. Bro. Wesley Russell is editor and manager. He fills the office in an efficient manner. This journal will be sent to anyone sending \$1.00 to Bro. Russell, 930 Monon Bldg., 324 Dearborn St., Chicago, which will place the sender in good standing on Bro. Russell's subscription list for a year.

Bro. Creger and wife, of Otley, were recent visitors to the home of the parents of the former at Truro, Ia. Bro. Creger's stay was an over Sunday one, while his wife spent a week with the home folks.

Understand Bro. J. B. Smith, Marengo, was elected local chairman of the Iowa Division; also representative to the Grand Division. Bro. Meier, Colfax, drew second place in both positions. Both these brothers are well and favorably known, and comment as to their ability is unnecessary.

Bro. Warner, of Monroe, moved into the new station at that point, on February 8th. It is thoroughly modern from top to bottom. It is lighted by gas and has large arc lights outside. The outside lights are of sufficient strength to enable one to easily read newspaper print without the aid of glasses. Box car 3,356, C. R. I. & P., is now out of the station service at Monroe.

We want these write-ups to grow larger and improve from month to month, and I shall expect the co-operation of all members on this division in sending me news items. Drv. Coa.

## IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has been the will of the Deity to remove by death the father of our Bro. J. B. Smith; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That we extend Bro. Smith our heartfelt sympathy, and commend him to the one who doeth all things well.

(Signed) GUY A. RICHTER,  
COE C. LEHMAN,  
GEO. H. MEIER,  
*Committee.*

*Colorado Division—*

We have had quite a number of changes during the last month.

Mr. Parrott, the agent at Ramah, has left the service; relieved by Bro. Mulford temporarily.

Bro. M. E. Strain bid in Ramah, and is being transferred permanently.

Bro. S. W. Potts, formerly agent at Jennings, bid in Peyton.

Bro. Mulford goes to Jennings permanently.

We wish to thank the telegraphers as well as others who so liberally and willingly helped us in the aid of Mrs. Parrott, during her misfortune, and assure you this was very highly appreciated by Mrs. Parrott, as well as the Order.

Mr. McJimson, formerly night telegrapher at Jennings, resigned by request.

Mr. Siefert resigned his position at Goodland, to accept a position in a broker's office at Denver.

Mr. Preston, night wire chief at Goodland, is taking a short vacation. He was relieved by Bro. Schmidt, from "GO" office, Chicago.

Bro. Squires has taken a position at Goodland, vacated by Bro. Siefert.

Mr. Hill, car distributor, is back at Goodland, after sixty days' leave of absence. Mr. Golden, who was relieving him, has returned to Mr. Ballantine's office in Chicago.

Dispatcher J. S. Jones, who laid off a week the fore part of the month, to attend Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., was relieved by extra Dispatcher A. C. Moore.

Dispatcher C. O. Kellastad, who is laying off for thirty days, is being relieved by Mr. Moore.

Bro. J. T. Maddox, formerly agent at Flagler, Colo., but now with C. B. & Q., at Mercer, Colo., stopped over a couple of days at Dellvale, on his return from Chicago. Bro. Maddox is local chairman for the Sterling Division, and advises that they have been successful in getting a revised schedule with an increase in wages and better working conditions. This certainly looks good. Why can not we do as well? Let us make an effort to land a few of the remaining nons on this division, and then send our committee before the officials for a revision. Remember, a committee must have backing in order to accomplish results. Now let's get busy.

Bro. Fletcher's father and mother, who have been visiting him for the past week, returned to their home in Lincoln, on the 20th.

Bro. L. M. McGee, agent at Ruleton, is off duty for a few days, and is being relieved by Extra Agent Divinney.

Mr. Houston, second trick at Colby, has been transferred to "GO" office, Chicago. He was relieved by Bro. Lamphere, from C. & N. W.

The burning of the depot and telegraph office at Goodland, has caused quite a change at that place. Chief dispatcher and dispatchers, telegraphers have all been moved to the freight depot, where they are huddled together. Preparations are under headway to make them as comfortable as possible. We are glad to learn that none of the boys lost any thing in the fire, and that the company saved the records and furniture.

It is rumored that Goodland is to have a fine new depot and office in the near future.

E. S. Sheehan has been appointed yard master at Limon.

Bro. Hutchins relieved Mr. Sheehan as agent, at Roswell, temporarily.

J. L. Cassidy relieved Bro. Hutchins, at Roswell, as night telegrapher.

Mr. Holmes, second trick at Limon, suddenly took sick while on duty, and was relieved by Mr. Perkins, a new man. Perkins relieved at Straton a few days after Mr. Holmes had recovered sufficiently to resume work.

Bro. Allen has been relieving Mr. Miller for the last month. We are unable to say whether Mr. Miller intends to return to Genoa or not.

Bro. Seeley has resigned his position as night telegrapher at Kanorado, and left for California, where he intends to spend his surplus cash during the summer. He was relieved by Mr. Augenbaugh.

Bro. Puttman has been assigned to the position of night telegrapher at Jennings.

Mr. Chas Heinz is holding down the night office at Prairie View, vice Bro. Wilder, resigned. Can not say where Bro. Wilder went.

Bro. Archer, at Norton, has resigned, and is being relieved by an old-time Dispatcher Mr. Chandler.

Bro. Stagg, first trick at Norton, is off duty for thirty days. He is being relieved by a Mr. Church. Bro. Sarvis is working third trick.

Mr. Larkin, our lineman, was called to his home at Hiawatha, Kan., the fore part of the month, on account of the death of his mother. He has the sympathy of the division. CHAS. 186.

*Cedar Rapids Division—*

Agent W. H. Yokish, at Lone Tree, has been having a siege of typhoid fever, but is now able to resume duty. Relieved by Extra Agent G. W. Tripp.

Bro. Johnson, at Randalia, has resigned to try farming. Randalia is now bulletined.

Bro. J. S. Sullivan, our energetic assistant local chairman, on Decorah Line, is doing some good work and reports several new members.

O. H. Minott, at Ossian, reports a pair of twin girls at his home.

Local Chairman J. A. Gunderson wishes to ask the assistance of the members on the Cedar Rapids Division during the coming term. He requests that each and every brother work a little harder on the non question. We must get them enrolled.

Bro. Jenkins, of Elmira, secured third trick at West Branch on bulletin. Telegrapher Owens went to Morning Sun to work second trick.

It is understood that Bro. Clark, of Morning Sun, intends to try his luck at farming soon.

It is reported that the automatic block will soon be installed on the main line between Cedar Rapids and West Liberty. This will greatly facilitate the movement of trains.

Bro. H. W. Swain and wife, accompanied by E. L. Stowe and his mother, are taking a trip through the West, seeing the sights. That we wish them a pleasant trip goes without saying.

CERT. 2,049.

#### *St. Louis Division—*

I notice there are a few nons on our division. I wish to ask each and every member on the St. Louis Division to write and urge them to fall in line and thus strengthen our organization.

Chesterfield will be open for bids until March 5th, and Vigus until March 15th.

Several new offices have been opened on the West End, near Kansas City.

Dispatcher K. F. Jaynes was off duty a few days recently, and Mr. C. H. White handed out the 19's and 31's during his absence.

P. J. Garvin has been transferred from Chesterfield to Raytown. Bro. M. L. Bailey, a new man, relieved Mr. Garvin at Chesterfield.

Mr. G. J. Baur, a citizen of Rose Bud, has been appointed agent at that place, effective February 12th. J. H. Jackson has been transferred to Argyle.

J. E. Son has been working nights at Windsor since March 8th.

We understand that J. E. Moddy, at Union, is taking several months' leave of absence and has engaged in the pressed brick business at that place. Mr. Geo. Schmique relieved him.

We are in receipt of a roster and calendar for 1909, issued by the Order of Railway Conductors, Osage Division. No. 438. Thanks for same.

Telegrapher Davis, who has been employed at Eldon days, has gone to a regular position at Herrington, Kansas. Mr. C. H. White relieved him.

CERT. 427.

#### *Kansas Division—*

Bishop has been closed days. Bro. J. A. Hawkins is working nights and Bro. Louis Holeck has gone to Peabody, third trick.

Haysville has been reopened as a telegraph office with Bro. E. J. Burke from Valencia as agent. Bro. Burke was agent at Haysville before it was closed.

Bro. J. C. Conner has bid in the Valencia agency.

Mr. C. Fleisch has been transferred to second trick at Alta Vista from third trick at Peabody.

Bro. G. W. Patterson, who has been working second trick at Wellington, has been appointed agent at Antelope, vice Bro. J. C. Conner, transferred.

Mr. Wm Berkbyile has been appointed agent at McFarland, vice Mr. Turner, who goes to Caldwell.

A number of the boys are taking advantage of the special rate this month and lining up with us.

Bro. Woolsey, at Paxico, now enjoys the services of a helper. Paxico is a good business point and he needed him.

The automatic block system is now in operation between Topeka and Herrington and is giving good service.

Bro. Keplinger, agent at Clifton, was unable to be on duty on the afternoon of March 19th on account of sickness.

Bro. C. J. Weygandt, "GE," Clay Center, is waiting patiently for Keats Quarry to open so he can get a chance at it.

If the brothers along the line will be kind enough to report news to their assistant local chairman, we will try and furnish a better write-up next month. Without assistance we can not do this.

Bro. O. E. Bonecutter, of Maple Hill, was elected local chairman of this division, and has appointed the following assistants: Bro. M. L. Logan, Clay Center, Kansas; Bro. O. M. Losee, Salina, Kansas; Bro. G. S. Allen, Whiting, Kansas; Bro. I. M. Belcher, Marion, Kansas.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

#### *Louisiana Division—*

We have read with much interest from month to month notes from the several divisions of No. 126, and have each time been disappointed by seeing nothing from the Louisiana Division, hence this maiden effort. If the brothers will give me their support in this matter we will be glad to show each month that we are still on the map.

Our general chairman, Bro. Brown, spent several days on the line the first of the month and says we will line up 100 per cent strong pay-day. This is very encouraging.

Meetings were held at Winnfield and Eldorado on the 4th and 5th. Bro. Brown made the return trip from Okla. Division to attend. While the notice was rather short, there was no reason why many more of the brothers should not have been present, as our chief dispatcher advised that he would let as many go as possible and furnish transportation.

Bro. Brown states that he will hold meetings at two points on the division in about a month, and there is no reason why every man on the line should not attend one of them. These are open meetings and the time will be employed in the discussions of conditions and service with a view to improving both, and no one, especially those who have been working irregular hours and claiming no overtime, should fail to attend. Of course, if the members do not want the money it may not be necessary to inform themselves on these matters. However, the company desires better service and

we should try to improve in every way possible. There is no better way to get new ideas than to attend meetings.

Upland, Mamou, Ingalls and Lillie have been made non-telegraph stations.

A telegraph office has been established at Winnfield Yards "YD," with three tricks.

We understand that there is to be a change at Crowssett soon.

A new union depot is in course of construction at Ruston, La.

Our officials say the service is 100 per cent better than a year ago, to which the writer can add his testimony, as he has been here and noted the improvements.

If one or two of the brothers down the line would answer calls more promptly, we believe the service and working conditions on this division would be second to none.

It is rumored that the Greer Hotel people are going to build an eating house at Fordyce, just west of the depot. This will make better accommodations for the trainmen.

Bro. J. G. Wyatt has been elected local chairman of this division. He is a young man of sterling qualities, bright and energetic, and is in every way qualified to perform the duties of the office to which he has been elected. We congratulate him and hope his official career will benefit us all.

Bros. Brown and Schooler were re-elected general chairman and secretary and treasurer by a large majority. They promise to do all in their power to keep things going. We congratulate them on their election. "ET," CERT. 1,865.

### C., B. & Q. Ry.

#### *LaCrosse Division—*

The writer desires to thank Bro. Ragalz and Bro. Retzloff for the items they so kindly furnished him. If others would do as well we would be ably represented in the fraternal columns each month.

Bro. Lindried, second trick at Nelson, has resigned with the intention of going to Canada.

Bro. Heitman, third trick man at Nelson, is off on a few days' vacation. Telegrapher Burtch, from Galena, is relieving him.

Bro. Cooper, second trick man at Winona, received first trick at Savanna on bulletin.

The following offices are on bulletin: Bay City, Grand Crossing, Lynxville and Victory. I am under the impression that an error was made in advertising three of the above offices, and hardly expect that all the changes indicated will be made.

Bro. Dodge was off duty two days on account of a death. He was relieved by Bro. Cullen, of Rutledge. Bro. Cullen was relieved at Rutledge by Telegrapher Powell, of Genoa.

Telegrapher White, first trick at Lytle, was off duty for a few days and was relieved by Telegrapher Powell.

Bro. Clary, of Galena, is taking a two weeks' vacation. Bro. Dill, of Blonding, is working in his stead. We understand that when Bro. Clary re-

turns Bro. Desmond will take a leave of absence for two or three months, to "file" on land in Canada. Bro. Dill expects to relieve Bro. Desmond.

Bro. Rogers has just returned from Chicago, where he has been for some time, assisting in the revision of the schedule.

Bro. Dyer, from Lynxville, was a visitor at Cassville last week.

Several of the boys have not yet paid their dues for the current term. The sooner they do this the better they will feel for having performed a duty they owe to themselves, their families and their co-workers.

Bro. Rupp, second trick at Oakland, has been transferred to third trick at the same place. Telegrapher Sperry, of Pullman Ave., has taken second trick in Rupp's place.

Telegrapher Kemp, third trick at Oakland, has been transferred to second trick at Curry, on bulletin.

Telegrapher Belzel, of Prescott, visited in St. Paul a week or so ago.

Bro. Garber has been transferred from agent at Hastings to third trick at Diamond Bluff.

Mr. Stoneman, a dispatcher on joint trick at Newport, is taking a vacation. He is being relieved by Telegrapher Graff, the side wire man at LaCrosse. Telegrapher Holmes is relieving Mr. Graff.

Telegrapher Kruger, of East Dubuque, took a run up the line last week on important business.

Don't forget the meeting at the Key City Telegraphers' Club at Dubuque on the last Saturday in each month.

If you hear of anything of interest to the membership, drop a note to Bro. Rogers, at Victory, and he will do the rest. CERT. 1,371.

#### *Galesburg Division—*

Bro. J. L. Meara, who is located at Peoria Yards, was off duty two weeks. Relieved by Telegrapher H. A. Stephens, from Monica, Ill.

Bro. Ray Ward and wife recently spent a day in Galesburg with Bro. and Mrs. Malone.

Telegrapher Jolley, of Graham Tower, was off duty three days on account of the death of his brother. Relieved by Telegrapher German, who is an extra man.

Bro. Malone, of Galesburg Yards, was off two days on account of the illness of Mrs. Malone.

Telegrapher Meara relieved Mr. Tom Bailey at Elmwood. Bailey goes back to his old post as cashier at Canton.

Mr. Hendricks is relieving Agent C. N. Ventres at Elmwood.

Mr. Colville, of Rio, and Mr. Loisaer, from Henderson, were in Galesburg one day recently and called on Bro. Malone.

Bro. Mercer, of Galesburg Yard, visited his home, at Princeton one day during the fore part of the month.

Mr. Fling is again working as relief telegrapher. He is now at Rio, relieving Mr. Colville, who is taking a short vacation.



Mr. Rector is back at Deurock regular since being relieved at Rock Island by Bro. Ward. Mr. Rector relieved Mr. Hazard, who went to Clinton, Iowa.

We "13" Mr. Cunningham got second trick at Barstow.

It is understood that Mr. Slade went from Plum River Tower to second trick at St. David.

The Burlington wires have been taken out of Plum River Tower and the salary cut to \$50.00 per month. There still remains one C. M. & St. P. wire, and I suppose men to do the necessary wire work.

Some complaint is heard relative to not receiving seniority rights. Matters of this kind should be placed in the hands of the local chairman, whose duty it is to look after them.

Bro. Bower, of Camp Point, has been granted a leave of absence for sixty days. He and his wife expect to enjoy some time sight-seeing in and around Denver, Colo. He was relieved by Mr. Gray, from Prospect St., Galesburg, yards

Bros. Sample, Root and Brothers were appointed by our general chairman and general secretary and treasurer to count the ballots cast for local chairman and delegate to the convention to be held at Atlanta, Ga., in May. Bro. G. W. Malone, of E. Berrien St., Galesburg, Ill., was elected local chairman, also elected delegate to the convention.

Bro. Brothers, block office at Seminary St., is relieving Bro. Gray at Prospect St.

Bro. Malone, our local chairman, was in Chicago a few days recently, attending committee meeting. General officers were elected, who appointed a schedule committee of six.

Bro. Henry was re-elected G. S. & T. and Bro. C. L. Lamb, of Red Oak, Iowa, was elected general chairman.

Agent Case, at Abingdon, is laying off. Relieved by Bro. Graves. Bro. Harris is relieving Bro. Graves as day telegrapher.

Bro. Malone was visiting Bardolph March 22.

Bro. Mercer, Galesburg Yards, was off duty Sunday, March 21. He was relieved by Mr. Hasselbacher, from "GT" Galesburg office.

Mr. F. M. Paugh, of Galesburg Yards, with his wife, spent March 18th in Peoria.

Mr. Greenwalt, of "GT" office, Galesburg, and wife, spent Sunday, March 21, in Chicago.

Bro. Ramp, with his wife and daughter, Elizabeth, of Knoxville, spent a Sunday recently with Bro. and Mrs. Brothers at Galesburg.

Mr. Dalberg, of "GT" office, Galesburg, is laying off to attend the funeral of his brother, who died in Galesburg Hospital on Saturday morning, March 20th.

An article in the *Quincy Herald* reports the marriage of Bro. Armstrong, our assistant local chairman, of Macomb, to Miss Long, of Fowler, Ill. The bride is a sister of Bro. G. E. Long, of Quincy. The happy couple have our best wishes.

DIVISION CORRESPONDENT.

#### Ottumwa Division—

Cleveland day trick has been closed and the night trick made a twelve-hour job. Bro. D. L. Stover, formerly days, took the night shift.

Bro. E. A. Gustavson, of second trick, Cleveland, is now working second trick at Thayer.

Bro. L. J. White, extra third man at Tower 307, has been transferred to the Creston Division and is now at Emerson.

Bro. Mitchell, regular second trick man at Tower 307, is on vacation and is being relieved by Bro. A. A. McDonald, regular man on third trick.

D. S. Flower, third at Maxon, is off duty, sick. Relieved by Bro. Johnson, who was in turn relieved by Bro. W. A. Littleton. Bro. Littleton came from New London third trick.

Mr. J. E. Butler of Chariton, is on vacation. Relieved by Bro. J. A. Teeters, who has been working first trick at Troy.

Bro. J. W. Walsh, second trick at "BY" office, Burlington, is off duty on account of having an operation performed on his ears. Bro. Walsh was relieved by Bro. R. A. Sanberg, of Lockridge third. He in turn was relieved by Mr. G. D. Banister, a new man.

On account of second trick at Beckwith having been closed, Bro. Mat Hayes bumped Bro. Schlemmer, who went to third trick, New London, relieving Bro. Littleton.

Bro. L. A. White relieved Bro. I. A. Sharon at Biggsville, who is off duty on account of rheumatism.

Bro. W. A. Stroupe, at Lockridge first trick, is expecting to be relieved about the 25th, and intends to take a trip West.

Bro. A. N. Swanson, who has been off duty for the past two months, on account of a broken arm, has resumed duty at Troy. Bro. L. A. White held down the trick in his absence.

Bro. C. D. Foltz is laying off for a few days. Relieved by Mr. Conine, a new man on this division.

Bro. F. A. Sense is again at work after having been absent a few days on account of rheumatism.

Bro. L. G. Miller, third at Mt. Pleasant, is again at work after taking a trip East. He reports a good time.

J. W. Booth is relieving Mr. J. E. Gillespie at Ottumwa Yard office.

Mr. Gillespie is relieving Mr. F. L. Leonard in "CW" office, Ottumwa, while Mr. Leonard is relieving Dispatcher Wright, who is on the examining board.

J. R. Landgrave is now doing the third trick stunt at Cameron.

Work trains have already put in an appearance on the east end, unloading steel and other material. Already the gangs have begun to make things lively for the dispatchers and telegraphers by compelling the use of one track for all trains. They are laying ninety-pound steel, which is heavier than has ever been laid here before.

V. M. Smith, the Cashier at Monmouth freight office, has accepted a position in Mr. Shield's

office in Chicago. He was relieved by Assistant Cashier M. G. Anjal.

There are a few who have not paid dues for the term ending June 30. Come, boys, pay up.

The Ottumwa Division is one of the banner divisions of Burlington, No. 130, and it has been made so by hard work. Now, let us not be satisfied until we have it solid from one end to the other.

We are thankful to Bros. Swanson, of Monmouth, Gorrell, of Russell, and Stover, of Lucas, for notes. CERT. 283.

#### *Lincoln Division—*

Bro. H. R. Atkinson has been transferred from York to Sutton.

Mr. S. P. Hamm, of Chalco, is doing third stunt at York. Mr. W. F. Ilgen, who has been working third trick at York for almost a year, is now working second trick.

Bro. N. O. Walthers, of Benedict, was in York one day, attending court. He was relieved by Bro. M. J. Armstrong, extra agent.

Mr. T. E. Eater, cashier at York, has been assigned to the agency at McCool Junction. Relieved by Bro. J. O. Odden.

Cairo, Waterbury, Elden, Springs Ranch and Osmond are on the bulletin list. Understand that Extra Agent Armstrong is at Cairo for the present. Bro. Smith has moved on a farm on account of poor health. We trust the change in work will be of benefit to him.

Understand that Bro. J. J. Gleason, of Clay Center, is soon to get one of the tricks at York.

There are a great many trains moving for this time of year. Let's try and keep the dispatcher from calling his arm off to get us, and give him the best possible service.

The Lincoln Division is the grandest division of the Burlington, and we can have the best write-up if every brother will send me an item each month. Items must reach me on or before the 20th of each month. CERT. 558.

#### *Ashland Division—*

Bro. Coleman now has a helper.

Bro. Kellogg, from Lincoln to Randolph, relieving Mr. Fairchild, on account of the sickness of his wife.

Bro. Weisen, of Leshara, on vacation, viewing Colorado scenery, and visiting friends at Sutton, Neb. He was relieved by Bro. Armstrong.

Bro. P. J. Lemka relieved Bro. Bobbitt at Homer.

Bro. Kellogg, relief agent, who has been at Winslow, went to Gretna. We can not say who he is relieving.

Bro. Hoenshell has gone to Aurora, Neb., third trick. Did not learn who relieved him.

Bro. Karn, from Oakland, is relieving Mr. B. C. Prescott, agent at Winslow.

Bro. Kellogg is relieving on the O'Neill Line. He relieved Mr. Fairchild at Randolph, and is relieving Mr. Deveny at Waterbury.

We understand Bro. J. L. Mayfield, from Platts, secured Plainview, on bulletin. Do not know where the former man went.

The telegraph instruments have been removed from the offices at Cedar Creek, Louisville, South Bent and Bellvue. They have also been taken out between Lincoln and Columbus, and Ashland and Schuyler.

Bro. Bobbitt, of Homer, has gone to Regan, on the old K. C. & O.

Bro. Moore, recently relieved Bro. J. L. Mayfield at Platts.

Mr. H. H. Howerter, second trick at Oreapolis, is laying off for a few weeks. He was relieved by Mr. Harry Outlaw. Mr. Howerter will take second trick at Platts, upon his return.

Mr. Paulson, third trick man at Gibson, is off duty for a few days, and has gone to Fremont on business.

It is rumored that Bro. W. E. Aultz, who formerly worked second trick at Oreapolis, has joined the benedicts. He is now in the employ of the E. J. & E. Ry., at Chicago Heights.

The company removed the old train order signals at Oreapolis, and installed new ones, which were placed to one side of the track. They are handled by levers from the tower.

Mr. H. H. Howerter is working the first trick at Platts, temporarily. Telegrapher W. Clement having taken Agent Pickett's place, on account of sickness.

I wish to thank Bro. Glock for sending in items. He never forgets to render assistance, which is appreciated by the members, as well as the correspondent.

Our local Chairman Bro. Holt is in Chicago, with the committee, negotiating for a new schedule.

Mr. L. O. Ticnor relieved Bro. Wagner, who has been appointed traveling freight agent. We congratulate Bro. Wagner, and wish him success.

Bro. Henry recently spent the night with our local chairman, Bro. Holt.

Bro. Johnson, general chairman, called on Bro. Holt one night recently.

Let the brothers send in items, thereby helping the good cause along, by making our communications interesting. M. C.

#### *McCook Division—*

Bro. McClintock, extra agent, and Bro. Crome, are relieving Bros. Pate and Huston, at Yuma, who I understand have gone to Butte, Mont., for the company, to attend court.

Bro. Gist is working nights at Otis, while Bro. A. V. Anderson is relieving our new Local Chairman T. W. Morten. Bro. Morten is in Chicago, with the committee. Owing to the unfavorable conditions under which they meet, we must not expect them to accomplish a great deal. Before this is in print, no doubt, we shall know the result of the conference.

Jesse Yocum, an old-time telegrapher and brother, has returned to work on the McCook Division, taking third trick at Minden, relieving a Mr. Scott.

Mr. C. B. Morgan takes Bro. Crane's place, second trick at Ft. Morgan. Crane relieved Bro. Alexander on third trick. Alexander goes to Brush a few days to work second trick, relieving Bro. C. V. Glenn, who, with his family, intends to visit a few days with relatives in Table Rock.

Bro. Nieman returned from his trip, and resumed duty as cashier at Ft. Morgan, thereby causing the above changes at that place.

Bro. Q. A. Kellog, Jr., has returned to Alma, from Denver (U. S.) yards, relieving Bro. I. D. Hatton, who went to Culbertson, taking the night trick. He relieved Bro. Geo. Spahn, who laid off a few days, getting married in the meantime, I believe. Bro. Hatton, from Culbertson to Republican nights; relieving Mr. Halley, who is taking a fifteen-day vacation. We understand the agent at Bird City is laying off, and is being relieved by Bro. McClintock; also Agent McDonald relieved a few days by Mr. Geo. S. Scott.

Bro. Avery, second trick at Akron, is off duty a few days, visiting his parents in Salida; relieved by Bro. Alexander.

Bro. Cowart, third trick at Akron, is laying off a few days, taking a trip to Denver; relieved by Bro. Alexander.

Understand that Bro. N. B. Bush, agent at Almena, has bid in Oberlin, and that Bro. C. D. Churchill, agent at Long Island, has bid in Almena, but do not know when the change will be made.

Also understand that Mr. Stingley, the cashier at Norton, was offered Long Island, but refused it, and that it is to be bulletined again.

I wish to thank those who came forward with items this month, and would like to ask them to repeat the favor regularly. Would also like to ask each brother, especially those who are working extra, to send at least one item, for each issue, which will help out wonderfully, and make our correspondence interesting to the members of the division.

I notice that several of the brothers have not yet paid dues for the current term. It takes no more money at one time than another, so why not keep up-to-date, instead of letting the matter run three or four months and then securing a card just before it runs out? Remember the motto, "No card, no favors," and do not be "sore" if you are turned down simply because you can not show an up-to-date card, when you are asked to do so.

Div. Cor.

#### *Sheridan Division—*

Mr. L. L. Fowler, the agent at Alger, has just returned from a few weeks' vacation spent in the East. It seems strange that some men have an abundance of spare coin, enabling them to take vacations, but are financially embarrassed when approached on the matter of joining the Order.

Bro. J. S. Tupper, the agent at Hardin, has gone East on a vacation. He was relieved by Bro. Vacek.

Mr. Robbs, third trick at Arvada, resigned, and has been relieved by Bro. Henderson.

Local Chairman Meehan, of Ulm, served on the committee, in Chicago, for ten days. He was relieved by Mr. Regan from Wyola, third trick. Bro. Merritt relieved Regan, who returned to Wyola.

On Bro. Meehan's return, Bro. Merritt was sent to Arvada to relieve Bro. Henderson, who had the misfortune to be taken sick.

No doubt the members are anxious to know the result of the election, and the meeting with the general managers. Bro. C. Lamb, of Red Oak, Ia., was elected general chairman, to succeed Bro. M. J. Johnson, and Bro. W. A. Henry was elected general secretary and treasure, to succeed himself. No finer set of officers could be chosen, and we look for every member on the C. B. & Q. System, No. 130, to do his duty by co-operating with these brothers. Let us make the year 1909 one not to be forgotten.

You will, no doubt, hear from schedule negotiations before this reaches you. While there is no general increase in salaries, there are amendments that will benefit, not only one, but all, and I trust every one will be satisfied until the time is ripe for a better showing. We consider that the committee did more than was expected of it at this time.

Mr. E. V. Runyon, first trick at Wyola, has returned to the East; relieved by Bro. Henderson.

G. P. Taylor was seen going to Sheridan on No. 41, the 21st. He has just returned from a vacation. We can not say where he will be located, as he is an extra man.

Bro. Merritt relieved Mr. Westwood as agent at Lodge-Grass, for a few days.

Mr. Regan, third trick at Wyola, has resigned; relieved by Telegrapher Jarman, who is a new man.

Bro. Askew, from the M. P., relieved Bro. Snyder, at Cody. Bro. Snyder takes agency at Powell, a new station on the Cody Branch.

Bro. Vacek is still at Hardin, relieving Bro. Tupper. We understand Bro. Tupper went to the Coast with his bride.

Bro. Butler, third trick at Toluca, traded tricks with Bro. Burton, a C. T. U. of A. man, who was working second trick.

Bro. Seaton, agent at Toluca, expects to be relieved about April 1st: He is undecided as to where he will go.

Mr. Wm. Mallison has been down to Manderon and Lovell, doing the relief stunt, but is again at Crow Agency, working his old trick.

We wish to thank Bro. Seaton for the notes he sent this month.

Am informed our new schedule will be in the hands of all concerned about April the first.

Our Chief Dispatcher, Mr. C. D. Peckenpough, has been making trips over the division lately, and we understand that he will continue this practice. We hope he will have no difficulty in finding his force out on the road up-to-date, and the depots in first-class condition.

Bro. Mangrum, the agent at Lovell, upon his return from a vacation, was presented with a gasoline pump, and requested to run it. Now every one who has worked at Lovell knows that it is a hard proposition for one man to handle a pump and keep his station work in any kind of shape.

We understand Ulm day office will be closed, and a night office established there, in all probability before this goes to press. Bro. Meehan will be doing the night stunt. Verona will be closed as a night office, and opened as a day office.

Some of you brothers kindly send me a few notes. It is pretty hard to keep tab on every move on the division, and I know you are anxious to see a good write-up. It isn't much trouble, and only takes a stamp to forward them. I'll do the rest.

I wish to say to the members who have by their ballots again chosen me as local chairman, that I thank them very much. I have always tried to do my best, and consider that I have done very well in the last two years. I have secured not less than fifty applications, but doubt very much if I could have done it without your support. I have found the work very pleasant, and I hope you will all give me your support in the future, the same as you have in the past, and I believe we will always be in the lead over our sister divisions.

Fraternally,

J. I. MEEHAN, L. C.

### L. S. & M. S. Ry.

Bro. Williams, a new man on the road, relieved Bro. Hostick at Elkhart for a couple of weeks.

Bro. Crossley, of Delta, has been off a few days on account of the serious illness of his wife. We are glad to hear that she is much improved at this writing.

"13" Bro. Williamson, at "CW," has resigned, Bro. Willis, from Bryan, going to Holland second trick, and the regular second trick man taking first trick.

Telegrapher Kline relieved Bro. Willis at Bryan.

Mr. Murcer, second trick at Corunna, did the agent's stunt for a few days. He was relieved by Mr. Jackson, fresh from the factory at Edgerton.

Air Line Junction has been closed again nights.

Bro. C. D. Horton, of Clayton, has been transferred to the agency at White Pigeon, the agent from White Pigeon going to Coldwater.

Mr. O'Neil, of Byron Centre, secured Clayton, and Mr. Frary, of Ottawa Lake, is going to Byron Center.

Have been unable to learn who has gone to Ottawa Lake.

Some difficulty was experienced in getting a man to go to Schoolcraft as agent and telegrapher, but finally the telegrapher from Plainwell went. He was relieved by Telegrapher Griffith.

Mr. Grable, the agent at Schoolcraft, secured Allegan agency, which removes him from the telegraph service.

CERT. 358.

### Atlantic Coast Line Ry.

#### Savannah District—

The notes from this district have not yet reached me, but as the time is too short to wait longer I am going to strike out with what I have.

Bro. Butler, our new local chairman, would say, "Go after it with what you have, without waiting to get what you want." If this same spirit dominated a larger number of our members we would come pretty near having what they want.

Bro. Butler has appointed as his assistants, Bro. J. C. Featherstone, of Moncrief, and Bro. Ila Smith, of Offerman, both good, live brothers, and we know this district will be heard from.

Since the last issue of the journal Bro. J. C. Featherstone has been moved from Folkston to Moncrief Tower. Bro. Featherstone was succeeded at Folkston by Bro. J. G. Zander, from McCullough, who was in turn succeeded by Bro. D. Dinton, formerly with the F. E. C.

Our delegates to the convention in Atlanta should be instructed as to what we would like to have brought before that body. Anyone having any suggestions to make write to Bro. Butler, who will handle the matter for them.

Mr. W. W. Perry has been assigned to third trick at Jesup, having been moved to that point from Picketts. Have not learned who goes to Picketts, or who Mr. Perry succeeded at Jesup.

We are glad to welcome the following members who have been transferred from other divisions this month: F. C. Booe and W. L. Nichols, Broadhurst, Ga., Louis Grebenc, Ways, Jeb Martin, Hilliard, Fla., E. J. Norton, Rayborn, Ga.

The block season will have closed before this letter appears in the journal, and several of the brothers from other divisions will leave us. Especially will we miss Bro. Grebenc, at Ways, as he has been quite active in trying to get the boys on the north end interested.

We expect to have the pleasure of welcoming several more new members ere the present month is out.

Have you made an effort to get one?

CRACKER JOE'S SUCCESSOR.

#### Norfolk District—

I wish to thank the brothers of the Norfolk District for the honor bestowed upon me by choosing me as their local chairman and delegate to the convention. I assure you I shall endeavor to serve you to the best of my ability in each capacity, and ask your hearty co-operation and support in making this district stand at the head of the list in both good service and organization.

I am glad to say we have quite a number of hard-working members, and it is encouraging to know that there is going to be something doing. Let's continue this good work and make this district solid. There is no reason why it can't be done. We have a few delinquent members, but trust they will pay their dues and have an up-to-date card before this shows up in print.

We are in very good shape, although there is still some material to work on, and as long as

there is even one non left, go after him. Let us profit by the parable of the shepherd and the lost sheep. You remember when the shepherd had driven his flock of sheep home from the mountain side one evening he counted them and found one was missing. He left the ninety-nine in safety and went in search of the one that was lost. That was not an easy task, to wander over a mountain side at night in search of the one that had strayed, yet the shepherd kept on until he had found the lost one and brought him back safely into the fold.

Let us interpret the parable in this manner: The ninety and nine sheep in safety are those fellows who keep their dues paid up. They are able to take care of themselves. The O. R. T. is the shepherd and we, as members, must go in search of the wanderer. We must not give up the search until we have found him as he has wandered from the paths of righteousness and it is our duty as brothers to go out and find him and show him the right way.

Don't think that because you have found him that henceforth he is all right, for in the parable quoted the shepherd had to *bring* the wandering sheep back into the fold. You will have to lead the wandering telegrapher into safety and protection. He will try very hard to discourage your advances. Don't be discouraged; show him that you live up to the standard toward which you are trying to lead him. With such encouragement you must go on until your efforts are crowned with success and you have the renewal or the application.

Remember, the way to win is:

Strike while the iron is heated,

Pause and the iron's cold;

If you strike too late on a hardened plate,

The weld will never hold.

Seek, and success will follow,

Wait and it passes by;

Be quick to grasp, then hold it fast,

And trust for a better try.

Work and the world works with you,

Loaf and you loaf alone;

This strenuous world is a continuous whirl,

It offers no room for the drone.

Life is an undertaking,

Death is a silent thought;

So let life's light illumine the night

With the deeds which you have wrought.

Yours fraternally,

D. H. PARKER,

Local Chairman.

#### Norfolk District—

I am glad to note that Norfolk District was so well represented in the February issue of the journal. There is still room for improvement, and if all the members will send in what items they hear of, it will be a great help, not only for the Norfolk District, but the whole A. C. L. system.

There has been very few changes over here this month.

Mr. F. T. Haynes went to Tarboro from Hongood to relieve Bro. Wharton for a few days.

Bro. R. L. Small, who is working extra relieved Bro. C. S. Smith, of South Tunis, for a few days, while Bro. Smith made a flying trip to his home. Bro. Small also relieved our newly-elected local chairman, Bro. D. H. Parker, at Speed, for a few days, so Bro. Parker could look after some outside business.

Bros. Blow and Gale, at Hobgood, have changed tricks, Bro. Hale now being on second.

Very sorry to hear that Bro. B. G. Cowan, of South Tunis, is off on account of sickness. Hope to see him back soon. Mr. Haynes is holding down the trick during his illness.

Bro. R. L. Small is now acting as agent at Drum Hill. Have not heard where Bro. Umphlett is; suppose the change is temporary.

Now that the election of officers is over and we have selected a good, live local chairman, and he, in turn, has appointed as his assistants Bros. G. C. Blow, Suffolk, Va., and J. W. Andrews, Parmele, N. C., we must get right down to real hard work and see if we can't make this northeastern end of the system as solid as any part of the country.

SOREBACK.

#### Richmond District, North.

Everything rather quiet just at present, at least it seems so to your correspondent, who has only received notice of two changes during the month.

Bro. J. B. Blair transferred from Battleboro to Enfield, and Bro. W. F. Ford from Tar River tower to Enfield. Mr. F. W. Mitchell transferred from Enfield to the tower.

Have just learned that Mr. E. A. McCordle is working third at Enfield.

We are glad to welcome to the district, Bro. C. A. Sanford, from the Virginian Railway. He is working at Emporia for a few days.

This is all I have learned this month, but hope to do much better next month.

We were sorry to lose Bro. Peebles, our local chairman, who has resigned on account of not having time to do the work. I sincerely trust a wise selection will be made to fill the vacancy, and that the district will be gotten in much better shape.

VIRGINIA.

#### Montgomery District—

Changes very few, and business seems to be dull.

Bro. Lawson, copyist at Dothan, has been on the sick list and was relieved by Mr. Kirkland, who was in turn relieved by Bro. D. L. Brantley, regular relief agent.

Bro. D. H. Evans, of Jakin, has been having chills and fever this month, but is out again.

I find this district is now on the honor roll, as the following members have been added this month. Bro. S. C. Whitehurst, of Newton, Bro. Crossley Carter, of Daleville, Ala., Bro. M.

A. McFadden, on the banks of the river at Alaga, and Bro. W. S. Huey, at Grady.

This is very good news, and will be of interest to many of our brothers who thought we were doing nothing.

What has become of the O. R. T. bond company? Have we lost confidence in ourselves? Surely we can push this organization to a success. Let us renew our efforts and organize the bonding company. Instruct our delegates to Atlanta what to do.

If the members will supply Bro. Grissette with a few notes we can have a first-class write-up each month.

Now that we have to elect another local chairman, we should do it at once, get our forces directed in a certain channel and keep right at it until every eligible non holds an up-to-date card.

Every member should keep an up-to-date card. I understand we have a number of members on the district who are in arrears and the sooner they get into line the better they will feel.

ALABAMA.

#### *Jacksonville District—*

Bro. H. D. Corbett has, at last, landed first trick at Tampa and Bro. Hartley has been installed as agent at Carters, permanently.

Bro. S. V. Anders, of Plant City, nights, is off on a vacation; unable to learn who is relieving him.

Bro. Fraley, who is at present located at Prairie Jct., as car service manager, intends to resume agent's work. He says he is tired of car-service life and wants to be out on the line again.

The new depot at Winston is now occupied, and the employes at that point are very much pleased with it, although it's a small affair.

We are pleased to note that we have Bro. T. J. Tedder with us again as local chairman. It is to be hoped that the members will give him their hearty support during the coming year.

Not a single item from anyone this month, and this is rather discouraging, as I have about all the work I can say grace over and hardly have time to write for the journal. Some of the good brothers on the north end will please contribute a few lines and not let our end of the line go down.

CERT. 1206.

#### *Richmond District, South—*

We are glad to note that our newly-elected local chairman, Bro. J. L. Bridgers, of Dillon, S. C., has appointed two real live members as his assistants in the persons of Bro. Chas. F. Bolick, of "CO," South Rocky Mount, and Bro. G. B. Lamm, of Elrod. We understand that he will probably select another one located somewhere near the middle of the district in order that they can cover the entire territory. We hope to see good work done by this local board. Bro. Bridgers is not new at this kind of work, having been the first local chairman elected on this district. When he was serving on the committee at Wil-

lington he was always on the lookout for something for his district, and if he did not get it, he always knew the reason why.

Since last month's issue of the journal, we have had a few changes, but on account of a change in the local chairmen, we can't give all of them.

Bro. K. G. Kennedy has been transferred from Kenly to "DI," South Rocky Mount.

We welcome back to the division Brother H. L. Clark, who worked at Smithfield last fall. Bro. Clark is now located at Dillon.

Bro. A. B. Williams, who, it will be remembered, refused to be checked in at Sharpsburg, after a fifteen days' suspension, is now with the Southern at New Holland, Ga.

We note a shaking up in Rocky Mount. Mr. R. C. Westcott, the absconding train master, has been succeeded by Mr. H. E. Bruffey, and Mr. E. S. Dodge has again been promoted to chief dispatcher's position. We are glad to see another one of the Richmond boys recognized.

Mr. Conklin, who has been holding down the first trick at Wilson since Bro. Robinson was let out on account of his hearing, has been dismissed from the service on account of his past record.

Mr. D. C. Smith is working third at Wilson, and Bro. Cease has been put on first, very much against his will, as he is a student at the A. C. College at that place, and this move has put him badly behind in his classes, and may cause him to lose the scholarship, of which he was almost certain up to the time of the change.

The third trick men at Dunn and Kenly were changed a few days ago; have not yet heard of the places being bulletined. Bro. Bridgers will, no doubt, look out for them.

Div. Cor.

#### *Columbia District—*

No one has seen fit to send me an item this month, but as I think this district should be represented as well as the others, will give you what has come to my notice.

Bro. F. B. Van Sant has been transferred from Wadesboro to Bennettsville. We have not been able to learn what position Bro. Van Sant takes at Bennettsville, or who succeeded him at Wadesboro.

It is reported that Sister Cecil Severance, of Cheraw, will not be with us much longer. We have not been advised why she is leaving the service.

We regret Bro. Rogers could not serve us as local chairman. Being situated as he was, he could have kept in close touch with the district at all times, and being at headquarters could have done much for the men by personal application to the officials. He could also have kept in touch with the new men coming to the district.

As Bro. Rogers declines to serve, we must elect some other good man in his place. Let each and every one make a resolution on the first of April to get one or more applications before the first of May.

SANDY.

*Charleston District—*

AS THE TELEGRAPHER has not yet reached me, I can't say whether we are represented or not. Bro. C. W. Boswell, our genial local chairman, has been appointed agent at Kingstree. We are glad to see Bro. Boswell moving up. He could have done this long ago, but preferred Salters. Bad health of his family finally drove him to make a change.

Bro. T. M. Jaudon, who has been working in Florida during the winter, is again at his home in St. Stephens. That is telegraphers' headquarters.

Bro. W. L. Hatchell, formerly on the Savannah District, is working one of the tricks at Effingham during the winter tourist season.

Business is improving in the cabbage district, and we will soon have them moving at the rate of 100 to 150 cars per day. When trains commence to move at that rate, it looks like there is something doing, and there usually is. We hope the trucksters will have much better luck than they had last year, which was a most disastrous one for them. SANDY.

*Gainesville District—*

I am not going to waste your time this month, just want to say enough to let you know that the Gainesville District is still on the map. I fear this is about all that can be said for it at present, as there seems to be very little stirring except tourlsts. They are keeping a few of our members on the run all the time, while the Greeks are keeping Bro. Craig at Tarpon Springs continually on his tiptoes. Bro. Craig has been elected delegate to Atlanta.

Bro. L. W. Lambert has been transferred from Newberry to Reddick; have not learned whom he succeeded or who succeeded him.

It is with regret that we learn of the poor state of health of Bro. D. M. Livingstone, former agent at Lowell. Bro. Livingstone writes from Skyland, N. C., that he does not expect he will ever be able to telegraph again. Bro. Livingstone has asked for, and been granted a withdrawal card, showing he left us in good standing. He was very anxious to leave us in this way, and that the brothers should know that he would like to have remained a member but the expense was too much for him with a wife and baby, he not able to do a particle of work. GATER.

*Wilmington District—*

Isn't it strange that the fellow who can't write is the one called upon to send something to THE TELEGRAPHER? Well, as it is imposed on me, and there is no way out of it, I suppose the members will have to tolerate it.

Bro. R. V. Rivenbark has been transferred to the agency at Folkstone, N. C., and was succeeded at Bolton by Bro. D. B. Monroe.

Lake Waccamaw agency has been bulletined, after a very long time. The time has just expired, but we have not heard who has been assigned to that agency yet. Now Good-Bye.

*Waycross District—*

I hear that we have a district correspondent, but in order that our territory shall be represented without fail this month, I have decided to tell a few things that have occurred.

Bro. J. L. Murray, one of our new members, has gone to Hildreth, Fla., as night telegrapher. This is one of the nine-hour night offices where the telegrapher is required to work twelve hours.

Bro. R. B. Kimble, one of our old members, who was formerly employed on this district, is again with us, being located at Quitman, Ga. He has been out of the service for some time.

Mr. W. Nobles succeeded Bro. Harrel at Lake City.

Bro. J. G. Rice is now working a trick at Sylvester. It will be remembered Bro. Rice was at Naylor for a long time.

We are glad to welcome back into our ranks Bro. J. D. Harvey, of Manor.

Bro. L. D. Hamilton, formerly with the G. S. & F. as general chairman, is now located at Valdosta. GEORGIA.

*All Members Division No. 132—*

I have recently been asked for aid to assist the hatters in their fight for the use of the union label. If you have not already read my article in the February issue of the journal I want you to read it at once, as it is now brought home to us that the union people of the country must demand the union label on every article where a label can be, or is now, in use. There is not an article of clothing you wear that cannot be bought with the label on it. There is not a member of the division who does not buy one or more hats each year. By demanding the label you will be assisting the hatters to win their fight. Just at this time this will not alone suffice, as they have about 20,000 members out on strike, fighting for their very existence and I wish each member to make a contribution of any amount he can, even if it is only a dime; it will help that much, and a dime from each member would be some help. Of course, you are not expected to make it the minimum because that amount is named, but make it as large as possible.

Just as soon as the hatters' union is destroyed or greatly crippled, the Van Cleaves and others in like positions will commence their fight upon other unions. It is their avowed purpose to break them up. Are we going to allow it?

If you have never before demanded the union label on what you buy, do it now. If your local dealer does not keep it, get it from some one who does. By demanding the label you may be saving a union man his position. A little girl in Roanoke, Va., by persistently asking for union-made goods and not buying because the dealers did not have them, caused so many orders for union-made articles to be sent to one manufacturer that he changed his mind about discontinuing the use of the label on his products. If one little girl, single-handed, can do this, what can the two and a half millions of union men in this country do?

You are one of these, and perhaps the only union man in your town. Your merchants do not even know the union label when they see it, yet if you ask them for it they will soon find out what it is and if you will not buy what they have, they will get it for you. They will also sell the same thing to some other fellow who does not care whether it has the label or not. In this way the two and one half millions of union men can, in a short time, exert such an influence that every merchant, no matter how small he may be, will demand from the manufacturers only goods that bear the label.

Let's make a fight for this in the Southeast.

Yours fraternally,

J. H. WILLIAMS,  
G. S. & T.

### C., C., C. & St. L. Ry.

#### *Chicago Division, East—*

At the meeting just held there were many familiar faces, from which I judge the work of the old committee was satisfactory. One thing we can say, and that is we have tried to prove satisfactory. I can state for the entire old committee that if any errors were made they were not intentional. I thank the brothers for again placing me in the position of representative of the old Chicago Division, and trust that they will judge leniently at all times, and know that I am doing my best.

I would like to ask that the members show more interest than they have been in the habit of doing heretofore; I am sure I could do a great deal more good if they would but realize that it is up to them, and not the local chairman, to up-build the Order and keep it where it is. Do not think that when you vote for me for chairman your duty is done, and that you can rest on your oars until next election.

Beg to state that Bro. Whalen and the writer audited the accounts of our general secretary and treasurer on March 2d, and find that Division No. 138 is in first-class condition.

Referring to our visit to St. Louis, would like to say to you who have not met Bro. Burton, that we are very fortunate in securing a secretary and treasurer of Bro. Burton's ability.

Bro. Burton has a set of books that would make the chief clerk in the United States Treasury envious, and we can be assured that our finances are in the best of hands.

Would also like to say that while in St. Louis I had the pleasure of visiting and getting acquainted with the general office force in the Star Building, and was shown entirely through the establishment by the Hon. Jas. B. Finnan, of Baltimore fame.

If at any time any one accuses our grand officers of extravagance in the way of office furnishings, make up your mind that he is misrepresenting. I was certainly taken aback at the plainness of the furnishings throughout the entire suite of offices.

Would like to make an appeal to the brothers on the west end of the Chicago Division, to "get busy," as there is plenty of room for missionary work in that quarter.

The following brothers have been reported off duty a few days since last write-up: Bro. Kirby, "RS;" Bro. Weber, "CD;" Bro. Carter, "CD;" Bro. Dupps, "BY;" Sister Van, "GN."

If I have overlooked any one, please call me up, or drop me a note the next time, so I will be sure not to miss you.

Beg to say in defense of this communication, that I have just been checked in as agent at this point, and have but little time to devote to this write-up.

I thank you again for the confidence shown in re-electing me chairman. I sincerely ask your hearty co-operation in behalf of the success of our Order in the next year's work.

W. O. BRINKMAN.

#### *St. Louis Division, East of Mattoon—*

Business seems to be holding its own.

At the present writing we are unable to state who will represent us at Atlanta, as Bro. Burton has not yet made known the result of the election. We hope, however, that the delegate will prove satisfactory to all, when the result becomes known.

Bro. E. E. Evans off duty a few days; relieved by Mr. A. R. Hartman.

Bro. E. F. Wade, third trick at Carbon, is taking a two weeks' vacation; relieved by Mr. Hartman.

Bro. C. W. Foudray has gone to Colorado to accept a position with the A. P. Ry. He was relieved by his brother from Terre Haute.

Bro. C. L. Mewhinney is working third trick in dispatcher's office at Terre Haute.

H. F. Watson, third trick dispatcher's office, has been promoted to car tracer. J. M. Hopkins taking first trick telegraph job.

W. S. Long, third trick at Mt. Jackson, is working a few days in "AB" office, Indianapolis.

Bro. G. C. Stoker is reported to be off duty, on account of sickness.

Don't forget to work on that non, who may be located at the next station to you.

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#### *Cairo Division, North—*

There is a new man in the dispatcher's office working days as telegrapher, and extra dispatcher relieving Bro. Goodner, who is now at "NY," first trick.

Bro. Ball, second trick at St. Francisville, is laying off a few days; relieved by Extra Telegrapher Gilkison.

Telegrapher Henry, first trick at "NE," Mt. Carmel, has been off duty a few days, on account of being ill. Bro. James and Telegrapher Johnson doubled for the first two days, on account of no extra man on the board, but they were relieved of this by Telegrapher Sanders beginning third trick.



- No. 9, LANCASTER, PA.—Meets third Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Central Labor Union Hall, 2d floor, No. 22 South Queen st., Lancaster, Pa. W. W. Shope, Jr., Chief Telegrapher, 1429 Zarker st., Harrisburg, Pa.; A. B. Hambright, S. & T., Elizabethtown, Pa.
- No. 12, SUNBURY, PA.—Meets third Monday in months of Jan., March, May, July, Sept. and Nov., at 8 p. m., and in months of Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. and Dec., at 10 a. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall, S. W. corner Market and 3d sts., Sunbury, Pa. Bruce McCracken, Chief Tel., Riverside, Pa.; W. D. Grant, S. & T., 225 Fairmount ave., Sunbury, Pa.
- No. 14—Division covers the Norfolk & Western Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. E. Layman, Gen'l Chairman, Troutville, Va.; T. H. Lankford, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 11, Cloverdale, Va.
- No. 15, OTTAWA, ONT.—Meets subject to call of Chief Telegrapher at Ottawa, Ont. G. W. Shepherd, Chief Tel., Alexandria, Ont.; D. Robertson, S. & T., Glen Robertson, Ont.; D. Robertson and G. W. Shepherd, Legislative Representatives.
- No. 16—Division covers the Michigan Central Railroad. Meets 3d Monday each month at 7:30 p. m., Prismatic Hall, 140 First st., Detroit, Mich. J. C. Culkins, Gen'l Chairman, Albion, Mich.; J. H. Staley, Gen'l S. & T., Ridgemount Ont.
- No. 17, BALTIMORE, MD.—Meets 1st and 3d Wednesday of each month at Old Town Bank Building, 3d floor, Baltimore, Md. Wm. M. Skinner, Chief Tel., 2224 E. Oliver st., Baltimore, Md.; Daniel L. Koller, S. & T., Harford road and West Erdman ave., Baltimore, Md.
- No. 18—Division covers the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. M. Mulcahy, Gen'l Chairman, 33 Courtney st., Dunkirk, N. Y.; C. F. Mayer, Gen'l S. & T., 6816 Lawn ave., Cleveland, Ohio.
- No. 20—Division covers the New York, Ontario & Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Guy Cochran, Gen'l Chairman, Kingston, N. Y.; H. D. Ploor, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 114, Jermyn, Pa.; M. E. Eccleston, Local Chairman, Southern Division, Port Jervis, N. Y.; T. E. Nealon, Local Chairman, Scranton Division, Archbald, Pa.; C. F. Ingersoll, Local Chairman, Northern Division, Guilford, N. Y.; C. E. Downie, Asst. Local Chairman, Southern Division, Summitville, N. Y.; J. D. Foote, Assistant Local Chairman, Southern Division, Cooks Falls, N. Y.
- No. 21—Division covers the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. F. Stenger, Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D., No. 3, Miamisburg, Ohio; C. B. Miller, Gen'l S. & T., Piqua, Ohio.
- No. 22—Division covers the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad System, R. J. Clark, Gen'l S. & T., Arbo, Miss.
- No. 23—Division covers the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Milwaukee Terminal meetings held subject to call of Local Chairman. O. W. Renshaw, Gen'l Chairman, 2 West 14th st., Minneapolis, Minn.; G. E. Soyster, Gen'l S. & T., 1554 Bever ave., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- No. 24, WILLIAMSPORT, PA.—Meets 2d Tuesday of each month, at 8 p. m., in Elliott Hall, southwest corner 4th and Pine sts., Williamsport, Pa., and 4th Tuesday of each month in A. O. H. Hall, Lock Haven, Pa. Thos. R. Hepler, Chief Tel., 423 Park ave., Williamsport, Pa.; J. N. Sponsler, S. & T., 935 Erie ave., Williamsport, Pa.
- No. 25—Division covers the International & Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. H. Stanton, Gen'l Chairman, Rockdale, Tex.; R. B. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., Jewett, Tex. J. O. Edington, Local Chairman, Tyler, Tex. I. L. Wood, Local Chairman, Otto, Tex. L. H. Hungate, Local Chairman Marquez, Texas.
- No. 26, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Sunday each month at 3 p. m., 2744 8th ave., New York City. F. J. Ryan, Chief Tel., 228 W. 141st st., New York; A. L. MacBain, S. & T., 203 W. 144th st., New York City.
- No. 27—Division covers the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad System. Meets on the 15th of each month in the Mayor's office, at Green Castle, Ind. C. H. Wilson, Gen'l Chairman, Smithboro, Ill.; C. R. Shortridge, Gen'l S. & T., Coatesville, Ind.
- No. 29, NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Meets 1st Friday of each month at 8 p. m., in Red Men's Hall, 48 Church st., cor. Crown, New Haven, Conn. L. H. Dowd, Chief Tel., 47 Division st., Danbury, Conn.; G. F. McCormick, S. & T., 93 Main st., West Haven, Conn.
- No. 31—Division covers the Missouri Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. W. M. Holman, Gen'l Chairman, 7210 Pennsylvania ave., St. Louis, Mo.; H. J. Mohler, Gen'l S. & T., Kingman, Kan.
- No. 32—Division covers the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. C. G. Kelso, Gen'l Chairman, 1106 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.; J. E. McQuade, Gen'l S. & T., 1106 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.
- No. 33—Division covers the Baltimore & Ohio Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. E. N. Van Atta, Gen'l Chairman, Box 36, Newark, O.; W. Edgar Frasher, Gen'l

S. & T., 814 W. 9th st., Wilmington, Del. Philadelphia Division meets in the hall at Cowenton, Md., 3d Wednesday evening of every other month, at 8 p. m., and meets in Landis Hall, 63d and Woodland ave., Philadelphia, Pa., 3d Saturday evening of every other month, commencing Saturday, September 19th, at 8 p. m. Thus alternating between Cowenton and Philadelphia, Pa., every other meeting. C. W. Hill, Folsom, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District of Baltimore Division meets on second Wednesday evening of each month, at 8 p. m., at 609 Fremont ave., near Franklin st., Baltimore, Md. C. B. Pierce, 2021 Eighth st., Walbrook, Baltimore, Md., Local Chairman. Western District of the Baltimore Division meets third Friday of January, April, July and October, at Woodstock, Md., at 8 p. m.; third Friday of February, August and November, at Washington Junction, Md., at 8 p. m., and third Friday of March, June, September and December, at Washington Junction, Md., at 11 a. m. D. M. Wright, Jr., Brunswick, Md., Local Chairman. Pittsburg Division, River, Pike and P. & W. District, meets every third Thursday night of each month at Hotel Wilson, No. 10 Smithfield st., Pittsburg, Pa.; W. C. Safford, 412 Ringgold st., McKeesport, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District, J. T. Williams, Mars, Pa.; Local Chairman. Western District, Cleveland Division, meets on third Monday of each month in Snyder's Hall, Exchange st., Massillon, Ohio. G. H. McCoy, 92 Wooster st., Massillon, Ohio, Local Chairman. Chicago Division meets on third Wednesday night of each month in Red Men's Hall, Defiance, Ohio. O. J. Prouse, 550 College ave., Fostoria, Ohio, Local Chairman. Eastern District; A. P. Webster, Kimmell, Ind., Local Chairman, Western District. Newark Divisions, including all its subdivisions and branches, will hereafter meet in Newark on the third Monday of each month. The meetings will be held alternately in the afternoon and evening, beginning with an evening meeting on December 21st.

No. 34—Division covers the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. V. Phillips, Gen'l Chairman, Wellington, Ill.; S. M. Rittenhouse, Gen'l S. & T., Sidell, Ill.

No. 35, PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month in Swarts Lodge, Odd Fellow's Hall, 96 Westminster st., Providence, R. I. David M. Callis, Chief Tel., Touisset, Mass.; R. A. Brown, S. & T., 75 Cedar ave., Riverside, R. I.

No. 36—Division covers the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburg. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. W. Burch, Gen'l S. & T., 319 Atlanta ave., Tuxedo Park, St. Louis, Mo.

No. 37, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Meets 2d Friday evening each month, 8 p. m., Post Office Bldg., New Rochelle, N. Y. Harry Burger, Chief Tel., 31 Park ave., Port Chester, N. Y.; Jos. A. Hannan, S. & T., P. O. Box 140, Rye, N. Y.

No. 38, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Meets 3d Saturday each month, 7:30 p. m., at 33 Lyman st., Springfield, Mass. Wm. A. Lamberton, Chief Tel., 15 George St., West Springfield, Mass.; John R. Cardinal, S. & T., Box 1417, Springfield, Mass.

No. 39—Division covers the Pere Marquette Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Knister, Gen'l Chairman, Coatsworth, Ont.; W. C. Johnson, Gen'l S. & T., Edmore, Mich.

No. 40—Division covers Chesapeake & Ohio Railway System. L. E. Hicks, Gen'l Chairman, Craigs ville, Va.; J. W. Kiser, Gen'l S. & T., Guyandotte, W. Va.; J. J. Holt, chairman, Allegheny & Greenbrier Districts, Covington, Va.; J. W. Kiser, chairman Huntington Division, Guyandotte, W. Va.; C. D. McGehee, chairman Peninsula & Piedmont Districts, 2803 E. Clay st., Richmond, Va.; H. M. Crowder, chairman Rivanna District, Howardsville, Va.; D. H. Scott, chairman James River District, Big Island, Va.; L. E. Hicks, chairman Mountain District, Craigs ville, Va.; M. L. Denning, chairman New River District, Brooks, W. Va.; H. O. Irwin, chairman Lexington & Big Sandy Districts, Pikeville, Ky.; W. H. Glenn, chairman Cincinnati District, Garrison, Ky. Meetings once a month at Clifton Forge and Hinton. Richmond and Ashland meetings subject to call of chairmen.

No. 41, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 2d Saturday night each month, Engineers' Hall, 164 Canal st., Boston, Mass. T. J. Fogarty, Chief Tel., 71 Clarendon, ave., West Somerville, Mass.; F. M. Morgan, S. & T., Lexington, Mass.

No. 42—Division covers the Erie Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Joint meetings of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions will be held at Warren, Ohio, corner Park ave. and Market st., every third Saturday of each month. W. H. Husted, Gen'l Chairman, Richwood, Ohio; C. L. Bridge, Gen'l S. & T., Deposit, N. Y.

No. 43—Division covers Canadian Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. E. J. Willis, Gen'l Chairman, Roland, Man.; W. G. Roxburgh, Acting Gen'l S. & T., 324 Victor st., Winnipeg, Man.

No. 44, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Fraternity Hall, 22-24 Harriman ave., Jamaica, N. Y.; C. B. Van Nostrand, Chief Tel., 31 Aberdeen st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. A. Leonard, S. & T., 365 Shelton ave., Jamaica, N. Y.

No. 45, WOODSVILLE, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., K of P. Hall, Woodsville, N. H. B. C. Berry, Chief Tel., South Barton, Vt.; F. P. Learned, S. & T., Box 553, Woodsville, N. H.

No. 46—Division covers the Central of Georgia Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. H. Livsey, Gen'l Chairman, East Point, Ga. O. S. Travis, Gen'l S. & T., Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. System meetings held at O. R. C. Hall, Macon, Ga., subject to call of General Chairman. Macon Division meets with Dixie Club, Federation Hall, Atlanta, Ga., every second Saturday night; O. S. Travis, Local Chairman, Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. Savannah Division meets at Macon, Ga., subject to call of Local Chairman. D. M. Rogers, Local Chairman Register, Ga. Chattanooga Division meets at La Fayette, Ga., every second Sunday; Local Chairman, W. D. Stewart, La Fayette, Ga. Southwestern Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman T. J. Mills, Smithville, Ga. Columbus Division meets at Opelika, Ala., subject to call of Local Chairman A. H. Warlich, Opelika, Ala.

No. 47, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., at B. I. S. Hall, Charlottetown, P. E. I. A. D. Lawson, Chief Tel., Hunters River, P. E. I.; J. J. Trainor, S. & T., Bedford Station, P. E. I.

No. 48—Division covers the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton and Ann Arbor Railways. Meets subject to call of chairman. H. J. Tobin, Gen'l Chairman, 315 E. Exchange st., Owosso, Mich.; A. F. Weast, Gen'l S. & T., 930 Oak st., Springfield, Ohio.

No. 49—Division covers the Denver & Rio Grande Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. H. Wasson, Gen'l Chairman, Amethyst, Colo.; F. W. Aiken, Gen'l S. & T., Cotopaxi, Colo.

No. 50—Division covers the Georgia Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. W. Duffy, Gen'l Chairman, James, Ga.; W. P. Hubert, Gen'l S. & T., Crawfordsville, Ga.

No. 51—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Erie Railway System. Meets fourth Thursday of each month, in Eagle's Hall, Greenville, Pa. C. V. Patton, General Chairman, Keister, Pa.; W. B. Risley, Gen'l S. & T., 96 Marshal st., Conneaut, Ohio.

No. 52, PITTSBURG, PA.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturday evening each month at 8 p. m., at 204 Fifth ave., 3d floor, Pittsburg, Pa. J. J. Standley, Chief Tel., 3508 Mellwood ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; H. K. Klingensmith, Secretary, 243 Grandview ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; C. C. Campbell, Treasurer, 605 Arlington ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

No. 53—Division covers the Southern Pacific Railway Lines. Meets subject to call of chair-

man. W. H. Lester, Gen'l Chairman, Weimar, Tex.; D. W. Koppikus, Gen'l S. & T., 1220 12th ave., East Oakland, Cal.

No. 54—Division covers the Northern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Sam Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, North Branch, Minn.; I. N. Holmes, Gen'l S. & T., 1015 10th st., Olympia, Wash.

No. 55—Division covers the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Wabash, Pittsburg Terminal and West Side Belt Railways. Meets third Saturday evening of each month at 7:30 p. m., at Navarre, Ohio. R. E. Hamilton, Gen'l Chairman, Mogadore, Ohio; C. R. Guthrie, Gen'l S. & T., Box 71, Jewett, Ohio.

No. 56—Division covers Georgia Southern & Florida Railway System. W. O. Wilson, Gen'l Chairman, Vienna, Ga.; O. H. Watson, Gen'l S. & T., Tobesofkee, Ga.

No. 57—Division covers the Houston & Texas Central Railway System. Meets every third Saturday at 8:30 p. m., in Labor Temple, over 401 Main st., Dallas, Tex. W. J. Burke, Gen'l Chairman, H. & T. C. yard office, Dallas, Tex.; J. A. McKey, Gen'l S. & T., 43 N. Benge st., McKinney, Tex.

No. 58, WILMINGTON, DEL.—Meets third Friday evening, 8 o'clock, Red Men's Hall, 517 Shipley st., Wilmington, Del. Thomas Truitt, Chief Telegrapher, Clayton, Del.; F. C. Melvin, S. & T., Newport, Del.

No. 59—Division covers Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. J. Gregory, Gen'l Chairman, Chase City, Va.; O. R. Doyle, Gen'l S. & T., Calhoun, S. C.

No. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets third Friday of each month at 8 p. m., at Typographical Temple, 423 "G" st., N. W., Washington, D. C. J. E. Blades, Chief Tel., 1529 East Capitol st., Washington, D. C. J. E. Vandegrift, S. & T., 936 "B" st., S. W., Washington, D. C.

No. 61, CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—Meets 4th Tuesday evening of each month in Engineers' Hall, Campbellton, N. B. J. W. Morton, Chief Tel., Campbellton, N. B.; R. A. McMillan, S. & T., Carlo Station, N. B.

No. 62—Division covers the Queen & Crescen. (North). A. B. Willison, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Science Hill, Ky. K. C. Gardner, Gen'l S. & T., Box 333, Williamstown, Ky. E. H. Boutwell, Local Chairman Cincinnati Div., Box 374, Williamstown, Ky. M. B. Dungan, Local Chairman Chattanooga Division, Science Hill, Ky. Meets 4th Saturday night in each month at Somerset, Ky. D. B. Stone, Local Chairman A. G. S. Division, care Central Depot, Chattanooga, Tenn. Meetings held at Danville, Ky., and Oakdale, Tenn., subject to call of chairman.

- No. 63, **MONCTON, N. B.**—Meets 3d Saturday of each month, alternately at Moncton, N. B., and St. John, N. B. H. W. Jones, Chief Tel., Moncton, N. B.; R. M. Gross, S. & T., Boundary Creek, N. B.
- No. 64, **LEVIS, QUE.**—Meets third Tuesday of each month. Place of each following meeting to be chosen by a majority vote of members present at each regular meeting. A. Dion, Chief Tel., 38 St. Louis st., Quebec, Que.; Wm. Parsons, Secretary and Treasurer, St. Pierre, Co. Montmagny, Que.
- No. 65, **ROCHESTER, N. H.**—Meets at 8 p. m., second Saturday each month in G. A. R. Hall, Rochester, N. H. E. J. Scott, Chief Tel., West Ossipee, N. H.; H. L. Jones, S. & T, Fremont, N. H.
- No. 66, **TRURO, N. S.**—Meets third Wednesday each month, McKay's Hall (B. R. T. room), Ingills st., Truro, N. S. W. A. Harris, Chief Tel., Windsor Junction, N. S.; Geo. O. Forbes, S. & T., Spring Hill Junction, N. S.
- No. 67, **WILKESBARRE, PA.**—Meets on the third Friday each month at 8 p. m., at O. U. A. M. Hall, No. 31 W. Market st., Wilkesbarre, Pa. J. Nelligan, S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- No. 68—Division covers Washington County Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. James F. Desmond, Gen'l Chairman, Eastport, Me.; Wm. C. Myrick, Gen'l S. & T., East Machias, Me.
- No. 69—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (South). Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Shields, Gen'l Chairman, Morton, Miss.; J. C. Talley, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Poplarville, Miss.
- No. 70—Division covers the Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Post, Gen'l Chairman, Box 1,114, Minot, N. D.; P. M. Abbott, Gen'l S. & T., Logan, Mont.
- No. 71, **OSKALOOSA, IOWA**—Meets second Saturday in each month at 8:45 p. m., in Clingman Hall, over Pike's Drug Store, Oskaloosa, Iowa. H. W. Landfear, Chief Tel., Wright, Iowa; O. L. Davis, S. & T., Richland, Iowa.
- No. 72, **ST. JOSEPH, MO.**—Meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., 623 Mt. Mora Road, St. Joseph, Mo. F. E. Berry, Chief Tel., Box 432, South St. Joseph, Mo.; W. E. Reese, S. & T., Box 682, St Joseph, Mo.
- No. 73, **MAUCH CHUNK, PA.**—Meets second Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., on the 4th floor, Odd Fellows' Hall, Broadway, Mauch Chunk, Pa. William M. Butler, S. & T., Room 11, Court House, Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- No. 74—Division covers B. & O. S.-W. R. R. V. B. Turner, Gen'l Chairman, Box 2, Ewing, Ind.; A. Fryburger, Gen'l S. & T., Athens, O.
- No. 75—Division covers Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville Ry. System. G. W. Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, Losantville, Ind.; F. K. Harter, Gen'l S. & T., Sinton Bldg., 3 East Fourth st., Cincinnati, Ohio.
- No. 76—Division covers the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Jas. Troy, Gen'l Chairman, Jewell Junction, Iowa; W. J. Liddane, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, 227 W. Central ave., St. Paul, Minn.; Ira R. Kempkes, Gen'l S. & T., Nevada, Iowa.
- No. 77, **DENVER, COLO.**—Meets 1st Monday evening in each month at 620 14th st., Denver, Colo. C. M. Worth, Chief Tel., 620 14th st., Denver, Colo.; C. L. Cheney, S. & T., 935 17th st., Denver, Colo.
- No. 78, **ALBANY, N. Y.**—Meets 3d Saturday each month at 7:30 p. m., A. O. U. W. Hall, 82 S. Pearl st., Albany, N. Y.; B. M. Nichols, S. & T., 22 Columbia st., Schenectady, N. Y.
- No. 79—Covers G. & S. I. Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. J. O. Bolton, Gen'l Chairman, Mt. Olive, Miss.; W. L. Yeates, Gen'l Sec. & Treas., Box 69, Maxie, Miss.; E. W. Wooten, Ass't Gen'l S. & T., Maxie, Miss.
- No. 80—Division covers the M. J. & K. C. Ry. System. W. C. Longmlre, Gen'l Chairman, Union, Miss.; J. W. Spivey, Gen'l S. & T., Merrill, Miss.
- No. 81—Division covers the Colorado Midland Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of chairman. Albert Kuhn, Gen'l Chairman, New Castle, Colo.; Guy Salling, Gen'l S. & T., Florissant, Colo.
- No. 82—Division covers Western Maryland Railway system. R. E. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Smithburg, Md.; C. T. Rose, Gen'l S. & T., Lock Box 82, Gettysburg, Pa. W. Va. Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Md. and Va. Div. meets subject to call of Local Chairman.
- No. 83—Division covers the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. A. W. Sherburne, Gen'l Chairman, New Sweden Station, Me.; F. J. Crozier, Gen'l Sec. and Treas., Abbott, Me.
- No. 84, **CAMDEN, N. J.**—Meets 2d Saturday evening each month in Goff Bldg., Room No. 2, next to P. R. R. Broadway station, Camden, N. J. T. A. Hitchner, Chief Tel., Wenonah, N. J.; W. M. Hitchner, Sec'y, Pitman, N. J.; F. S. Pheasant, Treas., Merchantville, N. J.
- No. 85, **TRENTON, N. J.**—Meets 3d Friday at 8 p. m., at Concordia Hall, 33 West State st., Trenton, N. J. Chas. R. Carty, Chief Tel., 308 Wood st., Bristol, Pa.; Chas. Parker, S. & T., 494 West Hanover st, Trenton, N. J.

- No. 86, ALTOONA, PA.—Meets 2d Wednesday at 10:15 a. m., and 4th Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., in Lee Building, E. 12th st., between 8th and 9th aves., Altoona, Pa. John Oakes, Chief Tel., Hollidaysburg, Pa.; J. L. Franks, S. & T., 35 Beech ave., Altoona, Pa.
- No. 87, SCRANTON, PA.—Meets 1st Monday evening of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Main st., Archbald, Pa. W. F. Davenport, Chief Tel., Archbald, Pa.; M. G. Grennell, S. & T., Carbondale, Pa.
- No. 88—Division covers the Texas & Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. W. E. Sledge, Gen'l Chairman, Pelican, La.; J. E. De Souza, Gen'l S. & T., Chamberlin, La.
- No. 89, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 1st Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Pilgrim Hall, also 3d Saturday each month at 10 a. m. (daylight meeting) in Pilgrim Hall, 3d floor, elevator service, 694 Washington st., Boston, Mass. Leonard J. Ross, Chief Tel., No. 14 De Loss st., South Framingham, Mass.; J. H. McDermott, S. & T., Mansfield, Mass.
- No. 90—Division covers Coal & Coke Ry. of W. Va. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. J. Shawver, Gen'l Chairman, Walkersville, W. Va. J. A. Arthur, Gen'l S. & T., Clay, W. Va.
- No. 91, CHICAGO, ILL.—Meets 4th Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., at Hall, 912 Masonic Temple, State and Randolph sts., Chicago, Ill. G. Dal. Jones, Chief Tel., 1760 North Lawndale ave., Chicago, Ill.; Wm. F. McDonald, S. & T., Room 550, 263 La Salle st., Chicago, Ill.
- No. 92—Division covers the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. H. R. Childs, Gen'l Chairman, Warsaw, N. Y.; J. T. Simmons, Gen'l S. & T., 901 W. Long ave., DuBois, Pa.
- No. 93—Division covers the Illinois Central Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. C. A. Mulhall, Gen'l Chairman, Clarkson, Ky.; G. E. Chance, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, Mounds, Ill.; W. P. Moore, Gen'l Chairman, Y. & M. V. Lines, Lula, Miss.; G. D. Clements, Gen'l Chairman, Indianapolis Sou. Ry., Bloomfield, Ind.; R. L. Shannon, Gen'l S. & T., Anna, Ill.
- No. 94, MERIDIAN, MISS.—Meets 4th Wednesday night at 8 p. m., in Young Men's Benevolent Association Hall, S. E. cor. Dauphin and Jackson sts., Mobile, Ala. R. Del Buono, Chief Tel., Yellow Pine, Ala.; R. L. Howell, S. & T., 18 South Catherin st., Mobile, Ala.
- No. 95, PORTLAND, ME.—Meets third Thursday of each month at 546½ Congress st., Portland, Me. H. G. Adams, Chief Tel., R. F. D., No. 2, Cumberland Center, Me.; C. A. Ford, S. & T., East Waterboro, Me.
- No. 96—Division covers the Chicago Great Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. L. Albrecht, Gen'l Chairman, Fredericksburg, Iowa; E. C. Hodges, Gen'l S. & T., Readlyn, Iowa.
- No. 97—Division covers the Seaboard Air Line Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. D. May, Gen'l Chairman, Carlton, Ga.; F. O. Cumming, Gen'l S. & T., Seaboard, N. C.
- No. 98—Division covers G. V. G. & N. Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. R. W. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Thatcher, Ariz.; J. W. Arnold, Gen'l S. & T., Solomonville, Ariz.
- No. 99, COBALT, ONT.—J. W. Aubin, Chief Tel., Englehart, Ont.; L. C. McBride, S. & T., Temagami, Ont.
- No. 100, ELMIRA, N. Y.—Meets second Tuesday at 10:30 a. m., and fourth Tuesday at 9 p. m., each month, in Red Men's Hall, 164 Lake st., Elmira, N. Y. C. M. Weeks, Chief Tel., Stanley, N. Y.; C. R. Elliott, S. & T., 381 South Main st., Elmira, N. Y.
- No. 101—Division covers the Northwestern Pacific Ry. John A. Bondeson, Gen'l Chairman, Port Reyes Sta., Cal.; W. E. Hicks, Gen'l S. & T., Geyserville, Cal.
- No. 102, PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Meeting place subject to notice from Secretary and Treasurer, H. O. Mennig, S. & T., Conshohocken, Pa.
- No. 103, STELLARTON, N. S.—R. Sutherland, Chief Tel., Box 297, New Glasgow, N. S.; W. McLeod, S. & T., care I. C. R. R., Stellarton, N. S.
- No. 104, AYER, MASS.—Meets third Sunday of each month at 9:30 a. m., in the ante-rooms of Pierce Hall, third floor, Clinton, Mass. G. H. Cook, Chief Tel., Ayer, Mass.; John F. Mullen, S. & T., 17 Bridge st., Marlboro, Mass.
- No. 105, CONCORD, N. H.—A. Walters, Jr., Chief Tel., Penacook, N. H.; H. M. Clay, S. & T., North Boscawen, N. H.
- No. 106, HAGERSTOWN, MD.—Meets first and third Thursdays of each month at 8 p. m., in G. A. R. Hall, Market House, Hagerstown, Md. J. L. Seibert, Chief Tel., 318 W. Washington st., Hagerstown, Md.; J. K. Snyder, S. & T., Box 46, Hagerstown, Md.
- No. 107—Division covers Toledo, Peoria & Western Ry. C. M. Finch, Gen'l Chairman, Watseka, Ill.; O. L. Lang, Gen'l S. & T., El Paso, Ill.
- No. 108, ADDISON, N. Y.—Meets second Sunday each month at 11 a. m., in C. M. B. A. Hall, Addison, N. Y. F. J. Taylor, Chief Tel., Hamburg, N. Y.; L. D. Jacobs, S. & T., Elkland, Pa.
- No. 109, CRESSON, PA.—Meets 1st Saturday of each month at 6 p. m., in Custer's Hall, Conemaugh, Pa. Henry D. Border, Chief Tel., Portage, Pa.; Louis Biter, S. & T., Wilmore, Pa.

- No. 110, RENOVO, PA.—Meets third Wednesday of each month at New St. Charles Hotel, East Emporium, Pa., and first Wednesday of each month at Corry, Pa. J. E. O'Leary, Chief Tel., East Emporium, Pa.; A. L. Goodwin, S. & T., Box 375, Emporium, Pa.
- No. 111—Division covers San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. L. R. Tuttle, Gen'l S. & T., East San Pedro, Cal.
- No. 112—Division covers the Columbia, Newberry & Laurens Ry. Meets subject to call of chairman. James P. Wilson, Gen'l S. & T., Newberry, S. C.
- No. 113—Division covers the Ulster & Delaware System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. M. Sanford, Gen'l Chairman, Hobart, N. Y.; H. Krom, Gen'l S. & T., Hunter, N. Y.
- No. 114—ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, N. S.—H. A. Jaques, Chief Tel., Middleton, N. S.; Stanley Tavenor, S. & T., Tuppersville, N. S.
- No. 115, QUEBEC, ONT.—Meets first Monday each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que. A. Pelletier, Chief Tel., Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que.; J. E. Potvin, S. & T., St. Cote de Peres Que., Can.
- No. 116—Division covers the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway System. Meets second Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and December, in places designated by General Chairman. J. H. McLean, Gen'l Chairman, L'Anse, Mich.; C. Reif, Gen'l S. & T., Lake Linden, Mich.
- No. 117, SHAMOKIN, PA.—Meets third Saturday in months of January, March, May, July, September and November, at 7 p. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall, Mahanoy City, Pa., and on third Saturday, at 8 p. m., months of February, April, June, August, October and December, in P. O. S. of A. Hall, Shamokin, Pa. A. F. Wallaner, Chief Tel., Quakake, Pa.; H. M. Michael, S. & T., Quakake, Pa.
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- No. 120—Division covers Lake Erie & Western Railway System. C. E. Estabrook, Gen'l S. & T., Springport, Ind.
- No. 121—Division covers Wisconsin Central Ry. System. G. A. Harsh, Gen'l Chairman, Colfax, Wis. O. R. Barber, Gen'l S. & T., Allenton, Wis.
- No. 122, WHITEHALL, N. Y.—Meets subject to call and at place designated. F. H. Kelley, Chief Tel., Crown Point, N. Y.; H. G. Stevens, S. & T., 27 Center st., Fort Edward, N. Y.
- No. 123—Division covers Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway System. H. S. Vogler, Gen'l Chairman, Young America, Minn.; Robert Hamilton, Gen'l S. & T., Belview, Minn.
- No. 124—Division covers Lehigh Valley Ry. System. J. Nelligan, Gen'l S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
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- No. 126—Division covers Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway System. Meets Maccabee Hall, Rock Island, Ill., 4th Saturday evening of each month at F. O. E. Hall, El Reno, Okla. Meets second Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., in room 638, McCoy's Hotel, Chicago, Ill. W. T. Brown, Gen'l Chairman, 520 West 7th st., Topeka, Kan.; M. E. Schooler, Gen'l S. & T., Box 176, Topeka, Kan.
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- No. 128—Division covers Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. System. L. A. Tanquary, Gen'l S. & T., Box 328, Pueblo, Colo.
- No. 129—Division covers Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway System. G. E. Kipp, Gen'l Chairman, Blasdel, N. Y.; C. D. Hull, G. S. & T., 1029 Central ave., Sandusky, Ohio.
- No. 130—Division covers Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. L. Lamb, Gen'l Chairman, Red Oak, Ia.; W. A. Henry, Gen'l S. & T., Fairfield, Iowa.
- No. 131, TRING JUNCTION QUE.—C. A. Bileau, Chief Tel., Beauce Jct., Que.; Patrick Doyle, S. & T., Tring Junction, Que.
- No. 132—Division covers the Atlantic Coast Line Railway System. Meetings, Florence, S. C., 4th Saturday night each month. Rocky Mount, N. C., bi-monthly, February, April, June, August, October and December, on 2d Saturday night. B. F. Wheeler, Gen'l Chairman, Oviedo, Fla.; J. H. Williams, Gen'l S. & T., Wilson, N. C.
- No. 133, SYDNEY, N. S.—M. A. J. McDonald, Chief Tel., Iona, C. B.; Archie B. McDougall, S. & T., Grand Narrows, Cape Breton, N. S.

- No. 134, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Meets 3d Sunday each month, at 136 East Bay st., Herkimer Building, Jacksonville, Fla. L. R. Funderburk, Chief Tel., care Jacksonville Terminal Company, Jacksonville, Fla.; N. C. Hall, S. & T., New Smyrna, Fla.
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- No. 146—Division covers the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Ry. System. M. C. Roop, Gen'l S. & T., Cragford, Ala.
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- RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS' SOCIAL CLUB OF RICHMOND, VA.—Meets at Picket Camp Hall, 307 N. 7th st., second Saturday night of each month. All O. R. T. men are cordially invited. There will be short talks on various subjects of interest to telegraphers at each meeting.

## A Fisherman's "True" Story and Its Queer Ending.

BY M. B. HILLY

Two years ago my vacation found me fishing among the little lakes of Southern Minnesota. While leaning over the side of the boat one day I had the misfortune to drop my watch into the water.

Of course, you say you know how it ended—a big fish came along, swallowed the watch, and that later I caught the fish and recovered my watch. It would have been wonderful if this were the outcome of my story, but it has a very different ending.

No fish appeared large enough to "Jonah" my watch. There it lay in about six feet of clear water, and the farmer boy who was rowing me slipped out of his shirt and overalls, into the water, and in a moment placed the watch in my hands, safe but as drenched and dripping as himself.

Now, as everyone knows, watches are not amphibious, and, while they do not exactly shrink from contact with water, a soaking doesn't do them any good. So I looked at my timepiece, which was an expensive one, rather dubiously as I thought of the distance to town.

My anxiety must have been reflected in my face, for my companion, who by this time had resumed his simple dress, said: "Don't worry. I'll soon have it running for you when we get to the house."

I looked at him amazed; looked at his hands, browned and calloused by the weather and work, and said: "You clean this watch? You must be joking."

"No, I'm in earnest," he replied. "Just wait."

Now, here is the "wonder" part of the tale. When we reached the house he led me to a small, light room which I had not seen before. To my surprise it contained a watchmaker's bench and complete outfit of tools, and, to finish the picture, there was the traditional rack, with some real watches hanging on it. I rubbed my eyes to make sure I was not dreaming. Satisfying myself I was wide awake, and yielding, against my judgment, to his assurance of his ability to make my watch all right again, I handed it over and anxiously awaited results.

I thought of the old story about the sleight of hand man who borrowed a silk hat from the audience to make an omelet in and handed it back smeared with broken eggs, simply regretting the failure of the trick. How would I get back my watch?

But my fears were groundless. The fingers that had seemed so coarse and clumsy suddenly became deft as he skillfully removed the watch movement, took it apart, cleaned and oiled each tiny wheel and pinion, and in

less than an hour had everything back in its place and ticking off the seconds as rhythmically as before.

It seemed almost like the work of a magician, but the mystery was quickly explained. He called my attention to certain illustrated charts that hung on the opposite wall, photographic illustrations, showing how the watchmaker's hands hold and operate the various tools in every process of the work. He went on to tell me how he had learned the trade by a course of correspondence lessons put out by a concern in a large Western city, and how, having mastered the subject, he was earning a tidy income right in his own neighborhood.

He confided to me his further ambition, which was to take the next step offered by his instructors, and to open a modest little jewelry store in the neighboring town. And to that end he was saving every penny he earned and adding to it through the summer by guiding fishermen and doing other odd jobs.

About a year later, being in the city where my young friend's instructors were located, I called at their establishment and was gratified to see its evident air of prosperity and enterprise. I wanted to relate the incident, which had so interested me, feeling sure it would interest them, and in this I was not disappointed.

"Let me show you what your young friend has done since you made his acquaintance," and the manager called a clerk.

The ledger was brought, which showed the purchase of bill after bill in quick succession, until at the time of my visit he was carrying a \$3,500 stock, and had established a sound basis of credit with the firm. This was a great pleasure to me.

My host then explained their plan. They have started literally thousands of men in business, first teaching them watchmaking, and then, if they show an aptitude for business, encouraging them to start a jewelry store, on a small scale at first, but to expand as they gained experience and means. I found that hundreds had done this practically without money, and were doing well.

I will admit I was skeptical. It sounded too easy, but I would not dispute the records. There were the documents to "prove it." The secret of their success is in their simple and thorough business methods of helping these men, and the big profits their students get for their repairing. The average cost of material used in repairing a watch is about 25 cents, and the charges, as we all know,



range from \$2 to \$4. We are paying for skilled labor, and it is right that we should be made to do so.

These young men are clerks, farmer boys, and other salaried people. They work at the trade whenever they can find the time, and build up their repair business by degrees. When the time is ripe they open up their watch repair and jewelry store with the money they have made. They are given large poster signs for advertising, and told how to conduct bargain sales, and are given instructions how to build up a successful business. This is all done by a correspondence system which has been worked out in detail.

These men who have opened up their stores conduct their business under the personal supervision of a successful merchandise man. For example, when I visited their school's promotion department a lot of special prize sales were being sent out. Some trade-building scheme or plan is sent out every week. This time it was to be a prize sale, and was explained to me as follows:

Every storekeeper was told to take a photograph of one of his signs on one of the country roads. This could be done with a small camera. He was to paste the picture up in his show window and offer five prizes to those who could guess the location of the sign. The idea was to have every one looking for his signs, and to bring people to his store.

The next week all of the storekeepers would receive another original idea, and when necessary would be given special stocks of goods to carry out the idea. This service continued all of the time, and the results were good. It kept the business booming.

I now began to realize how it had been possible for my young friend in Southern Minnesota to learn the watch repair trade by a correspondence system, and will always have more respect for those who have the courage to undertake a proposition of this kind and carry it through to a successful conclusion.

This concern treats its students like a large family. All seem to work together. There are hundreds of prosperous jewelers who are receiving the benefit of this service. These storekeepers could not afford to advertise their business continually, and would not know how to do it. It was demonstrated to me that if any one of these jewelers tried to handle a campaign alone the expense would cost him about one hundred times more than it was now costing him, and his business could not stand the expense. There is no reason why any wide-awake young man of to-day should complain of the present conditions. All trades are being taught by reliable correspondence schools, and there is always an opening for one who shows that he is not afraid to try, is willing to work, and who says "I will."

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# Don't Slave at the Washtub!

How Thousands of Women Have Banished the Drudgery  
of Washday by Using a Wonderful New Invention  
that Does a Washing in Six Minutes

*Written for this Paper by Virginia Riverton*

**I** BRING a message of deliverance to the toiling army of women who are literally wearing their lives away on the washboard. The romance and the happiness of women's lives have been sacrificed in this form of slavery long enough. The labors of our husbands and fathers have been lightened by hundreds of inventions. Just imagine what a chorus of protests would go up if only one of these labor-saving inventions—the modern harvester—were taken from them and they were forced to reap grain with a sickle!

Yet, here in modern America, boasting of the highest civilization, millions of women are condemned for life to this worst form of drudgery. For what is more pitiable than to see a woman bending over a tub of steaming suds—rubbing, rubbing, rubbing on a washboard until her arms and back ache, her hands are raw, and beads of perspiration roll down her hot cheeks? And the same work must be done week after week and year after year.

As a woman who speaks from long experience, I can testify that doing a family washing by hand—rubbing is the most tiresome, tedious, nerve-racking and health-destroying drudgery that the busy housewife is called upon to perform.

## How it all Happened

One day, after I had done an extra big washing, I sat down in sheer exhaustion, and tried to read a story in one of the magazines. But I was actually so worn out and brain-weary that I couldn't follow the thread of the story. So I glanced through the advertisements. One of these advertisements instantly attracted my attention. It told of a remarkable washing machine made in Binghamton, N. Y., which almost worked itself. The most astonishing claim made for it was that it would wash a tubful of dirty garments in *from two to six minutes!* The advertisement went on to say that the manufacturer of the washer would send one anywhere on thirty days' free trial. Now I had seen "free trial" offers before, but I was always suspicious of them. A friend of mine once wrote for some article offered on a "free trial", and the firm wrote her a letter asking for the cash "on deposit."

I said to myself there must be a "catch" somewhere in this offer of a 1900 Gravity Washer on free trial. By this time I was thoroughly interested in the new washer, and as it only took the price of a postal card to test it, I decided to write to the firm for their free book telling about the Washer.

## Decided to Risk a Penny

Well, I must admit that what that little book said about the Washer almost took my breath away. It all seemed too good to be true. The book made

the free trial offer just as strong as it was in the advertisement. But I was still skeptical about it. I felt sure that there was a string tied to that 1900 Gravity Washer that would hold it in Binghamton, N. Y., until the company saw some *real money*. But I picked out the style of washer I wanted and again I ventured. I wrote the 1900 Washer Company something like this:

"Please send me the Gravity Washer shown on page 2, for thirty days' free trial."

I was so busy during the next few days that the incident was quite forgotten. I never expected the Company to keep its promise. Imagine my surprise when I received notice that there was a washing machine at the depot, all charges fully paid. Maybe I didn't send for it in a hurry!

We had a big washing that week and some of the garments were dreadfully soiled—the children's especially. In a few minutes all was ready. I noted the time and gave the machine a start.

## Proved a Dream Come True

It ran with amazing ease and in exactly five minutes that blessed machine had washed the tubful of dirty clothes spotlessly clean. The 1900 Gravity Washer seemed indeed "a dream come true."

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No more wash-day weariness for me. No backaches and headaches and heartaches from standing over the old-fashioned tub. No more chapped hands. "Blue Monday" has been transformed into "Sunny Monday."

## Women Pass the Word Along

Thousands of women in all parts of the country have been freed from bondage to washboards by this remarkable machine. I have told all my relatives and acquaintances about it. I am writing this article in the hope of reaching thousands of other women who have not yet learned of the Gravity Washer.

I sincerely hope that every woman who reads this will send for the 1900 Washer Company's book that tells about this great labor-saver. The address of the Company is 202 Henry Street, Binghamton, N. Y. If you live in Canada, address The Canadian 1900 Washer Co., 355 Yonge St., Toronto, Can. Just send them your name and address on a postal card.

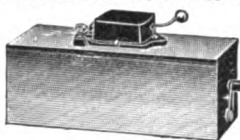
I am sure you will thank me for having told you about the machine that really washes a tub full of clothes in from two to six minutes.

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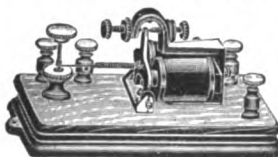
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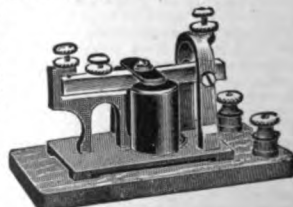
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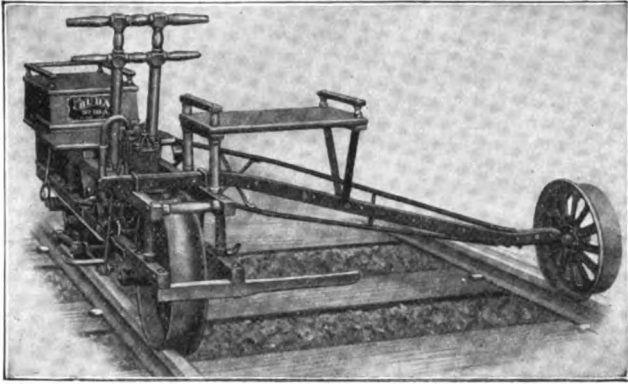
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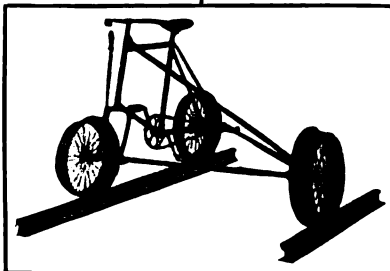
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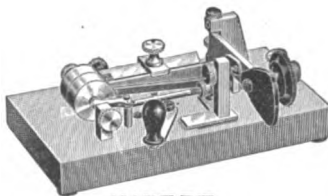
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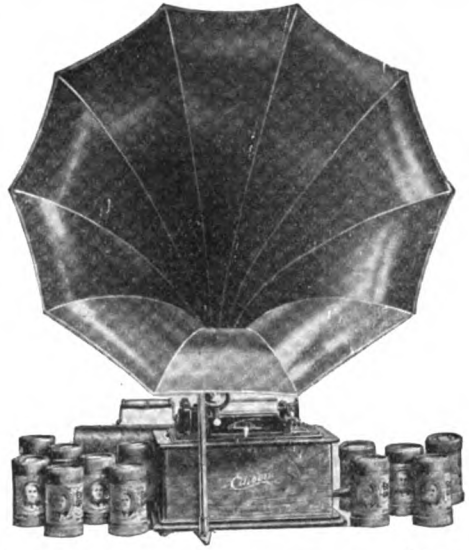
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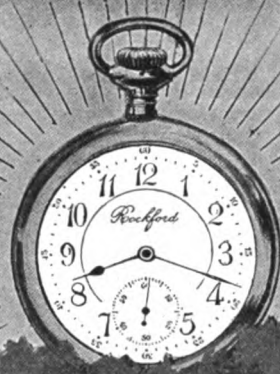
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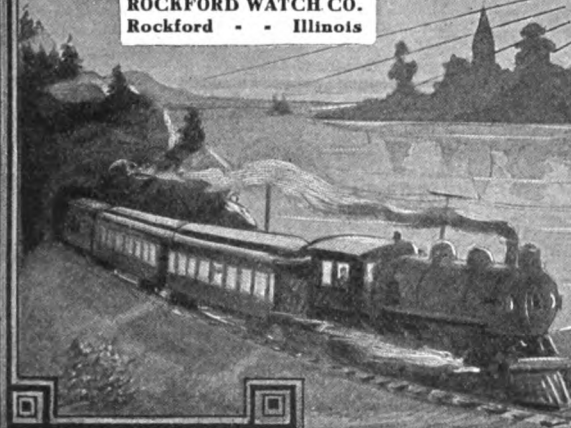
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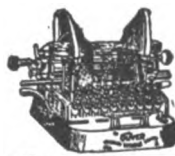
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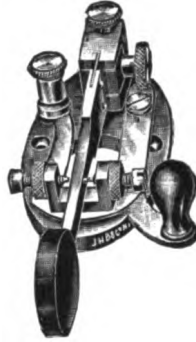


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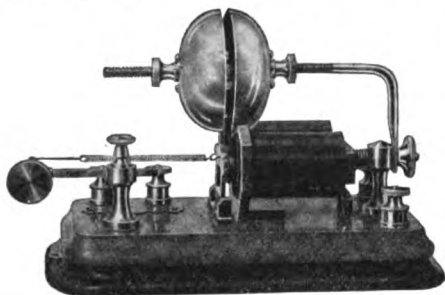
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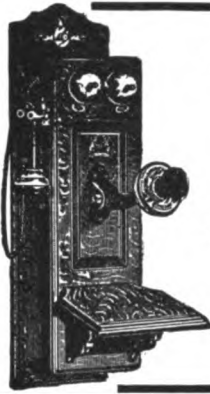
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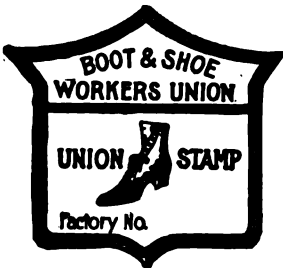
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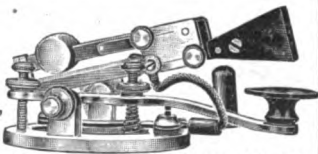
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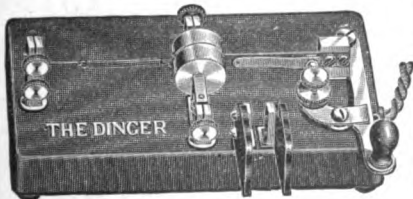
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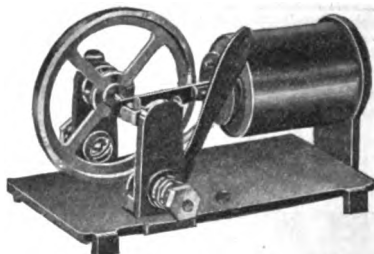
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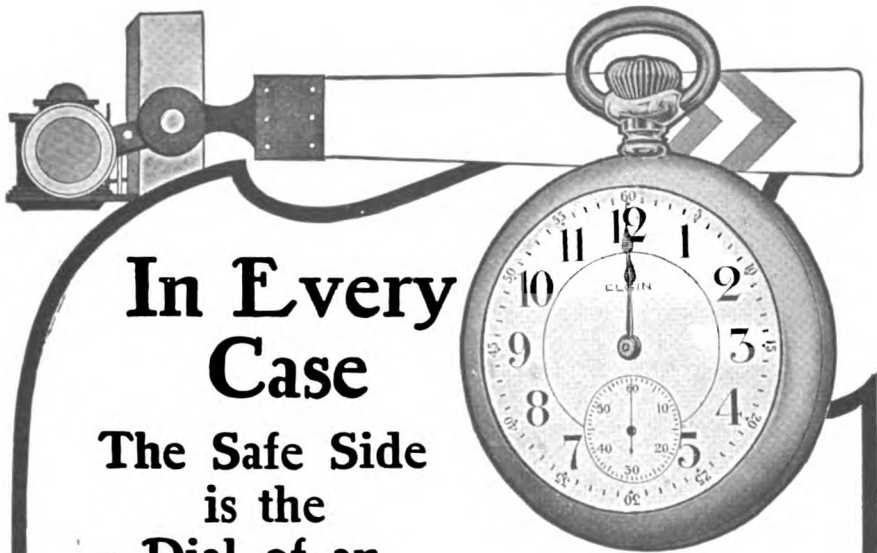
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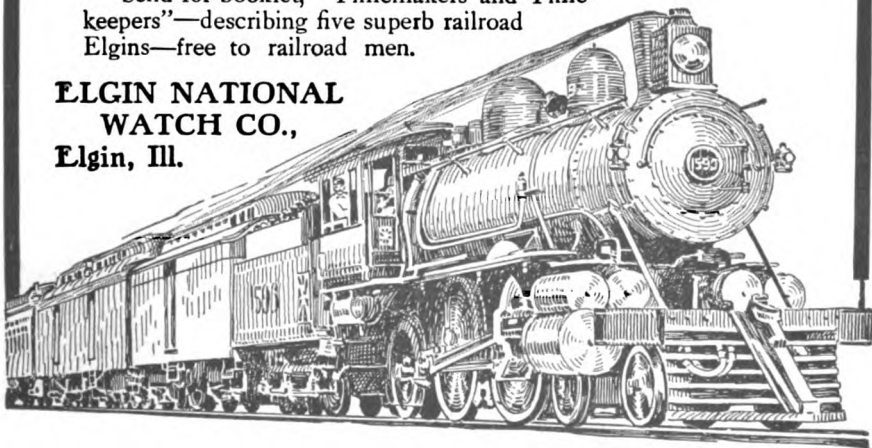
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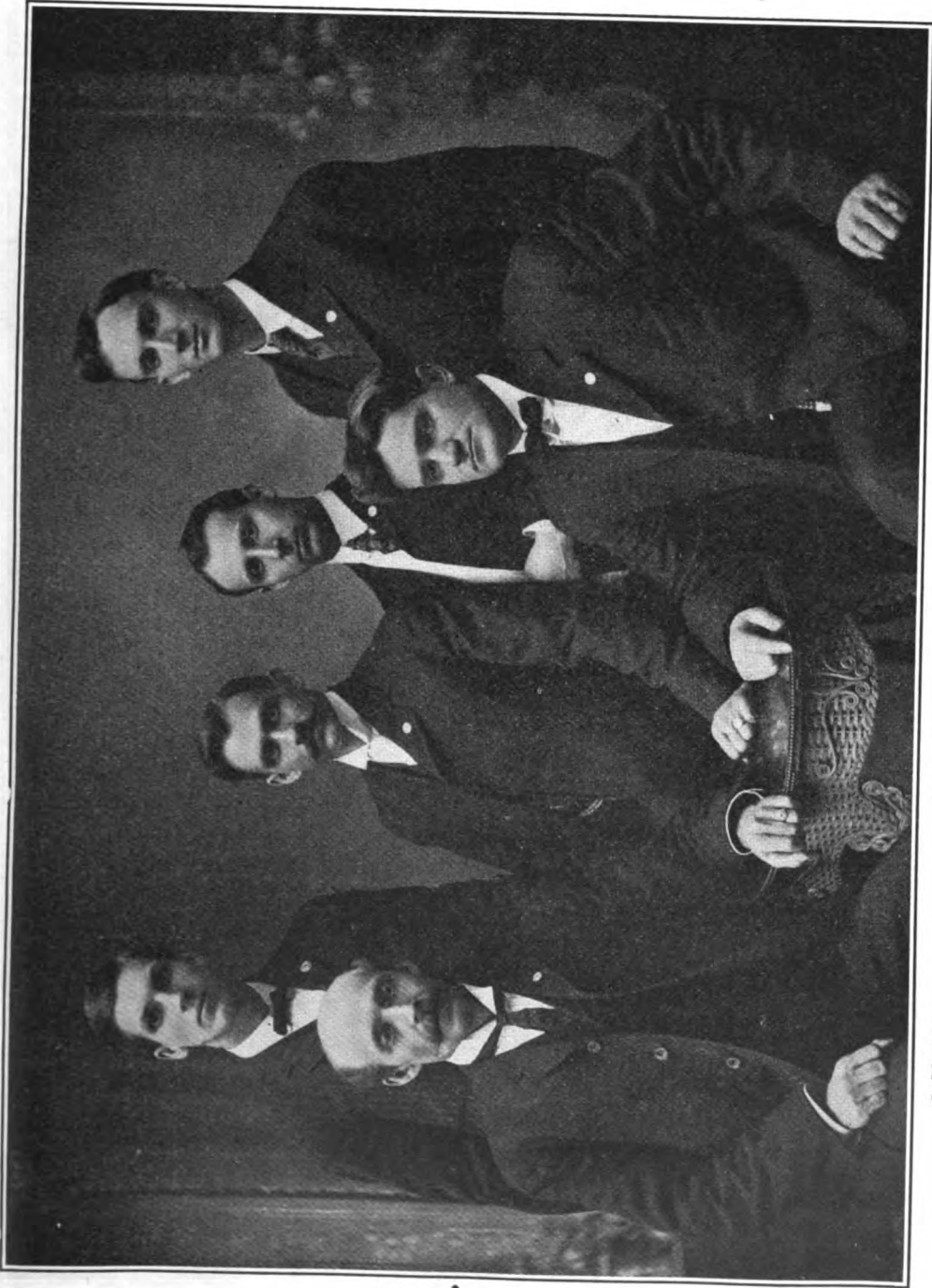
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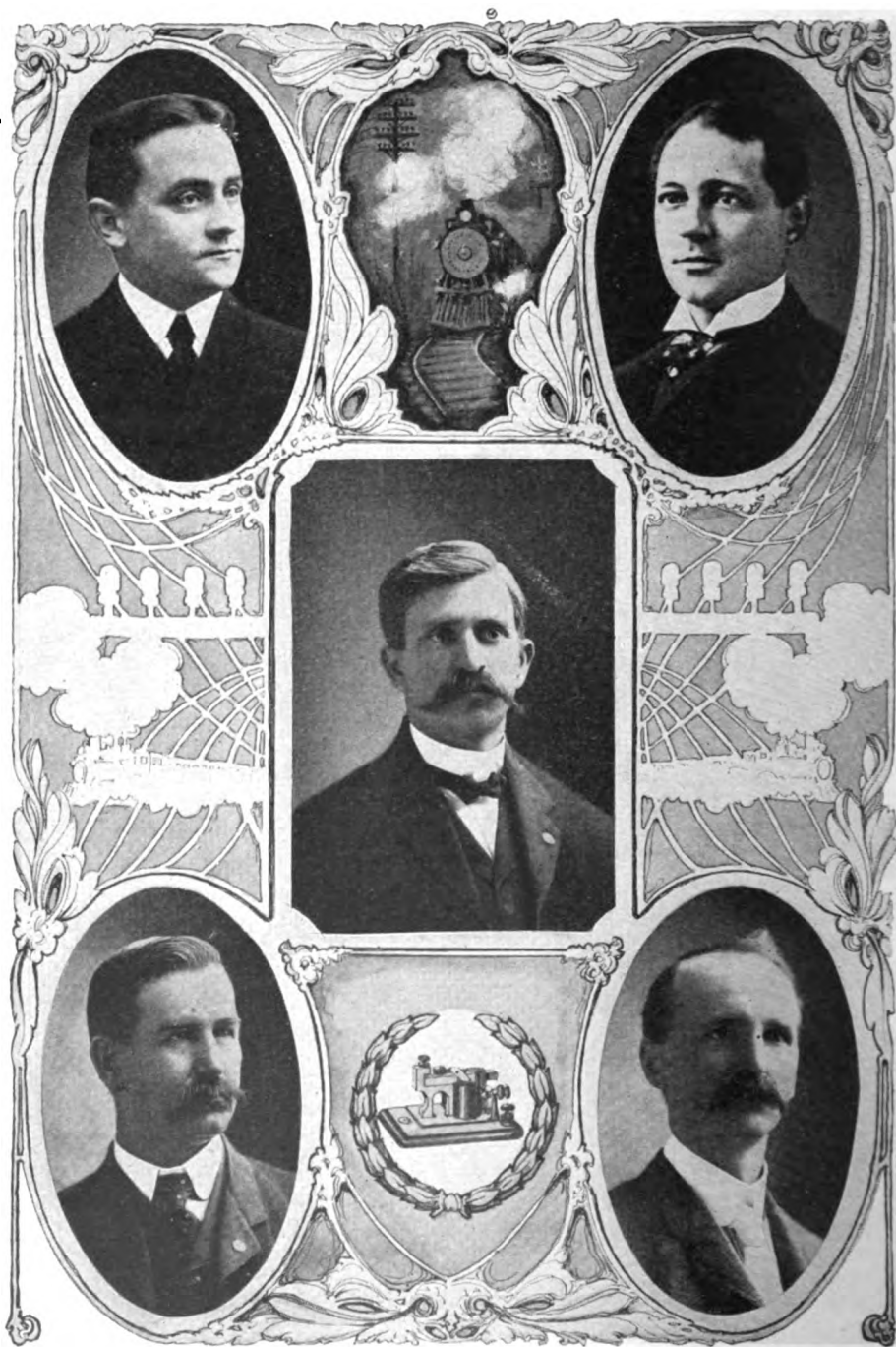
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#### SANTA FE RAILWAY FOUND GUILTY OF VIOLATING NINE-HOUR LAW.

Judge Landis, of United States District Court, Holds Hours of  
Service Named in Law Must be Continuous.

**A**S published in the February issue of this journal, suit was filed in the United States District Court sitting in Chicago by United States District Attorney Sims against the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway on February 2d last for violation of what is known to telegraphers as the National Nine-Hour Law. The case came to trial in April, Judge Landis presiding. Mr. Harry A. Parkin, Assistant United States District Attorney, represented the Government; Mr. Phillip J. Doherty represented the Interstate Commerce Commission, and Messrs. Jas. L. Coleman and Robert Dunlap represented the defendant. The taking of testimony

from witnesses and the argument of counsel consumed several days. On April 21st, by instructions from Judge Landis, the jury found the Santa Fe guilty and the Court assessed a fine of \$100.00 on each of the four counts in the indictment.

It was the contention of the railroad attorneys that the law meant that no telegrapher should be allowed to remain on duty more than nine hours in the aggregate. The Government, on the other hand, maintained that the telegrapher's period of duty started when he went to work in the morning and continued until he was through for the day.

Judge Landis completely upheld the Government's interpretation of the law that the nine hours of work must be consecutive, and declared that the railroad's practice of working its telegraphers in shifts of twelve hours each with a three-hour rest was illegal.

"I find that the word 'period' means an unbroken space of time," said Judge Landis. "Considering that the purpose of the act was to promote safety by preventing employes from being overworked, my opinion is that this is the meaning of the word intended by the National Legislature.

usually of too technical a character to be interesting, except to those who are directly interested in the outcome, the attendance at the hearings was large and not altogether devoid of dramatic situation.

The witnesses for the defendant were loath to answer question upon cross-examination, which elicited a severe rebuke from the Court, which had a salutary effect. The chief witness for the United States was Geo. E. Starbird, a safety appliance inspector, a veteran at the business, whose direct testimony stood the fire of cross-examination as solid as a rock.



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"Therefore, my opinion is that the language is intended as if it were worded: 'Shall not be permitted to be and remain on duty during a continuous period of longer than nine hours.'"

Concerning the contention of the railroad that Corwith (the station at which the violation occurred) is not a "continuously operated day and night station," inasmuch as it was closed three hours in the day-time and three hours at night, Judge Landis says it was clearly a day and night station within the meaning of the law.

Although a suit filed for the purpose of getting a judicial interpretation upon the meaning of a congressional enactment is

The result of the decision is that the nine hours of service provided for in the hours-of-service law must be continuous. When an employe commences work, his nine-hour period commences, and at the end of nine hours from that time he must be relieved or his office closed, and he must not be required or permitted to go on duty again until twenty-four hours has elapsed from the time he commenced work, except in case of emergency, as provided in the law.

The decision also construed a continuously operated tower, office, place or station as one that is open for business in the night as well as in the day-time, or part

of the night and part of the day, and such office or offices need not be open for business every minute of the day and night to come under the provisions of the law.

The hours-of-service law can now be enforced, and renewed activity on the part of the employes will bring about the full effect of the enactment as intended by Congress when it was made the law of the land.

Space will not permit publishing a full transcript of all of the evidence taken or

*Appearances*—Mr. Harry A. Parkin, representing the Government. Mr. Doherty representing the Interstate Commerce Commission. James L. Coleman and Robert Dunlap representing the defendant.

The Court: In this proceeding the United States seeks the recovery of certain penalties alleged to have been incurred by the defendant, the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company, by reason of the ser-



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the arguments made by counsel, but excerpts from the charge made by Judge Landis to the jury and motions made and disposed of on the closing day of the case are reproduced for the information of those who are more or less effected by the decision:

CHICAGO, ILL., April 21, 1909.  
10:15 A. M.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.

Decision by His Honor, Kenesaw M. Landis, one of the Judges of said Court, in the case of the United States vs. The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company.

vice of certain telegraph operators in the employment of the defendant.

The suit is brought under what has been referred as the "Hours-of-Service Law," being an act of Congress entitled "An Act to promote the safety of employes and travelers upon railroads by limiting the hours of service of employes thereon."

The evidence on behalf of both plaintiff and defendant being heard, the defendant has moved the court for an order directing the jury to return a verdict of not guilty. Two counts of this motion are assigned; first, that the employes, whose service for the defendant forms the basis of this pro-

ceeding, don't belong to the class for whose benefit the act was passed. Second, conceding this proposition to be determined in favor of the Government, still, the evidence shows the employes in question not to have been required or permitted to work in violation of the statute. The facts in brief, are, that the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company is a common carrier of passengers and property, and is a line of railroad extending westward from the city of Chicago across the State of Illinois and Iowa, and States west and southwest; that

cuts his office in and remains at his key until 6:30 o'clock at night. The night man goes on duty at 6:30 p. m., and works until 12:00 o'clock midnight, and then goes away until 3:00 o'clock a. m., at which hour he goes back and resumes, and continues his duties until 6:30 o'clock in the morning, when he is relieved by the day man. These men issue to trains hauling freight destined interstate, what are called clearance orders, under the authority of which the trains pull out of Corwith over the connecting track to the main line, and then



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at a point in the neighborhood of Forty-seventh street, in the western part of the city of Chicago, there is a railroad yard, at which there is a telegraph office and yard office. This railroad yard is called Corwith, and is connected with the main line of the defendant company by a railway track; that at Corwith there are two telegraph operators; one goes on duty at 6:30 o'clock in the morning and works until noon, at which time he cuts his office out, disconnects it from the railroad company's service, telegraph service, and leaves his office, returning at three o'clock, when he

westerly over the rails of the main line; they do but little of this kind of train order work; one or two orders during each trick, and during each two tricks—not now using the word trick in any hyper-technical sense.

The act under which this proceeding is brought is entitled as above indicated, "An act to promote the safety of employes and travelers upon railroads by limiting the hours of service of employes thereon." Section 1 in the usual form found in Statutes of Congress, passed to regulate interstate commerce, are matters relating to or

pertaining to interstate commerce, provides for the carrier—names the carrier that shall be subject to the provisions of the law, and applies to the provisions of the Act as the main interstate commerce act does, bridges and ferries, etc. The statute then provides “that the term employes, as used in this Act, shall be held to mean, persons actually engaged in or connected with the movement of any train.”

Section 2 provides, “That it shall be unlawful for any common carrier, its officers or agents subject to this act, to require or permit any employe subject to this act, to be, or to remain on duty for a longer period than sixteen consecutive hours, and when-

vice is connected with the movement of trains. Congress proceeds to provide “that no operator, train dispatcher or other employe, who, by the use of the telegraph or telephone, dispatches, receives, transmits, reports or delivers, orders pertaining to, or affecting train movements, shall be required or permitted to be or remain on duty for a longer period than nine hours, in any twenty-four-hour period, in all towers, offices, places, and stations, continuously operated, night and day, nor for a longer period than thirteen hours, in all towers, offices, places, and stations, operated only during the daytime, except in cases of emergency, when the employes named in this



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ever such employe of such common carrier shall have been continuously on for duty for sixteen hours, he shall be relieved and not required or permitted again to go on duty, until he has had at least ten consecutive hours off duty, and no such employe who has been on duty sixteen hours in the aggregate, in any twenty-four-hour period, shall be required or permitted to continue or again go on duty, without having had at least eight consecutive hours off duty.” (Section 2 refers to trainmen—EDITOR.)

No trouble about what that language means so far. It deals with all employes of common carriers engaged with the transportation of property interstate, whose ser-

proviso, may be permitted to be and remain on duty for four additional hours, in a twenty-four-hour period, or not exceeding three days in any week.”

The defendant argues in support of its position that the evidence does not show a violation of this law in the pending case; that the proviso which is devoted exclusively to telegraph operators and train dispatchers, means, that telegraph operators and train dispatchers shall not be employed more than nine hours in the aggregate in any twenty-four-hour period, the employes in this case having been employed but nine hours in the aggregate, the verdict must be not guilty.

The position of the United States, on the other hand, is, that the word "period" in that proviso, signifies the intention of Congress to exclude the idea of an aggregate amount or quantity of time; that the word "period" is to be taken in its dictionary sense, and that thus understood, the meaning of the proviso is, that when the operator goes to work the period has begun to run, and must continue to run until he quits work, not running longer than nine hours in any twenty-four-hour period.

This question is by no means free from difficulty. The other question made by the

On examination of the dictionary—and I have examined many dictionaries in the last three days—I find that the word "period" is rather universally understood to mean by the authors of the dictionary to imply an uninterrupted space of time—an unbroken period of time. As, for instance, reference is made to the Revolutionary period, the Federal period, the War period, the Reconstruction period, the Julian period, the Dionysian period. All the definitions, the definitions in Webster, and in the Standard dictionary, or Century dictionary, all imply the element of continuity, unbrokenness, un-



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defendant in support of this motion seems to me to clearly bring these employes within the class in the mind of Congress in passing this law. The mere fact that they are concerned but a trifle with the movement of trains, or that they are concerned in but the movement of a few trains interstate, is not recognized in the statute, as justifying the court in excepting them from the operation of this law. It is my opinion that the law clearly means, that if the operator has anything to do with the movement of a train interstate, in respect of giving or receiving orders, authorizing it to move over the road, he is within the class.

interruptedness in the word "period." And, supposing that being true, the court is obliged to adopt that meaning as the meaning in which the national legislature used this word, although when I do that I charge and convict the national legislature of uselessly using the word "continuous," in that part of this same section immediately preceding the proviso which is devoted to telegraph operators. The language being as follows:

"It shall be unlawful for any common carrier, its officers or agents, subject to this act to require or permit any employe subject to this act, to be or remain on duty

for a longer period than sixteen consecutive hours."

In my view of the case, the use of the word "consecutive" was altogether useless and added nothing to the enactment; that the enactment would mean just as much without consecutive as it does with consecutive.

Assuming that the word "period" means what the court understands the dictionaries

Having in mind the purpose of the law as declared in the title, it would seem a conclusion could not be reached, that there could be more than one period carved out of the twenty-four-hour cycle in any twenty-four-hour cycle, because that would authorize a construction, require and necessitate a construction, that would be diametrically opposed to the declared purpose of the law, which is to limit the hours of service of



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to agree it does mean, and giving this meaning to the word "period," the question is then presented whether or not the defendant is authorized to employ an operator more than one period of nine hours in any twenty-four hours, and there is nothing in this law to forbid that, except the title of the act. The title is, "An Act to Promote the Safety of Employes and Travelers on Railroads, by Limiting the Hours of Service of Employes Thereon."

employees connected with the movement of trains.

The view that the word "period" was used by Congress in the sense in which I have suggested, rather than in the sense that it is, seems and it is, used by good writers to signify an aggregate or a total of separate periods, if I may use the word separate periods of time, distinct entities of time, is in my view strengthened in examining the last preceding provision of the section.



After providing that no employe shall be employed—shall be permitted to remain on duty for a longer period than nine consecutive hours, the provision then is “and no such employe who has been on duty sixteen hours in the aggregate, in any twenty-four-hour period, shall be required or permitted to continue, or again go on duty without having had eight consecutive hours off duty.”

If Congress, in then providing for the telegraph operator's service, had in mind the purpose contended for by the defendant, having just finished using this language

reports, transmits, receives or delivers orders pertaining to or affecting train movements, shall be required or permitted to be, or remain on duty for a longer period than nine hours in any twenty-four-hour period—as though for the word “for” you had the word “during.” I think Congress used the word “for” as it would use the word “during.” And giving it that meaning, which seems to me to be the nearest and most obvious synonym that could be suggested, “No employe shall be required or permitted to be, or remain on duty, during a period longer than nine hours in any twenty-four-



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providing for a limitation of sixteen hours aggregate service of their employes, isn't it rather strange that Congress did not simply provide that no telegraph operator shall be required, or permitted to be or remain on duty more than nine hours in the aggregate in any twenty-four-hour period? This Congress did not do.

It is my opinion, and it is an opinion that is not without doubt, it is my opinion that this language is to be read, is to be understood as if it read, that no operator train dispatcher or other employe, who, by the use of the telegraph or telephone, dispatches,

hour period,” would forbid the employe to be on duty at six o'clock in the morning, and at six o'clock at night, for the word “period,” as used here, does not mean the aggregate, but is to be understood in the dictionary sense. At six o'clock in the morning, the period would begin to run. It would expire at three o'clock in the afternoon. The employment of the operator at six o'clock at night would not be during the nine-hour-period.

Congress proceeds, as throwing some light on its use of the word “period,” to add a proviso inspecting the authority of the

Interstate Commerce Commission in suspending the operation of this law. Provided further that the Interstate Commerce Commission may, after a full hearing in a particular case, and for good cause shown, extend the period with which a common carrier shall comply with the provisions of this proviso, as to such case. The idea is, we are now in the period Congress was when they added that proviso. And by this proviso they authorized a continuation unbroken, of that period, until such time as their order, on good cause shown, the period shall terminate.

It is fair to say in this connection, that it is my opinion that the conclusion to which

does indicate an absence of disposition which I take it to evade, or violate this law.

The motion is denied. Save your point. What is the next matter, gentlemen?

Mr. Coleman: I wish an exception, if the Court please.

The Court: Exception.

Mr. Coleman: If the court please, the defendant moves the court to find the defendant not guilty on the first count of the declaration. That was a declaration against Fred Hillhouse. It appears from the evidence, Hillhouse went to work on the morning of the 25th at three o'clock in the morning, and then went off at noon.



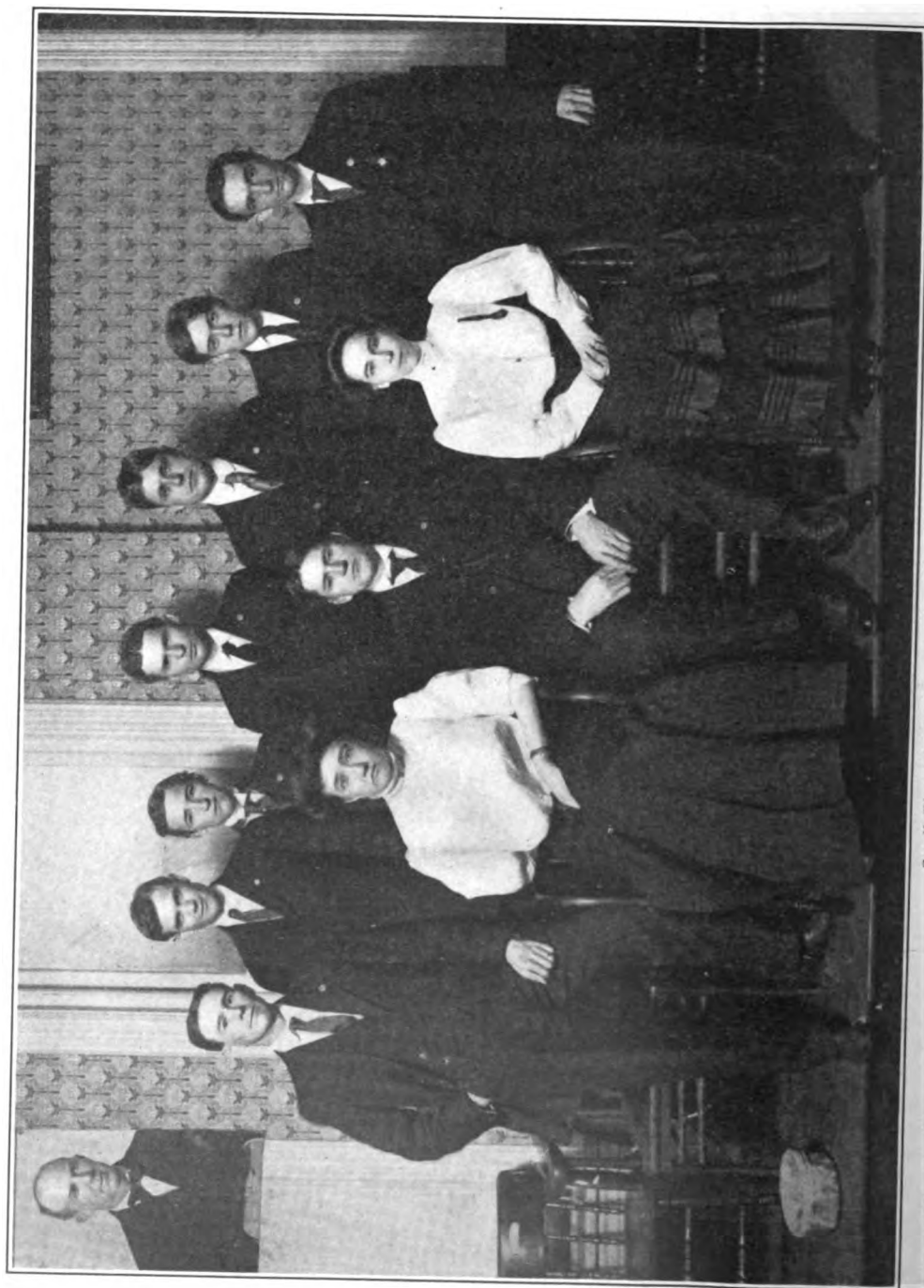
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I have come, if it is the law, would result detrimentally to these operators in this case, because it appears plainly the railroad company may put one man on duty at three o'clock in the morning and run him until twelve, and the next one on duty at three o'clock in the afternoon and run him until midnight, and then comply with the law as I have interpreted it, much to the inconvenience, I am inclined to believe, of the operators whose services is the basis of this proceeding. However, that is a matter over which the court has no concern. It

The Court: Is it your point that the twenty-four hours means from twelve to twelve?

Mr. Coleman: It means as your Honor has construed it, twenty-four hours continuously. Now then, the first trick, or Hillhouse's, was during one period. Perhaps that period had ended at twelve o'clock. Perhaps he took the rest of his period at three o'clock and that was the beginning of another period. There was nothing to show when Hillhouse's period began.

The Court: Well, let me understand the point. Does the evidence show that during



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any twenty-four hours of continuous time Hillhouse was on duty twice?

Mr. Coleman: No, your Honor, it does not. It shows one period continuous, then absolutely relieved for three days.

The Court: Well, if that is true, there is nothing here to justify that procedure. You say Hillhouse was on duty one of those times?

Mr. Coleman: Just once.

The Court: During one of those cycles.

Mr. Coleman: Then his wife got sick, you know, and he was away three or four days.

The Court: Didn't he go back to work?

Mr. Coleman: He did not go back to work; he was off three days.

The Court: One, he worked from three o'clock in the morning until six.

Mr. Coleman: From three to six-thirty at night. Now then, as I say, he might have worked part of one twenty-four-hour period.

The Court: Yes, that is true.

Mr. Parkin: Well, our contention, of course, your Honor, is—

The Court: The trouble about that, though, Mr. Coleman is, that the evidence of several of these witnesses is to the effect that the terms of service were for the day man, beginning at six-thirty in the morning, and ending at six-thirty at night, with an intermission of three hours, and the services of the night man from six-thirty at night until six-thirty a. m., with three hours from midnight until three.

Mr. Coleman: That is true, your Honor, but it does not show what was done five times was done in this instance.

The Court: Well, the Supreme Court has held this act to be a civil action.

Mr. Coleman: The Circuit Court of Appeals has held it to be another action.

The Court: Hasn't the Supreme Court ruled it another way?

Mr. Coleman: No, your Honor, in the Hepner case, which was of a different sort of suit, they held that to be a penal action. I don't know what the Circuit Court of Appeals is going to do, but suggest that the present state of the law, our position here is more nearly applicable to this action than the other action.

The Court: I will proceed on the theory it is a civil action, and overrule your point on the first count, on the theory that the jury will be justified in finding that it was the twenty-four-hour period.

Mr. Coleman: Exception.

The defendant now moves the court to instruct the jury to find the defendant not guilty on the second, fourth and sixth counts. These were the counts in which it was alleged Edward Flaherty was on duty. There was not a bit of evidence to that effect, that he remained on duty in the declaration:

Mr. Parkin: If the Court please. The United States will dismiss as to the Flaherty counts to get them out of the record.

The Court: What are those counts.

Mr. Coleman: It is the second, fourth and sixth.

Mr. Parkin: Second, fourth and sixth.

The Court: Well, they may be identified later on.

Mr. Parkin: Second, fourth and sixth, that is right.

The Court: Are those all the points you have in mind on that particular motion?

Mr. Coleman: Yes, your Honor.

The defendant now moves the court to instruct the jury to find the defendant not guilty on the third count of the petition, for the reason that employe Sargent wasn't on duty nine hours at all during the period.

That is made on the same basis as one of employe Hillhouse, and we may take the same ruling, I suppose?

The Court: Same ruling, save your exception separately.

Mr. Coleman: The employe Eldridge, of the fifth count, the evidence showed that he came on duty at 7:20 in the morning, and remained until noon, and then went off and came back at three o'clock and went off at 6:30 at night. He didn't work nine hours during that period.

The Court: Altogether?

Mr. Coleman: No.

The Court: But there was more than nine hours intervened between the time he went on and went off, 7:20 to 6:30.

Mr. Coleman: Yes, if you construe it so, that was all the same period on that one day.



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The Court: If I am wrong about this it all goes. The rule must be the same on this point as on the others.

Mr. Coleman: Yes, your Honor.

The Court: Do you want to renew your motion to require the Government to elect?

Mr. Coleman: Well, just another motion first. I want to now move the court to instruct the jury to find the defendant not guilty on the fifth count for the reason there is a variance in the declaration, and the proof as to employe Eldridge, who came on duty at 7:20 in the morning, that was contrary to the allegation of the Government.

The Court: What has the Government to say?

Mr. Parkin: That the said defendant stayed during the period between 6:30 o'clock a. m. and night, and 6:30 on the next day—the hours of service, that is until 6:30 a. m., the time that he went on duty as under the videlicit, I assume to take it, during that period under the circumstances would be sufficient.

Mr. Coleman: I don't think the videlicit would show that the whole time is essential to the case.

The Court: The essential of the case is not when—

Mr. Coleman: I save my point and now renew the motion to require the Government to elect one of the points and state which one they elect to stand upon.

The Court: The last motion is overruled in view of the language of Section 3, "that no such common carrier, or any officer or agent thereof, etc., shall be liable to the penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars for each and every violation." I have been through the question in this class of law on several occasions, and I am of the opinion that it requires a denial of your motion. Save your point.

Mr. Parkin: Is that all, Mr. Coleman?

Mr. Coleman: Yes.

The Court: How much time do you want to argue this case to the jury?

Mr. Coleman: I don't think there is much to be said.

Mr. Parkin: Does your Honor want to read this Hepner opinion?

The Court: No. What counts are left in this petition?

Mr. Coleman: The odd numbers, first, third and fifth.

The Court: What do you gentlemen think should be the form of verdict in this case?

Mr. Parkin: Why, I assume, your Honor, that it is a civil case.

The Court: Well, tort, a suit against the railroad company for damages for negligence is a civil case, but the verdict is different from what it is in action *ex contractu*. That is also a civil case. What is the form of a verdict in debt?

Mr. Parkin: The jury find a defendant to be indebted, as I understand it; I never have drawn one.

The Court: Well, do you understand it is for the jury to say what the amount of the debt is in this case?

Mr. Parkin: No, I think not. The jury in the federal courts never assess the penalties.

The Court: Well, the jury—

Mr. Coleman: In an action in debt, the jury has to find the damages.

The Court: Gentlemen of the jury, in this case, which you were sworn to try last week, the evidence has been heard, and during the period, the unbroken, uninterrupted period which has intervened since you left the court, and, until this morning, the court has heard arguments of counsel respecting the meaning of the act of Congress under which this suit is brought. As you have learned, it is a suit in which the purpose of the plaintiff is, to recover a penalty, or penalties, which the plaintiff conceives to be due from the defendant, by reason, as charged by the plaintiff, of the defendant violation of the provisions of what is known as the "hours-of-service law." The counsel for the respective parties have argued to the court the legal question involved in this proceeding, and the court has come to a conclusion which he has announced in your absence adverse to the contention of the defendant. It, therefore, becomes a simple matter for the jury, in view of the state of the evidence in this case, to dispose of this case.



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Counsel does not desire to argue the facts to you, it being practically agreed on all hands that it is really a question of law. In view of the conclusion to which the court has reached, to which I have just averted, taking out such questions which have failed in their proof, the court directs you to return a verdict finding the issues in this case for the plaintiff, on the first, third and fifth counts of the petition.

Mr. Parkin: First, third, fifth and seventh, your Honor.

The Court: First, third, fifth and seventh of the petition.

Mr. Coleman: I except, your Honor, and may the record show an exception to each instruction refused.

The Court: The defendant excepts to the instruction.

Mr. Coleman: And to the rejection of the defendant's instructions submitted to your Honor.

The Court: Did you give me some instructions?

Mr. Coleman: I did, your Honor.

The Court: Did you give instructions?

Mr. Coleman: Oh, yes, a big bunch, I handed up.

The Court: Do you know what—

Mr. Coleman: Yes, your ruling is the same with all of them?

The Court: I don't want to direct this verdict, if you put anything here which, in any conceivable way can call from the court a statement of the question of fact from the jury.

Mr. Coleman: Well, only just that one is that is that the station or office was operated continuously night or day.

The Court: Yes.

Mr. Dunlap: But I think you disposed of them in your argument or judgment, as I understand it, not according to my argument as I understand it.

The Court: I did not refer to it. I should have referred to it.

In my opinion that provision means that the word "continuous" as used in that proviso, means a night and day office.

Mr. Dunlap: That is, part of the night and part of the day

The Court: Well, it would not be a continuous office probably if you had fifteen minutes out at midnight and ten minutes out in the daytime, but this state of facts in my judgment makes this office clearly a night and day office, and that the purpose of Congress here was in that particular part of the proviso, to deal with a night and day office as distinguished from a mere day office, and usually closed all night.

Mr. Dunlap: Then, of course, we except that part of your Honor's charge which directs the jury to find the issues for the Government.

The Court: Certainly. The court, as I think you gentlemen understand, directs that you return a verdict in favor of the plaintiff on the first, third, fifth and seventh counts, is that your verdict, gentlemen?

A Juror: Yes.

The Court: Enter the verdict, Mr. Clerk, and exception. Motion by the defendant for a new trial overruled and exception. Motion in arrest, overruled, exception. Each of these motions is made by the defendant for the grounds, and each of them, heretofore stated by the defendant in support of the several motions which have preceded the entry of the motion, and the entry of the judgment. Is that right, you desire the record to show it? The records must show it, having the reasons reassigned, the record must show it

Mr. Coleman: That is my understanding, yes; let the record show.

The Court: Motion in arrest overruled. Exception, and judgment on the verdict for \$100. What is the minimum?

Mr. Coleman: One hundred.

Mr. Parkin: Not more than five hundred.

The Court: Well, the minimum I have gotten used to in all this classification is \$100.

Mr. Coleman: How long for a bill, your honor.

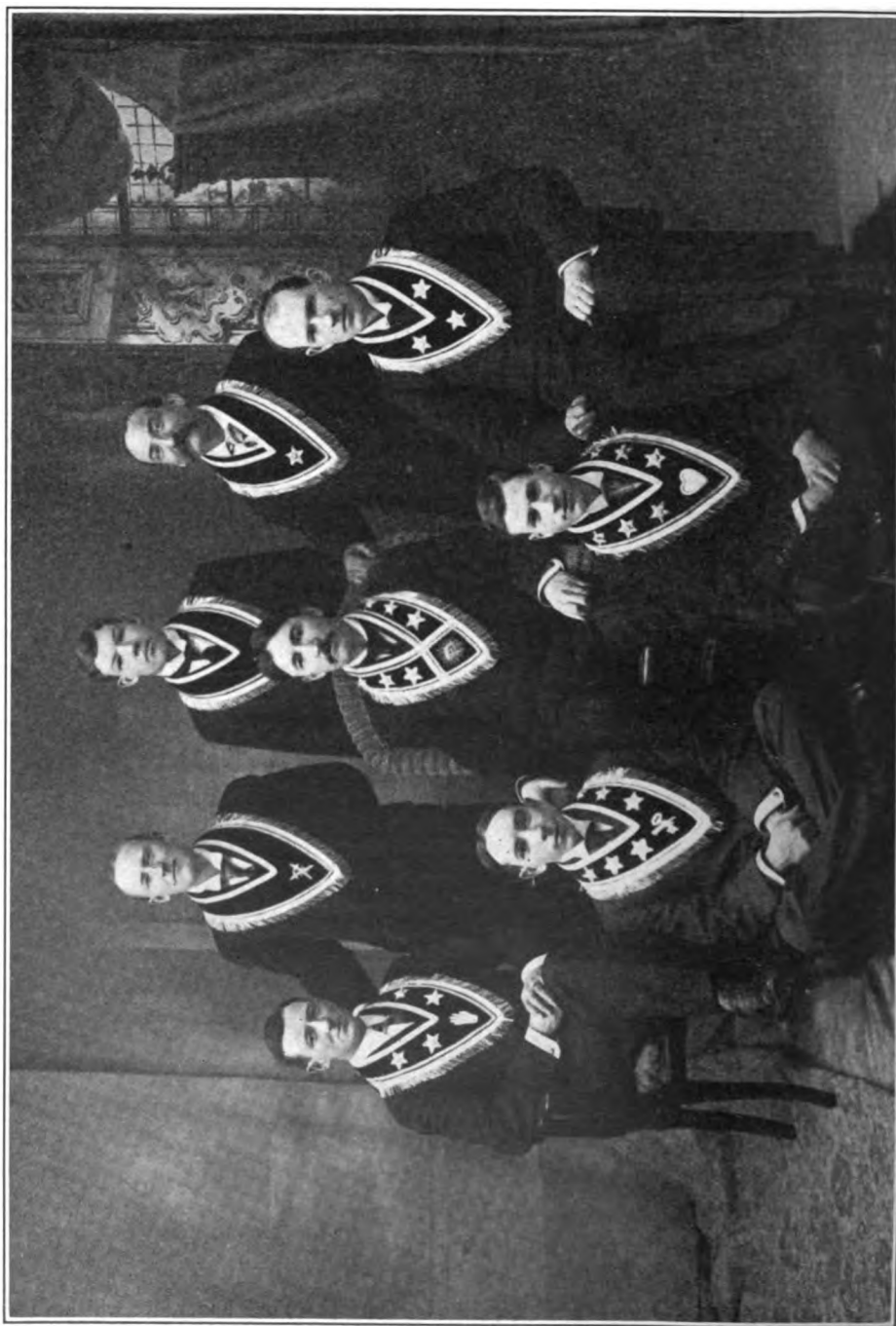
The Court: How much do you want?

Mr. Coleman: Sixty days.

The Court: Well, make it thirty.

Mr. Dunlap: Your honor, we will have to take the record and then reduce it in a narrative form, which will take some time.





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The Court: You gentlemen should have very little difficulty.

Mr. Parkin: I think we can agree on a statement of facts.

Mr. Coleman: I don't think we can, not for the purpose of the case. We would like sixty days, your Honor. Of course, if we can get it up sooner, we will do so.

The Court: I will probably leave here sixty days from tonight.

Mr. Dunlap: Well, make it fifty days.

The Court: Very well, fifty days.

Mr. Coleman: Now, about the bond.

The Court: \$750 bond.

Mr. Coleman: Very well, your Honor.

### THE CONVENTION.

**B**EFORE this issue of THE TELEGRAPHER reaches the membership the Seventh Biennial and Seventeenth Regular Session of the Grand Division will have convened in Atlanta, Ga., which meeting occurs on Monday, May 10, at ten o'clock a. m.

Sitting in that convention will be between 325 and 350 delegates from all sections of the United States, Canada and Mexico, the largest convention ever held in the history of the Order.

The assembling of the Grand Division in biennial convention is a matter of great moment to the organization. It is the highest tribunal within the Order and the last court of appeal. It wields a powerful influence for good or evil in the affairs of the Order. If its deliberations are characterized by a display of that wise judgment which has been displayed by previous con-

ventions, and which, no doubt, will characterize the present one, nothing but good can come of this gathering.

The report of the President will show that, regardless of the financial depression which has existed throughout the country during the last eighteen months, much has been accomplished for the membership in successfully resisting reductions as well as securing additional concessions on different lines of railways.

The report of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer to the convention will show that, regardless of the financial depression, the financial condition of the Order is better than ever before in its history; that notwithstanding the great number of stations that were closed and the hundreds and even thousands of members that were temporarily thrown out of employment in 1908, the membership at this time is within a few hundred of the highest point ever attained by the Order.

No doubt many matters of vital importance to the organization will come before the convention for its consideration, but, composed as it will be of the ablest and most-trying members within its ranks, those matters will be in safe hands and when the convention adjourns the Order will continue its onward march uninterruptedly toward better working conditions and more equitable remunerations for the railroad telegraphers of North America.

The present constitution has proven very satisfactory, and it is doubtful if any radical changes will be made in it.

The convention will probably last one week.





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# EDITORIAL NOTES

Five hundred and forty-seven new members were initiated into the Order during the month of April.

Probably the most important change proposed at the session of the Grand Division will be that of providing for the payment of assessments in the Mutual Benefit Department semi-annually instead of monthly.

The Seventh Biennial and Seventeenth Regular Session of the Grand Division of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers convenes in biennial session in Atlanta, Ga., on Monday, May 10, 1909. Between 325 and 350 delegates will be in attendance.

The accompanying is an engraving of an official O. R. T. gold ring. These rings can be had from the Grand Secretary and Treasurer for \$4.50. In ordering them it is only necessary to give the size desired, which information can be secured from any jeweler.



The attention of the Editor has been called to the fact that a few railroad Y. M. C. A.'s are teaching telegraphy in their institutions, and suggesting that members of the Order be requested to withdraw their support from such institution. It hardly seems necessary for the Editor to take this matter up, as the members of the Order are thoroughly intelligent and able to discern wherein their interests lie, and undoubtedly they will not contribute to anything that is hostile to those interests.

The decision of Judge Landis in the United States District Court on the nine-hour law is clear cut and cannot be misunderstood. His interpretation of the law, that a period of nine hours means nine consecutive hours, fully vindicates the assertions made by the editor in this regard since the law became effective, and since efforts have been made to evade it by establishing the "split" tricks.

If a period of nine hours means nine consecutive hours, a period of thirteen hours used in the same sense must mean thirteen consecutive hours, and the editor is thoroughly of the opinion that it is as much a violation of the hours-of-service law to attempt to divide the maximum of thirteen hours at one-man stations into two or more tricks as it is to attempt to divide the nine-hour period into two or more tricks.

The statement issued by the Bureau of Immigration for the month of February, 1909, shows that there were 67,154 aliens landed at the various ports of entry in the United States during that month; that there were 898 debarred from entrance, classified as follows: Idiots, 1; imbeciles, 1; feeble minded, 9; epileptics, 2; insane, 6; loathsome or dangerous contagious diseases, 218; likely to become public charges, 370; mentally or physically defective, 40; contract laborers, 123; accompanying aliens, 10; under sixteen years of age, unaccompanied by parent, 9; criminals, 13; prostitutes and procurers, 52; under provisions of Chinese Exclusion Act, 37; other causes, 7. The number of aliens landed at the various ports of entry for the month of February, 1908, was 23,381.





BANQUET B. & L. E. RAILWAY SYSTEM, DIVISION No. 31, GREENVILLE, PA., FEBRUARY 25, 1909.

# PERSONAL MENTION

The following births have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. H. W. Hannibal, of Cobre, Nev., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. H. Robertson, of Spottsville, Ky., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. B. Young, of Spences Bridge Jct., B. C., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. P. King, of Fort Fred Steele, Wyo., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. S. Williams, of Elliott, Miss., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. C. Allen, of Belleville, Ark., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. L. Brousard, of Laplace, La., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. D. Vanderberg, of Myrtle, Minn., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. D. Lloyd, of Dickson, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. R. Cogan, of Oakland, Md., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. R. Huggett, of Camp Point, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. J. Watts, of Digress, W. Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Harry C. Stratton, of Kermit, W. Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. H. Kirk, of Glen Hayes, W. Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. R. Payne, of Highland, W. Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. J. Nichols, of Bibon, Wisc., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. Beezley, of Wilsonville, Neb., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Ira W. Show, of Ohio Pile, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Byron Gray, of Akron Jct., Ohio, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. I. Nason, of Houlton, Maine, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. S. Cain, of Oregon, Wis., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. R. Jones, of Wittenberg, Wis., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. R. Porter, of Wadsworth, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. T. Hixon, of Continental, Ohio, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. H. Drake, of Edgerton, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. C. Bastian, of Nisbet, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. N. A. Steffin, of Inglebrook, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. S. C. Mains, of Beech Creek, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. W. Black, of Belvidere, Neb., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. E. Mollenkop, of Lorain, Ohio, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. A. Lavoie, of Garneau Jct., P. Q., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Ed. Heckerman, of Ansonia, Ohio, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. A. Dion, of Grand Mere, Que., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. A. Berry, of St. Louis, Mo., a boy.

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The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Bro. F. W. Rutledge, of Div. 88, to Miss Maggie D. Jackson.

Bro. R. E. Ferree, of Div. 138, to Miss Ruth Bert.

At Dallas, Texas, Bro. G. C. Cobb, of Div. 137, to Miss Katherine Thompson.

Bro. M. M. Darby, of Div. 23, to Miss Aletha Cohagan.

At Albany, N. Y., Bro. M. B. Holmes, of Div. 8, to Miss Florence A. Fenton.

At Ingelside, W. Va., Bro. L. K. Thornator, of Div. 14, to Miss Lota Wiley.

At York, Pa., Bro. H. T. Derrick, of Div. 24, to Miss Maiden.



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O. R. T. GENERAL COMMITTEE.—CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

At Laketon, Ky., Bro. J. T. Hatley, of Div. 2, to Miss Lela Ray.

At Belspring, Va., Bro. C. T. Wood, of Div. 14, to Miss Ada Myers.

At Somerset, Pa., Bro. Daniel Getty, of Div. 33, to Miss Mary Sharrah.

At Calgary, Alberta, Can., Bro. C. A. Kent, of Div. 7, to Miss Minnie Smith.

At Lonoke, Ark., Bro. Ernest Kisner, of Div. 126, to Miss Minnie Eagle.

At Bozeman, Mont., Bro. D. C. Little, of Div. 54, to Miss Beulah F. Parmenter.

At Waterloo, Iowa, Bro. C. J. Filer, of Div. 126, to Miss Blanche L. Seavey.

At Macomb, Ill., Bro. E. G. Armstrong, of Div. 130, to Miss Vada Lang.

THE TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations to the happy couples.



JOHN WOOD,

Deceased Member, Div. No. 35.

The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

At Bonneau, S. C., Myrtle Juanita, infant daughter of Bro. J. A. Hardy, of Div. 132.

At Camden, N. J., Robt. F. McDougall, father of Bro. R. R. McDougall, of Div. 84.

At New Douglas, Ill., son of Bro. B. E. Scott, of Div. 2.

At Chemung, Ill., daughter of Bro. Oscar Houser, of Div. 76.

At Winnetka, Ill., wife and daughter of Bro. J. H. Gore, of Div. 76.

At Jackson Center, Ohio, grandmother of Bro. E. C. Rogers, of Div. 138.

At Middletown, Ohio, mother of Bro. Bert Demory, of Div. 138.

At London, Ohio, father of Bro. W. A. Scully, of Div. 138.

Bro. E. D. Thompson, of Div. 59.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all.

### WANTED

Present address of N. H. Burton, last heard of working at Echo City, Utah, for A. P. Ry., in 1903. Also present address of F. H. Bowerman, last heard of working at Peru, Wyo., for U. P., in 1905.

H. C. KYLE,

7 Colonnades Flat, Davenport, Iowa.

Present address of J. H. Holstedt, who worked at Wellington, Kansas, in 1904.

H. C. KYLE,

7 Colonnades Flat, Davenport, Iowa.

Present address of A. J. Barnwell and Geo. B. Walker, formerly of Langhorne, Ariz.

W. A. LANGHORNE,

Langhorne, Ariz.

Present address of Telegrapher Neece, last seen in Pittsburg, on his way to Chicago. If you see this write me a card.

F. B. BILLUPS,

Care B. & O., Pittsburg, Pa.

Present address of C. E. Clancey, last heard of working at Peru and Aspen, Wyo., on U. P. If you see this, write. Important.

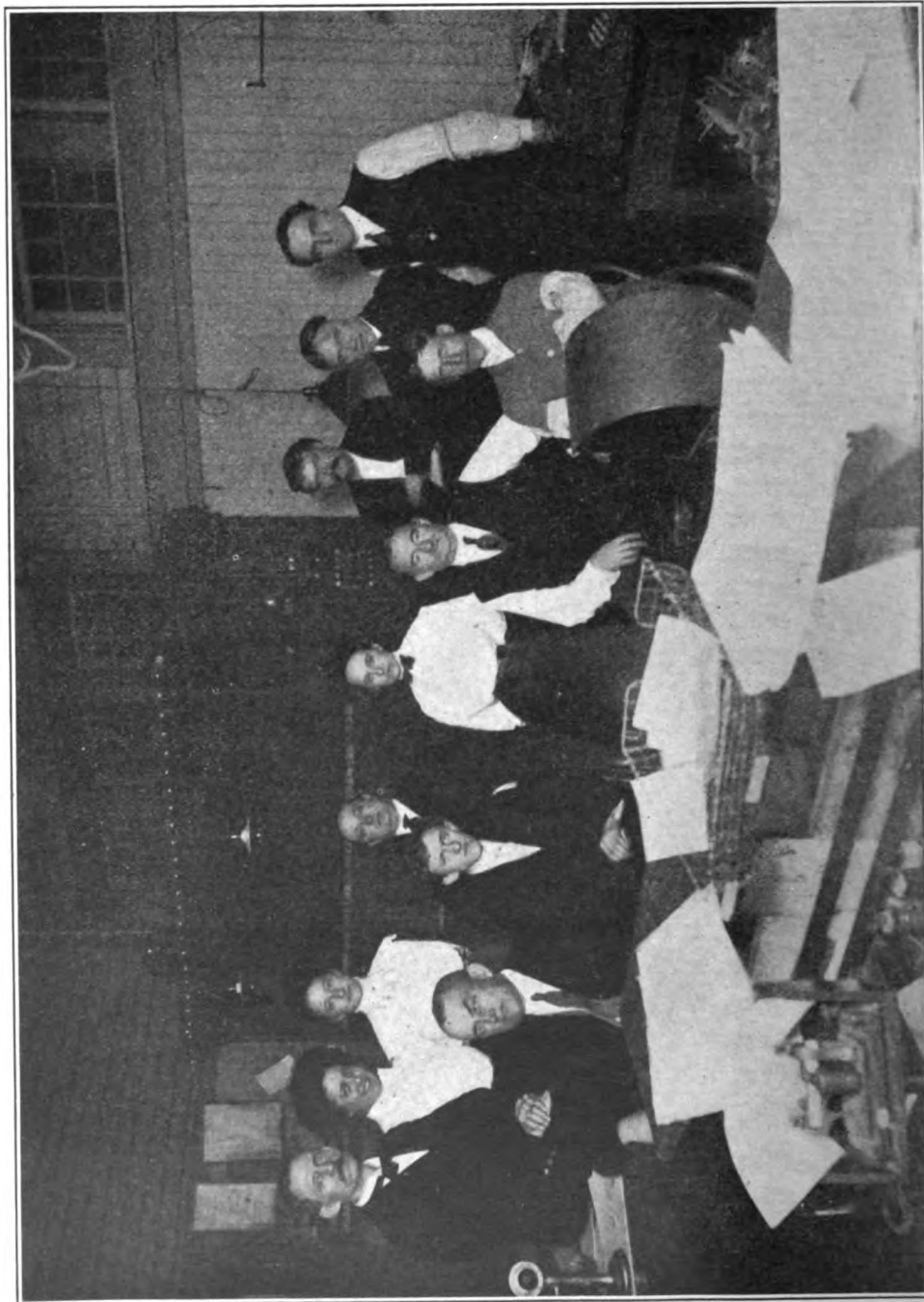
R. D. GIDDINGS,

Parkdale, Colo.

The following members desire to exchange souvenir postal cards with other members:

Chas. W. Farr, Vellore, Ont.





Rear Row, Standing, Left to Right: J. M. HURRY (Manager), Misses COAKLEY and KRINHARDT (Telephone Operators), G. R. HILL (Wire Chief), Miss DE VRIES (Chief Messenger), JOHN GARRETT, J. T. CORBETT, M. C. SLAVEN (Telegraphers).

Front Row, Sitting: W. T. BOYD (Chief Operator), D. A. MCCARTHY, JOHN FLANAGAN, J. H. HALBOHM (Telegraphers).

O. R. T. GROUP, FRIE RAILWAY, 3100 OFFICE, JERSEY CITY, N. Y.

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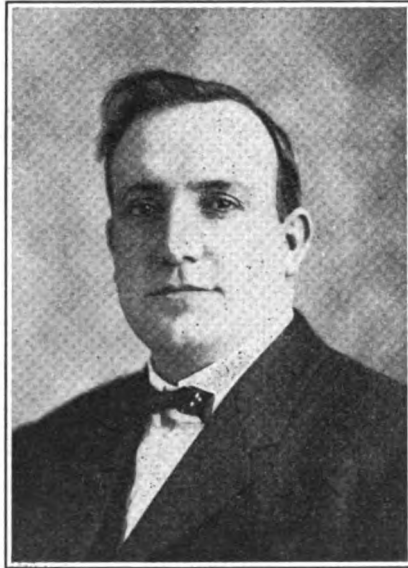
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SILAS D. GOUCHMOUR, JR.,  
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Elected Treasurer of Cambria County, Pa.

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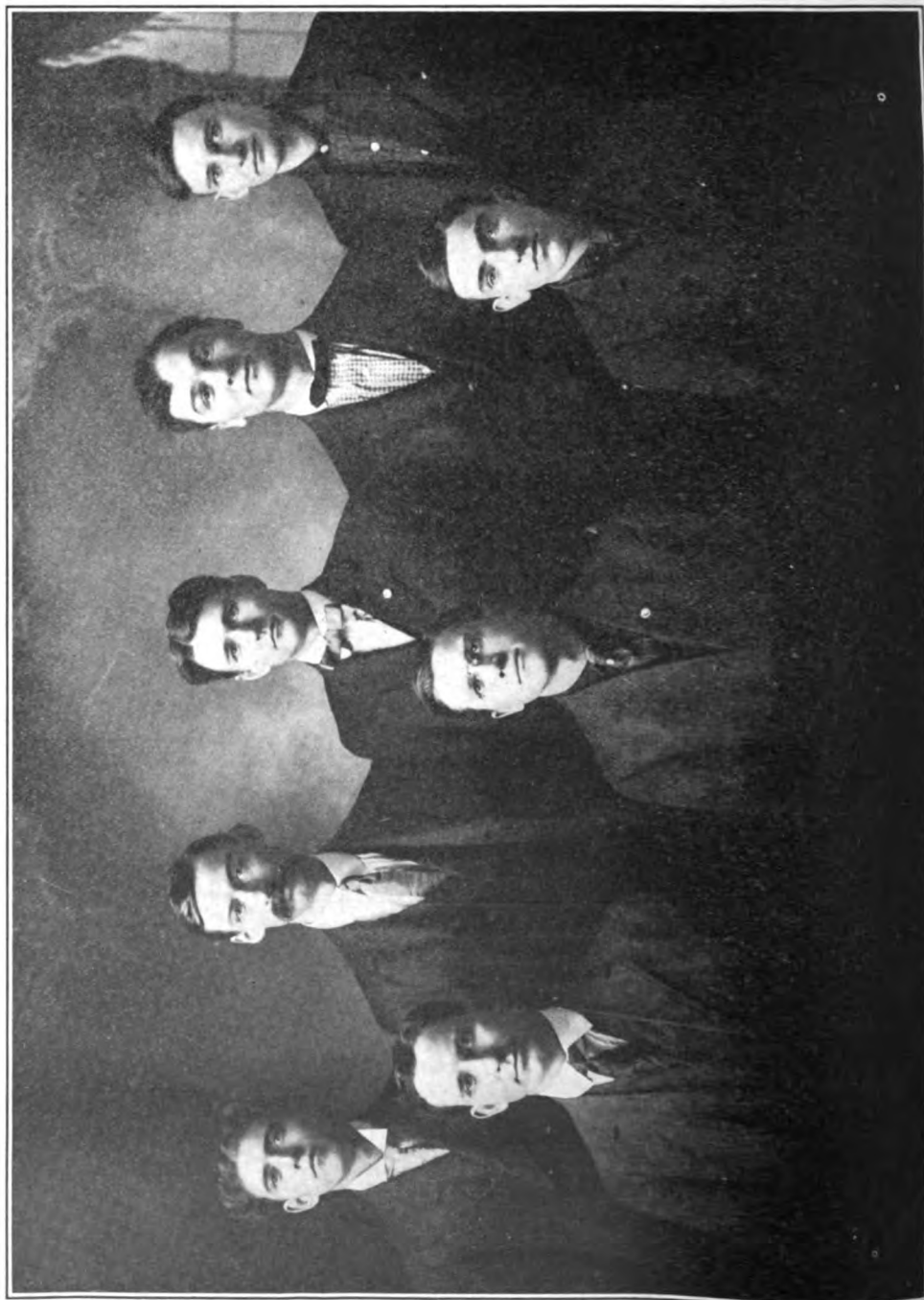
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MEMBERS C. D. & Q. RAILWAY SYSTEM DIVISION. RAVENNA, N.E.H.

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# MISCELLANY

## "SHORTY" GROSS, ENGINEER.

(Written for THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.)

"SPEAKIN' of how railroadin' generally pulls the draw-riggin' out of one's heart, does a sight of damage to the soul an' wrecks entirely one's religion, maybe you fellows never heard of 'Shorty' Gross." And big Dave Harnell, fireman of the Limited Express, having relieved himself of the foregoing, threw his lanky legs over the back of his chair in the dispatcher's office of the C. & W. at Big River, where he had been sitting, an attentive listener to the discussion, by a group of railroad men who had gathered there one Sunday afternoon, of the question: "Can a man be a railroader and a Christian?"

"I used to be of pretty much the same opinion as the majority of you fellows," he continued. "But that was 'way back, years ago, when I first went firin' on the C. & Q. an' if any of you ever had the misfortune to work on the bloomin' pike, you'll agree with me that of all the roads in the country, that was the worst one to sidetrack you on your run to the terminal of Kingdom Come.

"But I took a different view, entirely, after I was promoted to 'Shorty's' train, an' ever since I sort o' feel that when the last roll is called an' we all go in for our final examination before the Great Examiner, there'll be a clear title an' a certificate marked 'O. K.' given out to a fair per cent of the boys who, here below, faithfully struggle along the crooked paths of the iron trail.

"He's dead, now, 'Shorty' is; years ago, before I came out here, we laid him to sleep in a little churchyard down in Ohio, within the sound of the whistle of his old train, an' where the poundin' of the great engines, as they go hurryin' by, brings a

tremor to the little mound. An' anyone passin' by there can easily tell which is 'Shorty's' grave, for all about it everything is neat an' clean, an' over it the pale lilies an' the blushin' roses keep bloomin' all the summer long; for lovin' hands tenderly care for, an' lovin' eyes gently watch over 'Shorty's' last home.

"He was none of your angels dressed in overalls, with a long, solemn face, either, 'Shorty' wasn't, an' when anything went wrong he usually recited his little speech. If he hadn't, he wouldn't have been pullin' the fastest freight on the C. & Q. Neither can I remember that he ever professed to be a Christian; but there was somethin' about 'Shorty' I can't explain. We all meet such men once in a while. They're few, I'll admit, an' far between, but once in a while you do, an' you, fellows, have had that same feelin' when you run across those chaps. A feelin' you can't explain, because it seems too deep for words. Sometimes it's in the shake of the hand, a word maybe, or even a look; but it's there just the same, an' I have often thought that this must be the missin' link that connects one to that other station the Good Book tells about.

"An' so—but, let me tell you the story:

"As I said before, I was promoted to 'Shorty's' run. That was after I had been firin' on the C. & Q. close on to a year, durin' which time I had cursed to the deepest pit of the infernal regions, those old scrap-heaps that the C. & Q. people were pleased to term engines. But you know the old sayin' 'that it's an ill wind that blows no one any good.' Well, that's puttin' my case pretty squarely, for, while the other fellows were swearin' themselves blue in the face at the old 'has-beens' an' then quittin', I was doin' my little stunt at the former, but kept hangin' on like grim death, itself,

an' it wasn't long till I was the oldest fireman, in length of service, on the slow freight runs.



J. A. BELL,  
Delegate Div. No. 1.

"Then, one day, old Janer, the train master, told me that he intended to give 'Shorty's' fireman an engine, an' asked me if I thought I could handle fast freight. I told him I would try, an' I did.

"So, that's how I came to be groom over Shorty's pet, an' fellows, she was a dandy—a compounder an' a high-wheeler. Why, with 'Shorty' at the throttle, it was an easy stunt for her to pick up thirty loads an' swing them around the curves of the old C. & Q. at the rate of forty miles an hour.

"Two crews were runnin' fast freight on that division—one from the west end an' the other from the east. The distance was a hundred an' fifty odd miles. We were stationed at the west end, an' went out on our run one night and returned the next, while the crew at the east end had the opposite run.

"We were not scheduled Sundays, an', therefore, when we arrived home Sunday mornings, we did not go out again until Monday night. An' it was this very thing that caused a big blot to fall suddenly over 'Shorty's' otherwise untarnished rec-

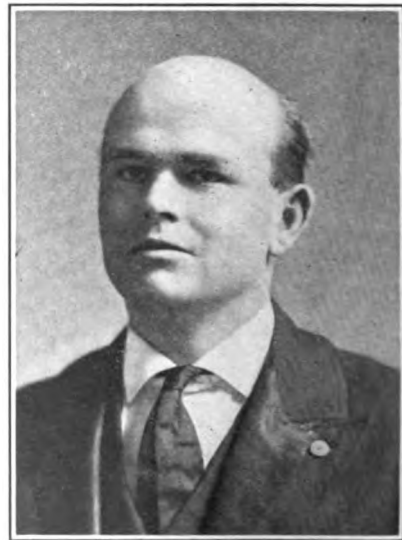
ord, directly causin' his downfall, an' eventually, after many months, his rise again.

"It was along late in September that I went firin' for 'Shorty', an' it was only a couple of days until we two swore by one another; for, as I said before, 'Shorty' was one of those fellows you just can't help but like. So things rolled along smoothly until just the day before Christmas, when 'Shorty' an' I had our first real trouble.

"Old Janer was hard put for men; he always was around a holiday. One was off with a sore hand, two had sprained ankles, some had neuralgia, an' others had rheumatism, until there was not a crew on the board but that was crippled. The yard was full of east-bound, too, when we came in that Sunday mornin' an' added to that, it was beginning to snow—a real blizzard, from the northeast.

"'It's goin' to be a corker,' said 'Shorty' to me as we took our buckets an' went down through the yard towards the boardin' house. 'I shouldn't wonder but what she'll tie up before night. I'm mighty glad it's Sunday, anyway.'

"An' so was I; but I didn't say anything.



W. P. HOFFMAN,  
Delegate Div. No. 1.

for I had seen old Janer in the office, all excitement, an' chewin' at the corners of his mustache until the blood started from

his lips. Old Janer out at that hour of the night meant that something was doin', an' I felt pretty sure that he'd have that east-



WM. FASKIN,  
Alternate Div. No. 1.

bound moved that day an' if he'd have to call out the passenger crews to do it.

"An' he did, too. Before four o'clock that afternoon he had every crew on the board out, though ours was the last one called, an' it was also the only one that wasn't patched or spliced, for the lads on old Shorty's crew were all old veterans, an' not one of them knew what it is to miss a call.

"There was, here an' there, a clear track in the east-bound yard, now, an' old Janer was as lively as a kitten.

"I didn't want to call you fellows out,' he said, laughin' in his old bluffin' manner, 'but I just simply had to do it, an' to even things up a bit, I'll give you your own engine an' a light train, an' I'll see that you get back for Christmas dinner.'

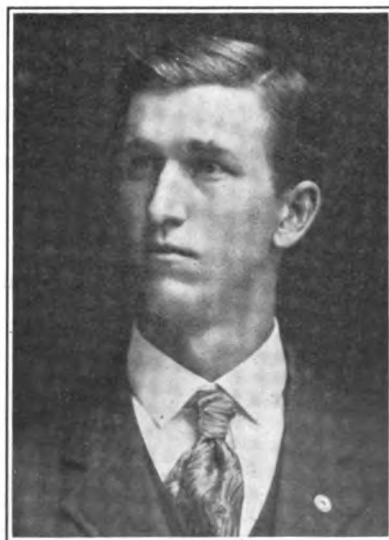
"Shorty didn't say much, but I felt that he was thinkin' a whole lot. But we went over to the round-house an' got out the old gal, an' by six o'clock we were pullin' out of the yard, with thirty-five numbers an' a total of eleven hundred tons, with the snow a foot deep an' the worst blizzard

blowin' that had ever been known in that section.

"Neither 'Shorty' nor me had had any sleep that day, an', for that matter, not one of the crew had seen a bed, so we didn't feel a whole lot like talkin', an' so, after I got a solid fire goin' in the boiler, I climbed up into my side of the cab, stuffed a little cotton waste into the cracks an' sat down to listen to the wind an' snow howlin' against the panes.

"Old 'Shorty' was sittin' in his place. lookin' as solemn as a judge. He had pulled her open pretty wide, too, an' despite the slippery rails an' the dreadful weather, we were makin' amazingly good time.

"I should judge we were out about thirty miles, when it stopped snowin' an' the wind settled down a bit. Then the clouds began to break away in the north an' pretty soon the moon an' stars were shinin' bright, like diamonds in their frosty settin's. The joints of the old cab began to creak an' crack at every jolt of the engine, an' the wheels on the rails kept givin' out such

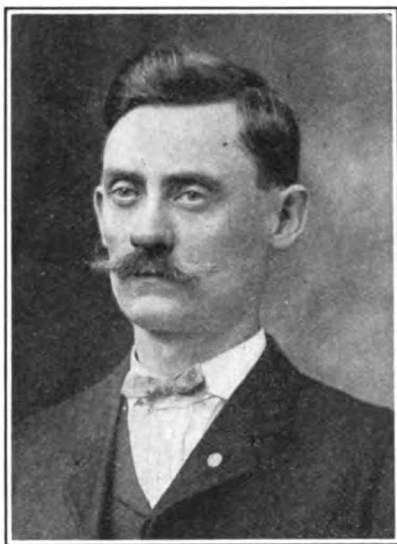


W. H. POLSGROVE, JR.,  
Delegate Div. No. 2.

screechy sounds until I seemed to feel them gratin' up an' down my spinal column. These things told me pretty plainly that

the mercury must be gettin' down pretty close to the zero mark.

"I slipped down an' gave her a few more shovelfuls of coal, then climbed back



R. J. McELHINNEY,  
Delegate Div. No. 2.

again an' wiped the snow an' the frost from the panes with the sleeve of my coat.

"We were runnin' along now where the track winds around Eagle Summit. There you can look out over the valley below for a dozen miles. It stretched away that night like a big white sheet that seemed to end only in the faraway horizon. Five miles down the grade was the little station at Cedarville, an' even at that distance I could see the little buildin' an' the signal lamps. Just then the order signal on the semaphore displayed red, an' I called to 'Shorty': 'There'll be orders for us at Cedar; the red's against us.'

"'Shorty' gave one of his habitual grunts for answer. There was a new operator at Cedarville, an' 'Shorty' knew it, an' he didn't like him; he never liked new men, especially operators. He always read an' studied their orders three an' four times before puttin' them in the clip on the side of his cab.

"The wind was growin' colder every minute, an' I was wet an' chilly, so I leaned over against the boiler, an' the last thing I

can remember was seein', through the frosty front window of the cab, a bright red light that kept growin' smaller with every lurch of the old gal, until it died away entirely.

"Then, in what seemed to me to be the next instant, I heard an unearthly yell—a shriek, which I can hear ringin' yet. It brought me to my feet in a second. I rubbed my eyes an' looked ahead, an' then back over the train, an' there, comin' towards us, on the slippery runnin' boards, was a young fellow, wavin' his arms an' shoutin' like a crazy man.

"'Gross, do you see that fellow?' says I to 'Shorty.' 'My God! It's the operator!' Then I leaned out of the cab an' looked back along the side of the train, an' far behind I saw the lights of Cedarville.

"The lad was still runnin' towards us, an' shoutin' at the top of his voice. I waved him to sit down, but he paid no heed until he came to the last car, then he drew himself up and prepared to leap to the tender. I shouted at him, an' then closed my eyes, for I knew that he couldn't make it, an' he didn't.



C. L. DENTON,  
Alternate Div. No. 2.

"'Shorty, for God's sake, stop,' I yelled to Gross. 'The lad's gone under.' Then, for the first time, I noticed that the en-

gineer hadn't slackened the speed of the train a particle, an' that he was sittin' bolt upright with his eyes closed, sound asleep. In an instant I was by his side and had



E. F. ERSKINE,  
Alternate Div. No. 2.

taken the lever from his hand. I shook him then, an' in all my life I have never seen such a scared man as 'Shorty' was when he woke up.

"'Go back, I can't,' he said, when I told him what had happened. 'I'll run ahead with a lantern an' flag. If you find that boy dead, I'll never get on that engine again, or any other.'

"An' I did. Back about half the length of the train, I found him, where he had fallen in the snow. His one ankle had got under the trucks an' was badly crushed, but, otherwise, he appeared to be uninjured.

"'Don't bother with me,' he said, when he saw me, 'but get your train on to the sidin' to clear; there's a westbound must be gettin' mighty close. I had the red on you, but it doesn't matter; keep mum.' An' then he fainted.

"We got the train into clear in a hurry; fixed up the operator's injured leg as best we could an' then hurried him off to a hospital, an' no one, but the crew an' the operator, ever knew how it all happened.

"Once, weeks afterward, when we visited him at the hospital, he told us how he saw us goin' by the 'red' that night an' of how he had his body nearly torn in two when he caught hold of a grab-iron near the rear of the train, an' then ran over those icy box cars to warn us. I tell you, fellows, it was the act of a hero; for it was no easy matter for one accustomed to it, much less a kid of an operator, an' how he ever managed to get on that train is more than I can figure out; for, as I said before, the old gal was in her glory at forty miles an hour, an' we weren't going slow that night, either.

"We used to go up every Sunday to see him, 'Shorty' an' I; for they had to take his foot off, an' for a time it looked as if he was goin' to pass in his checks. Then, after a while, he grew better, an' 'Shorty' an' he would talk an' talk for hours, as if they had been old chums for years.

"'You've got a good nurse,' 'Shorty' said to him one day. 'She seems to care so much for you.'

"'She does,' he answered. 'She does me more good than all the doctors an' their medicine; but she's not a nurse exactly,



A. E. LEHMER,  
Delegate Div. No. 3.

she's my old sweetheart come up here to watch over me,' an' a deep blush crept over his pale face.



"The door that led into the passage-way was open, an' just outside stood the girl in a little white cap an' the snowy apron. I



J. H. HUGHEY, JR.,  
Delegate Div. No. 6.

saw her standin' there, but I said nothin' an' I left the two go on.

"So that accounts for your wonderful improvement," said 'Shorty.' 'Well, your'e deservin' of a good girl like she is, my boy.'

"Oh, but I'm not half good enough for her; I never was, an' now I'm a cripple. But she's the best little woman in all the world, an' since I've been here, she's been like an angel to me, God bless her!" He turned over on the bed then, an' I saw the tears gatherin' in his eyes. An' 'Shorty's' heart was full, too, I guess, for he turned an' looked out through the window at the house-tops that stretched away, black an' cheerless, for squares.

"We had our minds set on gettin' married in the spring," the operator went on. 'but it's all off now, an' I can't get myself to break it to her.'

"Then the little figure in the hall turned towards the open door an', as if undecided what to do, she hesitated on the threshold a moment, then she turned away again an' hurried down the corridor.

"'Shorty' bent over the bed, then, an' took the operator's hand in his. 'Don't you disappoint the gal,' says he. 'You'll be back to work long a-fore spring, an' besides there's a little bank account, up at the Dearborne National, that leans in my favor; just you draw on me whenever you feel like it.'

"Well, that boy just hung onto 'Shorty's' hand then, but never said a word, an' 'Shorty' looked down at him, an' everything was silent like. I guess it must have been the language of the soul you hear tell about, for, anyway, everything was solemn-like an' they both seemed to understand.

"But the lad never drew on the bank, for I had it from 'Shorty's' own lips, an' sure enough, before the blossoms came he was back to work again. I remember how he used to come out on the little platform with his crutches, an' wave us 'how-do-you-do' with his white light nearly every night as we went by, an' 'Shorty' would answer with a cheery 'toot, toot.' One night we were held up there for an extra freight, an' then he told us that the weddin' had



GROVE MEYER,  
Alternate Div. No. 6.

come off on schedule time, an' that he was the happiest man in Cedarville, even if he had only one foot.

"About a year and a half later he slackened us up one night an' handed in a big letter addressed to 'Shorty'. 'Shorty' opened



C. A. DAVIS,  
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the letter with his greasy fingers, an' there was a photograph of a bright-eyed, chubby-faced baby boy, an' a note with it read: 'This is our first one, an' we named it Dan (that was 'Shorty's' first name) for you.'

"Well, fellows, you couldn't have bought that picture with half the gold in California. an' after that there was always an extra 'toot, toot' at Cedarville, for 'Shorty' had no livin' relatives an' he thought as much of that baby that he had never seen as if it were his very own.

"Along about three months later, I'll never forget the night. Fall was creepin' on an' everything seemed solemn, like the funeral of the dyin' summer. The katydids in the bushes were squeakin' themselves hoarse, an' the eddy-larks in the meadows were screamin' as we passed by. Far in the east a storm was ridin' low in the heavens. an' over the great banks of clouds the lightnin' played in a never-endin' flash; an' sometimes a big ball, like a burstin' shell, would leave the clouds an' shoot, like a zig-zag flame toward the earth, an' then, above the noise of the train, we could hear the thunder rollin' out along the sky.

"Once, when I slipped down to give her more coal, 'Shorty' pointed toward the east. 'That's pretty,' he said, 'but we're late, now. an' a-fore long we'll be runnin' in the teeth of that storm, an' there'll be the devil to pay tonight, I'm afraid.'

"There was the devil up, too, before mornin', but 'Shorty' hadn't meant that kind.

"Well, the storm caught us, or we caught the storm, just as we rounded Eagle Summit, an' Shorty let her roll down the grade toward Cedar almost as fast as the lightnin' itself.

"Must be a new kid at the office to-night,' 'Shorty' called, when we drew near the station, 'or maybe the weather's too bad for the boy.' For there was no white lantern to be seen on the platform, an' 'Shorty' missed the usual 'how-do-you-do.' Then he called again: 'No red signals that I can sec, Dave.'

"All is clear, Gross,' I shouted back, 'let 'em roll.'

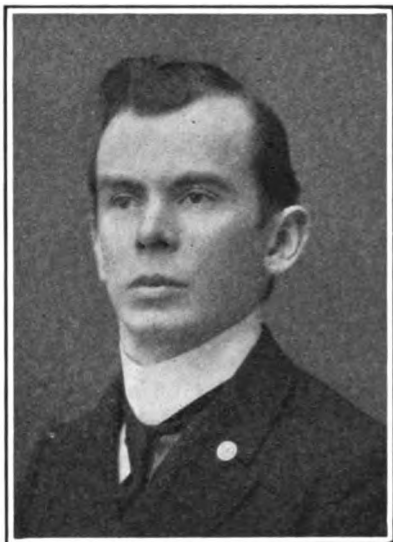
"An' 'Shorty' did. He never slackened up unless he had to.



ED. GOULET,  
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"Out beyond Cedarville, for a mile or more, the cedar trees grew thick along the railroad bank, an' between these walls of

trees our headlight cut a bright red flame out into the blackness as smooth as if it had been cut with the keen blade of a knife. Not very far ahead, though; for, with the



J. N. PORVIN,  
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storm clouds hangin' so low that they almost touched the tops of the box cars, you could almost feel the darkness.

"I guess we were about a mile east of Cedarville, when suddenly we beheld that which some of you fellows may have seen, an' those of you who haven't, should pray God that you never will. But there it was, right in front of us—a gleamin' headlight, an' we runnin' forty miles an hour.

"'Merciful God!' I heard 'Shorty' say, an' then we both leaped far out from the flyin' train.

"It was all over in a second—one of the worst pile-ups the road had ever known.

"I found 'Shorty' lyin' back along the wrecked train. He had a broken shoulder, an' was done up for fair; but his nerve was good.

"'Go back to the office an' report,' he said to me, 'an' if it's the cripple, why, then we had a red board at Cedar. Do you understand?' The crew had gathered around by that time, an' we all understood; of course we did.

"Half way back to the station I met the operator, coming through the storm on his crutches.

"'My God! Is there anyone killed?' he asked clutchin' my arm.

"'None killed,' I answered, 'but some pretty badly bruised.'

"'I had an order for your train,' he went on, 'an' I was asleep an' the signal—'

"'Was displayed,' I finished for him.

"He let go of my arm an' looked up into my face then, by the pale light of the lanterns, an' with the storm beatin' about us, an' I guess, he, also, dimly understood.

"'Say it, boy,' I said, 'You had an order for us an' the proper signal was displayed.'

"He repeated the words, brokenly, after me: 'I had an order for your train an' the proper signals were displayed.'

"'Now go back to the office an' prepare to send the wreck reports,' I said.

"Nearly everyone had his own opinion about the wreck at Cedarville, an', I guess, old Janer did himself; for when old 'Shorty' came into the office the day after he left



G. S. MORRIS,  
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the hospital, an' handed in his resignation an' gave the boys good-bye, old Janer turned away an' went into another room an' closed the door behind him. You know,

there are times, fellows, when a man feels better, alone with his thoughts.

"A new man took 'Shorty's' place, an' things moved along for a year or more.



O. E. BARKER,  
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Then, one day, old Janer came to me, all excitement, as he always was when anything lay heavy on his mind. 'Do you know where we could find 'Shorty' Gross?' he asked.

"'Last I heard, he was on his "uppers" out in Missouri,' I answered.

"'I wish you would get word to him for me,' he said. 'I had a letter this mornin'. an' I won't rest easy until I see Shorty.'"

"'A letter from "Shorty?"' I asked.

"'No, from the operator at Cedarville. It seems he's fallen into a big fortune, an' he's handed in his resignation an' with it a letter in which he makes a clean breast of that accident "Shorty" had there a year ago last fall.'

"Well, we started out a couple of tracers on 'Shorty' an' sure enough, we found him. An' fellows, I'll never forget that day when he came back to take out his old run. I was down in the round-house, oilin' up the old gal when a side door opened an' in stepped the old, gray-haired chap, dressed in a new suit of overalls, an' by his side

walked a cripple with a crutch. Fifty men stopped workin' all at once an' looked in that direction, an' then half a hundred greasy caps went suddenly into the air, an' a cheer rang out along the grimy walls of the old buildin'—a rousin' cheer for 'Shorty' Gross.

"He remained on the old run until he died. An' now, hidden beneath the flowers that keep bloomin' all the summer long, little Dan an' he are sleepin', side by side, in the old burial ground at Cedarville."

ISRAEL ORLANDO.

### THE HAUNTED DEPOT.

(Written for THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.)

"SPEAKING of haunted depots, that reminds me." Bill seated himself in my cushioned chair, took a pipe of my tobacco, and, propping his feet on the table, leaned back, the picture of content. I let him smoke on in silence for a minute, knowing well that the above statement was the prelude of a good story. He was an old-time operator who had spent years in the service, roam-



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ing around the country, but had lately settled down in a little business in our town. Finding it hard to break away from his early environments, he usually called

around of an evening for a friendly chat and to listen to the business on the wire. I had just finished bringing in the baggage from the evening flyer, and remarked that



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the wind whistling through the wires sounded like a band of departed spirits.

"I was working up in Pennsylvania, some years ago, when I decided to change locations. I got my time check and finally landed in Grafton, W. Va. When I applied to the chief for a job, he was on the point of sending me away, when one of the trick dispatchers spoke up and said: 'Why not let him go to Valley Falls?' The chief thought the suggestion a good one, and, accordingly, sent me down in the yards with a message to No. 96, a fast freight, to stop and let me off at that place. I found them ready to pull out, climbed in the caboose and delivered my message to the conductor. After reading it he looked at me rather queerly, with the remark: 'Well, son, how long do you intend to stick with the ghost?' This question being out of the ordinary, I made several inquiries of the rear brakeman on the way to 'VF,' and he volunteered the information that, during the past year, 'VF' had had twenty-five or more night men and none of them had stayed more than a few nights, at the longest, and that Brown

the agent, had aged twenty years in the same period, trying to do his work and keep 'VF' a night office. Asking the reason for this, he replied: 'The darn place is haunted.' Just then the train slackened up and the brakeman informed me that we were there. With him wishing me good luck with the spooks, I swung off the rear platform of the caboose, and found myself some 300 yards east of the depot. It was now about 11 o'clock p. m., and, as I walked down the track, I did a great deal of thinking on the subject, but resolved that I was from Missouri, and they would have to show me.

"I found the agent all tired out, having worked 42 hours. He saluted me with scant courtesy, and asked if I was the new man. Upon my answering in the affirmative, he said: 'Well, I am going to turn in.' With this brief greeting, he departed, leaving me master of the situation. I went out to get my bearings, and found the depot sitting at the foot of a hill. Across the tracks there was a small river rushing



W. C. DONLEVY,  
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through a ledge of rocks. This made a very dismal sound, and did not add to the cheerfulness of my situation. Directly in front of the depot there was a cut-off

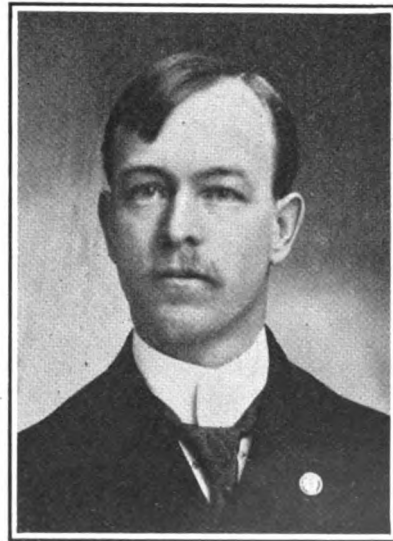
switch, leading into the passing track, and I surmised from this, that Valley Falls was a very convenient night office, as the trains could stop right under the semaphore, get



J. W. BANSBROUGH,  
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orders, and head right into the passing track, if necessary. After making these observations, I went back into the office. I found it very stuffy, as the night was sultry, and I opened a sliding window that was over the desk directly to the right of me. Just then the dispatcher at 'G' called me. I answered and received an order for an extra west, giving them time on No. 8. In the course of thirty minutes they arrived, got their order, and departed. After reporting them, I leaned back in my chair and picked up an old magazine and started to read. The air seemed oppressive and I glanced up at the window. It was shut. Up to this time I had been so engrossed in my duties that I had given no thought to the trainman's narrative. But this little incident brought it back forcibly to my mind. I knew well that I had opened the window and that it could not have been shut by the trainmen during the short time they were in the office signing the order. I thought nothing of this, but, opening it again, resumed my story. In the course of an hour No. 8 came thundering by. After

adjusting the semaphore, I turned to report them, and, to my utter astonishment, I found the window again shut. I knew well, this time, that no one but myself had been in the office, and, also, that I had not shut the window. This certainly was a peculiar circumstance, and I began to think there must have been something in the story, after all. The more I thought of it the more weird it appeared. I meditated whether this could be the reason why so many night men had left in the past year. By this time, I was feeling rather shaky, but I realized that I would have to stick it out until the agent relieved me. I made sure the window was open this time. Just then I became aware that the dispatcher was calling me furiously. I answered, and, collecting myself, managed, in shaky Morse, to report No. 8 by. After that I spent what seemed ages, sitting in my chair, afraid to turn around for fear of seeing something supernatural confronting me. I was aroused from this stupor by

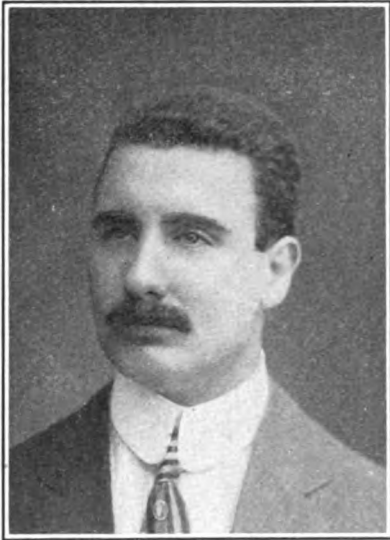


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the shrill whistle of an extra east. The engine stopped in front of the depot and I told them No. 7 was on time. The mere fact that I had human beings around me

made me feel more at ease, and I sat down while they started to pull into the siding.

"By the time ten or twelve cars had passed over the switch, I was my former



T. F. Noon,  
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self and I laughed to think how frightened I had been. I involuntarily glanced up at the cause of all this uneasiness, and was surprised to find it about one-quarter shut and gradually closing. There certainly was nothing spooky about this, and I began to try to discover the cause. By the time the train was on the siding, the window was shut. After the trains had met and departed it was light, and I went outside to investigate. I found the switch was directly in front of the depot, and that the main switch tie rested on a large ledge or rock, very flat, upon which the depot was also standing. A train going over this switch would jar the rock sufficiently to cause the window in the depot to slide shut. I had solved the mystery.

"When the agent came around in the morning, I related nothing of the night's ordeal to him, and to his question as to whether I intended staying, I replied that I did. I stayed there some six or eight months, longer than any operator had ever done before. I have worked in lots of places since then, but I have never had such

an experience as that of my first night at Valley Falls."

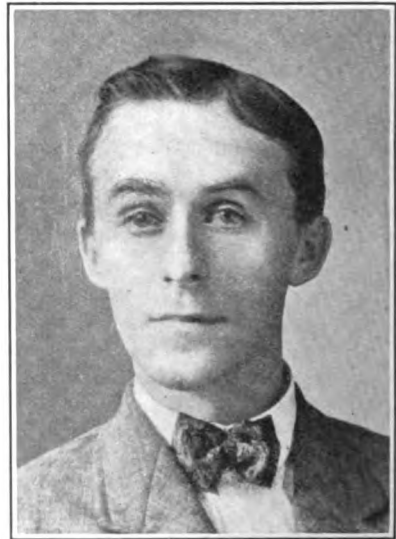
As Bill concluded his tale, he refilled his pipe, and, bidding me good-night, he left me to the companionship of the wires and the humming "spirits" outside.

G. S. AND H. B. HAMILTON.

### THE "BO" OPERATOR GETS HUNG.

(Written for THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.)

"YES, son, I have 'boed' it all over the country. You see these here gray streaks? Well, they ain't natural. I got them gray hairs when I got hung. Yes sir, hung up by the neck like a criminal. Want to hear about it, eh? Well, bein' as we got lots of time on our hands before your train, I will spin it for you. It is an experience of mine down there in them Kentucky hills. It was along in the eighties. I was sent down to Cumberland Gap by the Ellen N. to work nights while the regular man got hisself tied to a mountain lass. When I steps off the train I sizes up the place. I kain't say as I was particularly stuck on the layout,



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but I was broke, all in, down and out, and I says to myself, says I, 'Brace up, Bo, you can stand it for a few nights; long enough to get a stake on you.' Havin' one of them there

peculiar sensations like a feller what wants something to eat, I hikes out without sayin' a word to the agent about my bein' on hand for duty and rambles over to a dilapidated,



M. J. GRANGER,  
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three-cornered shack of a house what had a shingle stuck out that said: 'McKinley House.'

"Poof, thinks I; these here Hill-Billies use the sacred name of our martyred President to stick on a hash joint. Well, that's none of my lookout, but it sure does look bad to a stranger and a bo operator what is nearly all down and out hisself. I goes in and taps on the front door. 'Maw'n pard', says a lump-necked, screw-backed sager, what opened the door. 'Stranger here, be ye? Wall, come in and we will see what we can do to hook ye up. I 'low as how ye be the new operator. I was just tellin' my old 'oman I guessed we could take keer of ye. Had any chawin'? No? Wall, wash up and come on in to the dinin' room and eat. We all hev done et.'

"'Don't care if I do,' I says, and follers him through three or four zig-zag rooms to a latticed-up porch, where I was supposed to perform my ablutions. An old, battered dish pan was settin' on a bench and a bar of battle-ax soap three and a half feet long

by two and a quarter wide was sunnin' itself close by. I picks up the soap, empties a bucket of water in the pan and cuts a foot of grime off my countenance, after which I was again invited to chaw. I looks through the door of the dinin' room and sees a litter of pigs in a corner, snoozin' on an old piece of carpet. Natchelly, I hesitates at the door, but Mr. McKinley, or whatever his handle was, says: 'Come right on in, and don't mind the pigs. We hev to sort of keep 'em in the house, becaze the dorgs and big horgs are so powerful, all-fired bad about eatin' of 'em' I don't say nothin', for that there hungry feelin' was loomin' up some big. I thinks I could eat them there pigs, hair and all. 'Git a cheer from back thar, stranger, and bring it up,' says he. 'Yere is some co'n bread and thar is a dish o' bacon. We hain't got so powerful much, but help yourself to what ye see. I hain't had my eatin', yit, but I'll eat the leavin's. Powerful fine maw'nin'.' I 'lowed it was, and commenced on the chaw act immejit. I don't calc'late there was much leavin's for the old man after I had masti-



T. B. HURR,  
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cated. No sir. I was sure some hungry. that there peculiar mornin', and et up the outfit what was on the table quicker'n a feller could say 'whiskey.' But I had the



surprise of my life when the old man brought on a tumbler of white lightnin'.

"'That's the goods for mine,' I says, and almost jerks it out of his hand. I hadn't



J. W. MARTENIS,  
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tasted a drop since the day before, at Louisville.

"My! but my throat was some dry. That there liquor sure tasted good! 'Old man,' I cries, 'you have sure won my heart today. Got any more?' 'Sure hev, stranger. Got barrels of it. Want some mo'?' I 'lowed I could stand one more tumblerful, but I was wishin' to myself he would bring it in a bucket; I could get at it better. Pretty soon in he comes with the second tumblerful, and says: 'Bein' as ye are the operator and not one of them revnoo officers, I kin trust you with a secret, kain't I?' 'Surest thing you know, pal,' says I, 'spit it out. You and me are pards from now on. Let's shake on it.' That there liquor was sort of reachin' up and gettin' a hold on my top-piece and I was gettin' in a good humor. 'Wall,' says he, 'come 'round the house with me and I will show ye the purtiest leetle still ye ever laid your lookin' eyes on.' 'That's me,' I sings out, and seconds the motion to myself; shakes hands with myself in my mind. I thinks what a good time I would have layin' 'round that there

still and guzzlin' booze. Well, I follers him out to the pig pen and I was sure some puzzled. How in blazes he could hide a still 'round a pigpen was more than I could calc'late. But the queer part of it comes in when he takes the plug out'n a little hole in a plank on the bottom of the pen and raises the whole bloomin' thing up. Out pops the swellest little wild-cat still I ever saw, and I had seen 'em before, too. Well, soon as that there still comes in sight and I gets a good look at it I hears a lot of racket and sooner than you could count ten a set of them there revenue officers pounced onto us, hollerin' 'Surrender!' 'Surrender be tetotally dummed,' I shouts and breaks loose from th' guy what had took hold of me and tore out for the woods. Pistols was crackin' all 'round and I thinks of all them there mean acts I had committed and about last wills and testiments and such fixin's. Zip! a bullet plowed through my chin whiskers what hadn't been shaved for three months because I had been hittin' back doors for my feeds, and no free shaves



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threwed in. That there shot sort of stirred me up right smartly, and I hits the high places only until I gets out of range, and then muzzles around and switches about

until I gets clear out of all known directions.

"First thing I knows a feller hits me over the head with a stick and out shines



W. V. BIDWELL,  
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the stars, with a moon or two throwed in for a chaperon. When next I gets my bearin's I was some surprised. I was layin' on a pile of straw in a sort of jail place, with a loophole winder about thirty feet over my head and not much light shinin' in. 'This here business is gettin' some strenuous,' I reflects, and the lump on my head was a good reminder of the times. Well, in a few minutes, a grizzled-faced, leather-headed geehawker sticks his dirty countenance through the thirty-foot-high winder and sort of smiles down on me and says: 'Ho! Ho! Mr. Revnoo Officer, thought ye was a slick one, didn't ye? But ye couldn't fool us, no sir-ee. We gets on to you revnoo fellers soon's ye poke your faces in where ye're not wanted. So it was your game to play the innocent operator. Hi! Hi! Wall, ye won't get to pound brass for a spell, I'm thinkin'. 'What in thunder ails you, you pig-faced, idiotic heathen,' I yells. 'Do I look like a revenue officer? What's eatin' on you, anyway? But the crazy-faced cuss grins all over his face and spouts out: 'Talk's cheap, stranger, the Wild-Catters'

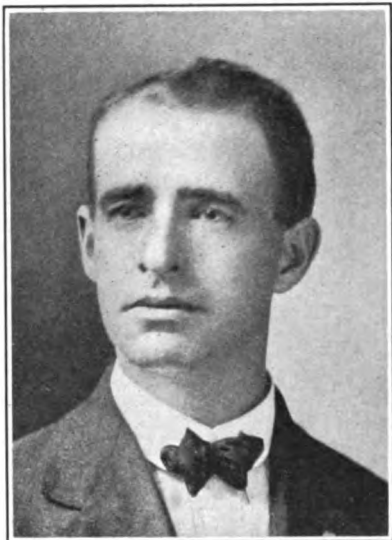
Protective Association is now in session, and I'm thinkin' they will soon reach an agreement about your case. Yes, we hang revnoo officers for pastime, 'round here. If ye ever prayed in your life ye had better be at it now.' And, slinging these cheerful remarks at me he jerks his head out and mooches off somewheres, I guess to join in the song and dance they was havin' close by, and makin' a racket like a lot of artillery sprung loose. Some folks would say right here that I prayed and became resigned to my fate, but I'll be everlastin'ly dum-fiddled if I did. I whoops and hollers and shoots cuss-words at them like sixty and dares 'em to come and get me. This, and the liquor I had drunk, soon wears me out, and I goes to sleep, peaceful-like. The next thing I knows I was jerked up onto my feet and somethin' was tightenin' 'round my neck; I was sure some scared, and half stammers out a 'Now I lay me down to sleep' prayer, for I knowed my last day was sure here and no gettin' out of it. Them there jakes had put a rope 'round my neck, and was stringin' me up to a rafter. One



J. F. LOFTUS,  
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feller was holdin' a lamp and two others had hold of the rope that hung out'n the winder. One of 'em had slipped in and put it 'round my neck, throwed it over the

rafter, and then out the winder. Well, they makes short work of me. One of 'em speaks up and says: 'Jerk the pesky varmint up towards the ceiling and wind the



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rope 'round the nail.' Out pops my eyes, and my head was buzzin' like a whole swarm of Arkansas mosquitoes. I couldn't get no breath, and was chokin' to death. Visions of hell floated before my eyes and the devil was starin' me right in the face, as plain as daylight.

"Next thing I knows I was layin' on a board couch and a man what looked like a real revenue officer says: 'So, you have woke up, have you, Bill? Come pretty nigh gettin' you, didn't they. If us officers hadn't come in and rescued you when we did, you would be viewin' the fireworks now.'

"Well, son, here comes your train. I got to get busy with the express car, now. When you come back this way, drop in, and I'll spin you another one."

ROBERT LEONARD METCALFE.

Mr. Tellitt: "A woman can dress well on a sum that would keep a man looking shabby."

Mr. Doitt: "That's right. The sum my wife dresses on keeps me shabby all year 'round."—*Dayton Journal*.

## BETWEEN COIN AND CUPID.

(Written for THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.)

IT was late in September, after the buzz of the industrious bee was no longer audible in the foliage of the mountain forest; the beautiful grove of oaks and maples possessed a tint of brown, due to the slight sting of the approaching frost. Near the old spring, just under the heavy branch of a large oak, was erected a gigantic seat, where Charles Garrell and Nell Caton sat, watching the water ripple over the pebbles and small rocks, which gave to the little brook a slight murmur, as though speaking in sympathetic harmony to the scattered conversation which was now in progress. For more than two years this young couple had spent the afternoons during the summer in the shade of this old oak, and it was not unusual to see them sit in silence for some ten or fifteen minutes, and, occasionally, read short stories. They had learned to care for each other more than for anyone else, but they had not reached that point in their courtship where



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love had conquered fear and timidity. Charles remained for some time in silence, while Nell was reading a short story, "Heart in Hand." At last she finished the

story, raised her head, and found him earnestly meditating.

"Charles, are you ill?" she said with a soft and low voice.

"Feeling fine, thank you."

"Then why so still; are you offended because my story was a little lengthy?"

"No, not in the least; I was only thinking of the many hours we have spent together and—"

"Have they not been pleasant?"

"Quite." He answered with a smile.

"Then why do you think of them so earnestly?"

"I can't say, Nell. Just to employ my mind, I suppose."

"But Charles, you seem worried."

"How can you know, my dear?"

"The stern expression on your face speaks for itself, my boy."

"Yes, Nell, specifically I am happy, but generally speaking I am not; I should like a change."

"Like a change? Well, if it is my presence making the hours grow monotonous, then my absence will serve to make the change complete, and you will have your desire."

"That is not my desire; your presence is what I want."

"You have my presence, Charles, in what way do you want a change?"

"I want you to love me."

"That would be no change."

"Are you sure you love me, Nell?"

"Quite sure, Charles. I have always cared for you."

"It is sweet of you to speak so emphatically in my behalf, but yet, my worried mind is not soothed with contentment."

"Doubt my love, do you, Charles?"

"Not once. But I am longing for the time when I can claim you as my own."

"Are you sure, Charles?"

"There is no doubt, my little queen."

"Is that the change you wish?"

"Yes," he replied, as his eyes filled with tears.

"Then I assure you I will do all I can to grant you this change."

"That is very encouraging, and when I come again we will fix the time."

"Very well, Charles, good-bye."

Charles Garrell gracefully raised his hat, and, with a smile, slightly bowed and walked away. His steps were quick, and soon he found himself standing in the room of a small cottage in the west end of the little village. Charles was an orphan, but had saved enough of his earnings to purchase this small, but neat, cottage. He drew a chair close to the window and watched the bows of the lofty willow swing to and fro, as the autumn wind swept the golden leaves across the meadow. Across the hill he could hear the shrill of "Bob White" in the distance, while the chirp of



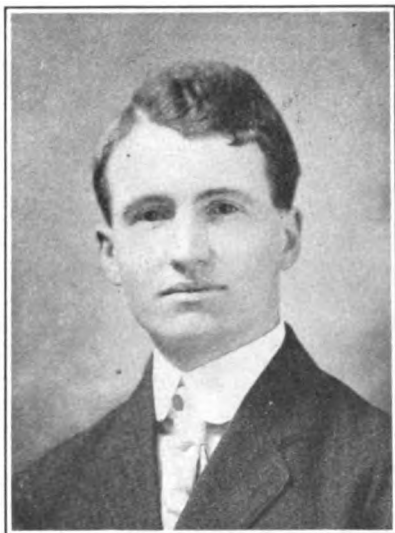
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the cricket drew nearer and clearer. Never in life had Nature's song rang so sweetly as now. Just the thought of all the pleasure and happiness that was promised his young and amiable life was enough to start every nerve within him. His very soul was filled with new energy, for he had now gained the love and confidence of one for whom his noble heart was yearning—one who was worthy of all the success and happiness that might attend one's life. While Charles had been thinking over his past laborious, yet successful, years, the time had speedily drifted away and now the clock was striking

nine. He took from his desk the Bible which his mother had given him, and, after reading several chapters, knelt beside his bed and gave praise to Him for success, both socially and financially; after which he was soon lost in slumber.

## CHAPTER II.

One week had passed, and Nell had not found courage to speak to her mother concerning her engagement to Charles Garrell. She had spent the greater portion of her time, since Charles' last visit, thinking of the many characteristics indicative of a true and worthy young man; and, though



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blinded with love, had endeavored to give his faults careful consideration. She thought of his career as a young business man—of his social facilities, and of his faithful work as a Christian.

Her little heart throbbed with love and admiration for him, and, as she walked slowly out into the yard, she spoke aloud as though speaking to him: "Why should I not love a man with such noble traits?"

Just across the lawn, under a large maple, sat Mrs. Caton, reading the *Evening Post*. Nell felt her duty to speak to her mother about Charles, and now was an excellent opportunity. But just how to approach her,

she had not settled in her own mind. She walked slowly, but exactly, across the lawn, and seated herself beside Mrs. Caton.

"Charles is coming today, Mama."

"This is his usual time, isn't it, daughter?"

"Well—Yes."

"Then did you consider it information, dear?"

"No. But I just wanted to speak of him."

"In what way?"

"Well— You know, Mama, I love him."

"No, I was not aware of that. I knew he had been very generous and obliging, and I have always considered you staunch friends. But as to your loving him, I never entertained such an idea."

"I do, Mama, and we have decided to live for each other."

"Are you not jesting?"

"Not once, Mama, it is all true."

"But Nell, there are many things I have never told you, and had hoped it would never be necessary to do so, but now—"

"O Mama! Is it anything that will interfere with the arrangements Charles and I have made?"

"It is, indeed."

"Then allow me to remain in ignorance, will you not?"

"I should like very much to please you, and, perhaps, make others happy by doing so, but I can not in this case."

"Well, if such is destined to me, let me hear it now, Mama."

"Do you remember Felix Garrell, Charles' father?"

"No, Mama, he died too long since for me to remember him."

"I thought not. You see Felix Garrell was a brilliant man—a man with a splendid intellect, and was once a man of considerable wealth. But he took to drinking and defrauding, even his best friends; and after living a very wretched life, died in poverty."

"But what has that to do with Charles? hasn't he lived a noble life?"

"Yes, dear, but be patient, till I explain. You see, during the last few years of Felix Garrell's life, your father had to deal with him so much, as business agent, he became

thoroughly disgusted with the way in which Felix conducted himself. Yet, he always treated Felix with courtesy, for he felt that his reckless and dissipated life was inherent in his disposition."

"But Mama, Charles must not bear the blame."

"It is quite unfair, I know, but sometimes such things can't be avoided."

"Oh, how cruel!"

"But let me finish my explanation, and then you will understand the situation."

"I shall not interrupt any more," she said, as her slender, yet graceful form leaned forward to readily grasp the words of her mother. She was pale, and on her face was a look of disappointment, as the tears were slowly drifting down her cheeks.

"Your father liked Charles, but yet he feared that he would some time drift into his father's footsteps. He knew you and Charles had always been good friends, to which he did not object, but he never wanted you to love and marry him, as he feared your life would, in later years, be blighted by the wine glass. He had your interest at heart, and in his will there is a clause which provides that if you should marry Charles, the whole amount left you, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, will become the property of the National Hospital, and you will be left without a penny."

"Good Heavens! Such a cruel and unjust thing must not be true when I love him so dearly—when all my future happiness is based upon his young life. Shall I allow the coin to stand between me and the hand of Cupid?"

"But it is true, dear, without a doubt, and you can not afford to go against this will and go out in the world to battle with the hardships with which you will have to encounter."

"I know it would be very unfortunate, Mama, to lose such a nice sum of money, but I love Charles Garrell more than all the coins that can be heaped around me."

"That may be true at present, but when poverty stares you in the face, when happiness—your affections for him have been drowned by the wine cup, then you will think of it quite differently."

Nell arose from her seat and looked at her mother rather staringly, but still tried to conceal her fit of anger, as she said: "I can never think that such will happen to such a noble and energetic young man."

She turned and walked away as her mother said: "You must not marry Charles; now hear me, and heed what I say."

Nell made no reply, but walked slowly to her library and seated herself by the window to wait for Charles. She buried her pale face in her hands, and, for a long while, she wept bitterly. She thought of all her mother had said, and of her duty of obedi-



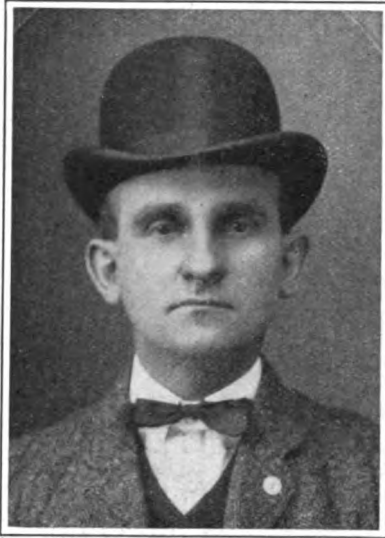
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ence to her parents, but yet she could not endure the thought of turning aside from one she loved and going out alone, even with wealth at her command. Her little heart throbbed with sorrow; all the world seemed dreary, and the hand of fate pointed to a realm of darkness on either side.

She raised her head, and, with her slender white hand, pushed back the golden curls from her forehead. Then looking down the street, she once more beheld the idol of her life. She arose slowly and went to meet him at that familiar old spot near the spring, where they had so often whiled away the afternoon—the place where

love had conquered fear and timidity—the place where sunshine and happiness had beamed upon her young life.

"Am I late, Nell?"



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"Only a trifle, Charles."

"Then I shall make no apologies of lost moments, but shall try to employ the present."

As they seated themselves by the old spring, he noticed the absence of her smiles. The rosy flush had left her cheek, and a pale, languid look appeared, as a tear stole down her cheek.

"What on earth has happened, dear, are you ill?"

"Quite well, Charles, but I am rather inclined to feel blue."

"What has caused this mood of despondency; tell me, won't you?"

"I can not, Charles, it is too much."

"Can't you trust me?"

"Yes, at all times, but—"

"Then tell me, as one who loves you, and let me share your troubles."

"They are your troubles, as well as mine, if you only knew."

"I am waiting to hear, and willing to share and make the best of it I can."

"Then I will tell you, dear, I can't marry you."

For some time he was blinded with astonishment. How could she, who, for the past two years, had been so faithful and true, speak in such a perplexing manner.

"Why, Nell, do you consider me unworthy?"

"I consider you as worthy as the most worthy, but Mama says I shall not."

"And your mama's choice is your choice, eh?"

"No, Charles, it has always been my choice to make you happy, but there are things yet untold." As she spoke she handed him a neatly folded paper—her father's will.

He read it with a searching eye, and, with a sigh, handed it back to her. He was startled at its contents. His face wore a look of disappointment while he remained in silence.

"Why did your father oppose our marriage?"

"You remember your father, do you?"

"Yes, quite well."

"You know he was a victim of strong drink, don't you?"

"Yes, Nell, but I don't like to think of it, now."



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"Well, that is the cause. He feared you would some day follow in your father's footsteps and that I would, in time, be driven to poverty and shame."

"And you are now a victim of your father's belief; am I not right?"

"Not in the least; I believe you will always be true to that noble character which you now possess."

"Then it is obvious, Nell, that it is a choice between love and money, and you choose the latter."

"Not exactly so, Charles. I have always been obedient to my parents at all times, even if it did displease my fancies."

"And you consider this decision an act of obedience to your parents, do you, Nell?"

"Yes, if it were not obedience, I would act quite differently."

"I never accused you of being false, Nell; never thought of you as possessing one mark of deceit; neither can I accuse you yet; but I do say you mistake yourself; you are blinded by a curtain of gold."

As he uttered the last sentence he arose from his seat as his slender, yet graceful form trembled from head to foot. For some moments he tried, in vain, to turn from the one he loved. Finally securing his equilibrium, he started off.

"Charles, are you gone?" she began.

"Do you expect me to remain here? To do so would only make your heart grow colder and aggravate the wounds of my bleeding heart."

"Have you not a word of good-bye?"

"None. Since you have sold your love—sold your happiness and measured my love in dollars and cents I shall neither honor nor recognize your valuation by even one word of good-bye."

He turned and walked away, leaving her with the decision of her own choice.

"What a contrast between this and my previous visits," he murmured to himself, as he strolled down the narrow street.

It was, perhaps, a half or three-quarters to his little village and he had scarcely reached the half way point, until the sun had passed beyond the western horizon and the god of night spread his mantle of darkness about him; while the autumn wind, as it rippled through the leaves, seemed to speak words of sympathy to his aching heart.

At last he reached his little cottage, and, after his usual devotion to his Creator, he was lost in slumber.

Several weeks had passed and Charles was still performing his duty at the lumber plant. One Saturday, at noon, just as the plant was closing down for the week's end, Charles sat in his office with his head resting heavily in his hands. The little round face with golden curls clustering about was before him as charming and beautiful as when he left her at the spring. It seemed impossible to banish her image from memory's page. As a tear stole down his cheek he took his pen from behind his ear and wrote:

"Mr. Harvey Wiles:

"Please accept this as my resignation, effective at once.  
CHARLES."



J. J. CRUMP,  
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He left the little manuscript on his desk and went home.

Harvey Wiles was a young man, and a chum of Charles. In a short time he came to the office and read the note. Charles had gone.

"Great Heavens!" he exclaimed, as though someone had given him a heavy blow. He at once summoned an errand boy and sent for Charles. The distance was short,



and soon Charles was present, while, in an anxious voice, Harvey asked:

"What on earth has happened, Charles. have I offended you in any way?"



ARTHUR B. CORD,  
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"Not in the least, Mr. Wiles, you have always been good and kind to me."

"Are you not satisfied with your salary?"

"Yes, I feel you are paying me all I am worth, and all your business will justify, but I must go."

"Must go! What do you mean, my dear boy?"

"I can't tell you; it is a personal affair and my troubles would not interest you, so I prefer to remain silent."

"I am your friend, Charles, tell me and perhaps I can help you."

"I know you would if it were in your power, but—"

"But tell me, anyway, Charles, so I can know the cause of your departure from our midst."

Charles cast his eyes to the floor for a moment, and then began. He carefully explained the whole story, while Mr. Wiles listened with intense interest.

"Pshaw! You are laboring under a mistaken idea; as executor of that will, I have had cause to examine the record, and I find not a single scratch of the pen concerning

Tom Caton's will. It has never been registered and can not hold good. Nell Caton shall have every cent of her money regardless of the man she marries."

"But that doesn't help me."

"Why not?"

"Because she has refused to marry me."

"But you must explain to her this discrepancy and then—"

"No, not once. The blood that warms my veins supports a man who is too true to his own principles to beg the love of any lady."

"You are noble, Charles, to stand so firm on your own manhood."

"I know, Mr. Wiles, it is quite conventional to take such advice given by you, to gain the hand of such a fair lady, but I prefer to have Cupid stand his own ground. Fight an honest fight and have clean hands—clear from the stain of gold and bonds."

"I confess your intellect is clear and vivid, but your departure from this place will not better the situation and I ask that you remain with us. Will you promise, Charles?"

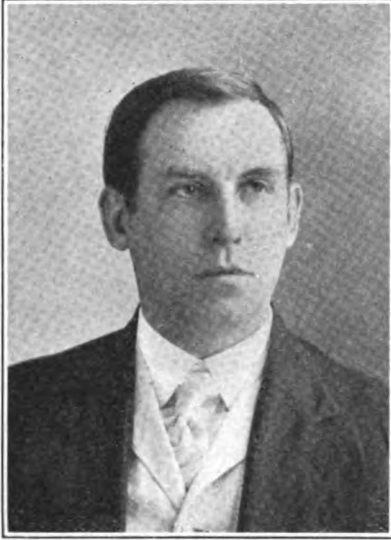
"Yes, I will report for duty Monday."



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On Sunday morning he sat at the window of his little cottage prompting himself as teacher of the young men's Bible class. He raised his head, closed his Bible, and for

some time his thoughts seemed draped in mourning, his eyes turned across the meadow just as they did weeks ago. He had lost the thrilling tones of "Bob White"



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in the distance and the autumn wind, which swept the golden leaves across the brown meadow, seemed to bring to him a different view of life. Suddenly his thoughts were disturbed by the sound of the doorbell. He walked slowly across the room, and, on opening the door, his eyes fell on the face of a little colored boy, which he readily recognized.

"What will you have, Jack?"

"Nuffin, des got dis litter fer ye."

He took the letter from the little darkey, and, with trembling fingers, tore it open and read:

"Dear Charies:

"Please call at my home at two this afternoon; I must see you. Will you come?"

"Sincerely,  
NELL."

For some time he stood blinded with astonishment and bewildered with excitement.

"What can such a message mean," he thought, as he turned and walked to his desk. "Regardless of its meaning, I will go," he said, in a low tone. Though nerv-

ous, he managed to write her a few lines and assured her he would comply with her request.

The hours speedily rolled away and soon he found himself strolling toward the old spring where he had once been made happy by the words of the fairest and dearest to him. Wearily trodding the path which led to the old place around which lingers sacred memories of bygone days—the place where Cupid once boasted of its victims and soared away on wings of enchantment and admiration, but was handicapped by the sleek hand of wealth.

Nell did not meet him at the spring as in other days, as she thought it more comfortable in the parlor, since the weather was gradually growing cooler. Charles halted, only for a few moments, at the spring, while his slender form trembled as he appealed to memory; but, being filled with anticipation and anxiety, he quickened his step and soon found his hand on the doorbell. Just then the door came open and Nell stood before him dressed in spotless white. The golden curls seemed to cluster

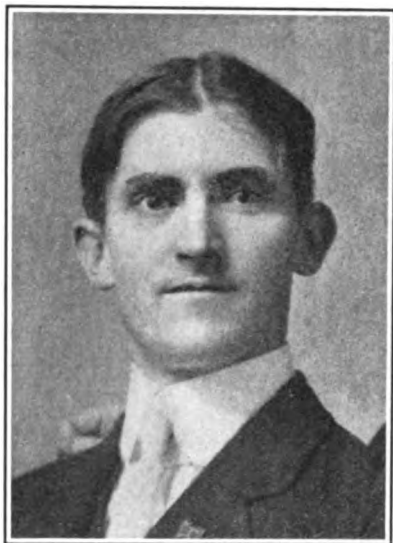


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about her neck with more style and beauty than ever before. Every nerve within him was driven to excitement at her very sight, but to hold his dignity and be indifferently

inclined was his chief aim. Her delicate white hand was extended to him gracefully, as she said:

"O Charles! I am so glad to see you!"



T. A. DRAPER,  
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"Thanks, Nell, the pleasure is mutual."

"Charles, dear, do you love me yet?"

"It is quite unfair of you, Nell, to ask such a question."

"Why, Charles?"

"Because I came here at your request—because you sent for me. I am waiting, Nell, why did you send for me?"

"Because I love you, Charles. Since I left you at the spring eight weeks ago, life has been as dark as the heaviest shades of night. When Love knocks at the door of my heart I can not turn and grasp the hand of Wealth and say 'Welcome visitor.' I can not swap smiles for frowns and furrows of sorrow. I can not live in a mansion of aching hearts. I would rather dwell in the humblest cottage and be yours than to live in palaces among kings and princes, with all the luxuries and delicacies at my command."

"Nell, my darling, you are an angel. No sweeter words can be uttered by human tongue, than the words you have just spoken. Once more life is worth living. The dark cloud of sorrow has been driven

away and the sun of happiness shines down upon me with all its glory and splendor."

"You are right, Charles, life will be one sweet dream." At this she threw her arms around his neck and asked his pardon for the way in which she had treated him.

Three days later, as they were enjoying their bridal tour, he told her of the worthless record of her father's will, and again she rejoiced that love had conquered wealth.

On Cupid's battle field,  
The coin, his power did yield.

ROBERT T. ANDERSON.

### THE RUNAWAY OF "BIG MARY."

(Written for THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.)

IT was pay-day in the Central yards at Dallas, and any man who ever worked around a railroad yard knows what pay-day is. To the yard master (the G. Y. M.) it is a "Blue Monday," while to the men it is a gala day, and one especially set aside for their special enjoyment and celebration, and from a week to ten days in advance the G. Y. M. is besieged with requests for a "lay off" on pay-day. It is impossible for him to let them all off and keep the work going, and he knows by former experience that a number of them will lay off with or without permission, and he is at his wits' end trying to devise some plan to keep from tying up the yard during the celebration.

It is strictly against the "boomer" switchman's religion to work on pay-day, if he has anything coming, and every yard has its quota of this worthy class. Dallas, on this particular night, was no exception, nor were the majority of the men working there at that time an exception to the general rule, so on this night, John Dixon, the husky G. Y. M., was in a state of collapse from his continued fruitless efforts to round up enough men to man the night engines.

The yard is small, and at that time were working four crews, two day, one night, and one "half and half," and every rascal on the night engine had reported "sick" and could not work that night. It was a rather cold day in November, and a slow, drizzling rain had been falling all day and indications

promised a continuous performance of the program for the night.

Just before quitting time old man John came down through the yard, the energy he threw into his movements clearly indicating that he was not in the happiest frame of mind, while a wreath of blue smoke from his ever-present pipe trailed behind him, and any casual observer could easily note that something was radically wrong. As he neared the office, he met Dell Gately, foreman of the day "hill" engine, who was fixing to turn in after a few more moves had been made, which the helpers were doing, under instructions left for them.

"Do you know of any 'roughnecks' we can get for tonight?" Dixon yelled at Gately as soon as he approached within hearing.

"Not unless there is some up around the corner," replied Gately.

"Yes, there's plenty of them up there, but they won't work. They got to get full and spend all their coin before they will work, then we will have plenty. Tell your crew to go home and get supper and come back at seven and work until midnight. There's no way out of it, the yard is about blocked now, and if we don't keep these engines moving, we can't get a wheelbarrow through by midnight. Ham will have to work all night, and the Lord only knows what we will do for men tomorrow."

Relighting his pipe, which he had allowed to go out while talking to Gately, he proceeded to the office, where he found a message from the superintendent complaining that No. 22, the fast freight, had been delayed on several previous occasions, waiting for the merchandise cars from "down town," and stating, very emphatically, that such delays would not be tolerated in the future.

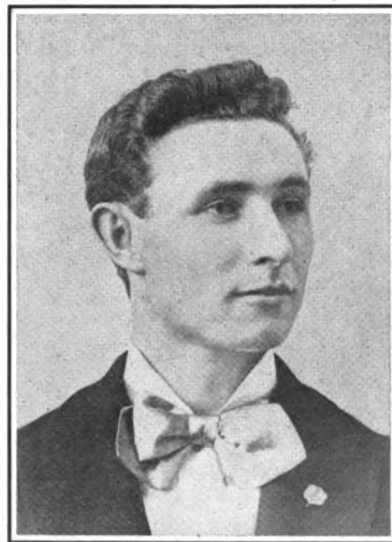
"How is 22?" he asked Bart, the operator, who had just come on duty for the night. Inquiry developed the fact that 22 would be right on time.

"Of course," grunted Dixon, feeling still bluer from what he had learned since entering the office, so he left to make some further final arrangements for the night.

At the north end of the yard he met Ham and his crew coming in from the T. & P.

with a drag, and he sailed in with: "Ham, I want you to look after that merchandise, tonight, and bring it up the hill in good time for 22, whether it is loaded or not, bills or no bills. The "Old Man" says no more delays goes and if you stick 22 to-night we will all have to look for another job. No "brownies" goes. The whole outfit in Kelly's crew is drunk and getting drunker. Gately will work until midnight and you will have to put in the night." Having thus lined up things for the night, the G. Y. M. went home for supper and to cool off a bit.

When the information above was imparted to the helpers, there was a "roar," of course. Jack Denham and J. S. Edselle were helping Gately. Jack followed the engine, while Edselle, better known as "High Peckets," or simply "High," for short, looked after the field. "High," as his cognomen indicated, was about six feet four, well built, and every inch a man, while Jack was a little below the medium, and getting along in years, both jolly and good.



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natured, as well as steady workers and old heads in the yard. But this idea of putting in five hours overtime, after a hard, nasty day, and on pay-day night, too, when they

had planned to go down town for a while after supper, was a little more than they could relish, so they proceeded to exercise their rights as free Americans and railroad men, to express their sentiments on what they believed they had a kick coming, by having it thus "rubbed in" on them. But there was nothing to do but to make the best of it, so they went home to a hot supper, hoping it would revive their good nature and flagging vitality.

Helping Ham on the "half and half" were Ed Sheehan, an old head, a good and efficient worker, when he worked, but given to infrequent, but sometimes protracted lay-offs, duly celebrated, and when working



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always followed the engine, while the field was looked after by his old-time friend Arthur Resley. The latter, poor fellow, is dead, now, but many a switchman scattered over this continent will remember "Big Head," or just "Head" as he was known to all the boys, and many, I dare say, never knew his real name. If a stranger had been told to go to "Big Head" for some reason, he would never have made a mistake, and would have had no difficulty in locating the right man. "Head" was very short, very wide, had a very large head, and a

very short neck. Good-natured, friendly to all he met, and always "Johnny on the spot" when it came time for work. But even so good a nature as his is tempted to revolt when he is told that it has been decreed that he must work "till broad daylight," instead of turning in at twelve and spending a few hours down town next forenoon, as he had planned to do on the following morning. Under present plans they could not hope to get enough rest to enable them to go on duty at noon the next day, during the short six hours they would be off, to say nothing of going to town. So, on this dark and misty November evening there were several muttered remarks and unexpressed thoughts that would neither look good in print nor sound well in Sunday school, directed at no one in particular, but at the world in general. As "Head" expressed it, "if we wasn't poor, we wouldn't have to work," seemed something of a consolation to all, and in a short time they were all ready to do battle faithfully and make the best of a bad bargain.

When seven o'clock arrived, a full crew for both engines were on hand, and, much as they disliked it, were ready for duty when the G. Y. M. returned from supper. With a few minor instructions about details of the work, and with a parting injunction to Ham to "be sure and get that merchandise up the hill in time for 22," they went to their several duties. Ham went down the hill to straighten things up a bit and get the merchandise out as soon as it could be done, while Gately and his crew went to the south end, where they made a few switches, made a delivery to a connection, and, after letting No. 6 by, they went to the north end to thrash out No. 27, the local, which had arrived late, and thereby hangs a tale. If 27 had gotten in on time this story would never have been written, and I could never have told how quick "Big Head" could get over cars, or how fast "High's" long legs could take him down the track.

The Southern Pacific had recently bought some big, new tank cars, and put them into the crude oil service, and, while cars of that size have now become familiar sights,

they were something of a wonder then. Built of all steel, tanks holding 12,850 gallons, and weighed, loaded, near 150,000. Some of the boys had dubbed these cars



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"Big Mary," and so they were all known. No. 27, of this date, had one of these cars, loaded for a local firm. Gately had figured out the switch list and work had commenced. About the third car was the Big Mary, and Jack got a signal from Gately to let it down the wye. "High" was on hand, but ordinarily little attention was paid to cars kicked down the wye, as they always stopped, but "High" took no chances, so when Big Mary came by he thought she was moving a little too swiftly and would run down too far, so he would put a small "binder" on her, just to be sure, and he climbed aboard for that purpose, but when the brake wheel revolved idly, he discovered that the brake chain was either broken or disconnected. There was no doubt but the car would stop a little farther on, but for fear it ran into something or over somebody he would stay with it until it did stop. While it did slow down almost to a stop, the thing seemed to be endowed with life, and, instead of stopping, as all well behaved cars had always done, it continued to crawl along. "High" seated himself on the front

end of the car, with his feet hanging off, and waited patiently for Big Mary to make up her mind to stop, but, instead, she appeared to have made up her mind not to stop. On around past the roundhouse she kept creeping, and at this point there begins a slight decline in the track, which leads to the down town yards, and Big Mary began slowly to increase her momentum, and, for the first time, "High" began to see that there was to be some unexpected developments.

The down grade increased for about three hundred yards, when there was a rise, at the top of which Ervay street crossed the track. It was supposed to be a settled question that any car turned loose in the upper yard could not run over Ervay street of its own momentum, and "High" consoled himself that he would be able to tie her up somewhere near Ervay, the only thing to be feared would be that Ham might come up the hill before the car stopped. "High" rode the front end to warn anyone who might chance to be on the track or crossings, and could not see the car in the



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darkness. His plans were all made; he would block her when she stopped and flag Ham when he came up and let him shove Big Mary back into the yard.

Meantime Jack went ahead with his work, dropping cars here and there, but there was no one in the field to catch them, and the bombarding going on attracted Gately's attention and he commenced an investigation.



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"Where is High," he asked Jack. Jack had seen nothing of him, but Jimmy Rogan, the hog head, said he saw him down the wye, near the roundhouse, some time ago, and that the light appeared to be going on down the track..

Looking in that direction, they saw a light apparently near Ervay street, seeming to be dodging about here and there in a most mysterious manner, which seemed to tell them that there was something wrong. They did not know for certain that this was "High's" lamp, but he could be seen nowhere else, so they rightly concluded that this must be "High," but what could he be doing way down there?

"I'll bet that tank car has run off with 'High,'" ventured Gately, "guess we had better go see what's wrong." And, accordingly, they started in pursuit, but being very dark, and uncertain what they might meet, they could take no chances on fast running. While they were in slow pursuit "High" was having the time of his life. Nearing Ervay street Big Mary slackened

her speed in a marked degree, but it seemed the wet, spongy track, slick rails, and every other condition bearing, aided the big girl in her apparent determination to explore the downtown yards without the assistance of an engine. She approached the street crossing at a snail's pace, and "High" cast about for some piece of timber or other article which he might place in front of the wheel to stop her, still he expected that she would stop in a few feet more at best. Not so. She continued to creep along and "High" began to get alarmed and frantically did he search by the dim light of his lamp for something to block with, but it seemed that every scrap of all kinds had been carefully removed, and not a thing could he find, not even a little rock or clod. On the farther side of Ervay street the track begins another down grade and "High" realized that once over this the car would gain momentum. Failing to find a chock, he looked at Big Mary; she was still moving, and had reached within a few feet of where the track starts down the hill, and, realizing that



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he must act quickly if he did any good, he started on down the track at a pace that would make Dan Patch look like thirty cents, and gained a good distance on the

tank car before she began to kick up speed to any considerable degree.

About two blocks away there is a sharp curve, where cars can be seen scarcely three car lengths away, and "High" bent every effort to reach that curve before Ham came up and flag him before the tank could reach that point. He knew it was now just about time for Ham to be coming up, and what the result of a collision between that tank and an engine would be could only be imagined. Rounding the curve where he could see down the straight track, where he fully expected to see the headlight of the No. 101 coming, he gave a gasp of joy, for there were no signs yet of the 101, and he hurried on. Two blocks farther on there was another curve which hid his view of the yard, and, while he rejoiced that the crew had not started up yet, there were other and worse possibilities. He knew after the car had followed him for a block it would be gaining in speed at every turn of the wheels, and by time it reached to lower yards it must be going at a lively clip, and would likely run clear through the yard, so that to avoid a collision now seemed impossible. Then his thoughts began to revert to what it might mean should this inevitable occur. Crashing into that engine, the heavy impact would necessarily break or burst the tank and oil would fly in every direction; it would take fire from the engine, as it is highly inflammable, and would spread in the twinkling of an eye as far as the oil went, a river of fire would run from the scene of the disaster, setting on fire everything in its path, and burning with a fierceness that water will not stay. The chances for the men on that crew seemed next to impossible. Perhaps it might start a conflagration in the homes which so closely bordered the track and burn to death helpless women and children who were then wrapped in slumber. The awfulness of a disaster which now seemed unavoidable almost froze his blood and made him feel weak, but now is no time to give up to fancies, he must save that crew by all means.

Never was he so proud of his magnificent manhood as now. He called on his

great strength and endurance for greater exertions, and nobly did they respond. Fast as that tank went, "High" must have gone faster. He was now closely approaching the last curve where he would be able to locate the engine by her headlight, and hope was beginning to rise within him, when the headlight dashed around from behind a house apparently only a few yards from him, and "rockets" flying from the stack showed that Frank was giving her all the steam she was making in his endeavors to run his drag over the hill. "High" gave a vigorous swing of his lamp



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across the track; a regular "washout," with a vengeance; and at the first swing, his lamp went out, as also did "High's" hopes.

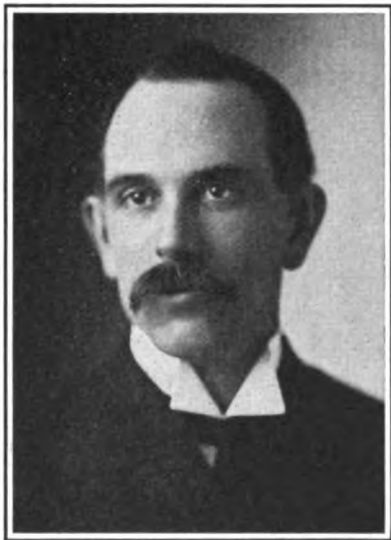
While "High" was having his experience, Ham Elms and his crew, in the lower yard, were doing a rushing business in their efforts to make good with the merchandise on time. The work had all been finished and Ham signaled Sheehan to come to the main line, and told "Head" to couple up and get ready to go up the hill, while he walked down to the engine.



"How much air you got coupled up?" he inquired of Sheehan.

"Eight cars," replied the latter.

"That's enough," then to the engineer, Pruitt, "Frank, you want to go after 'em.



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we've got fourteen of them husky bullies back there, and the track is wet. If that goat don't do business and we have to double, there's going to be a racket."

Jimmy Masterson, the fireman, heard the remarks, and while the air was being pumped and a few other arrangements made he was busy raking his fire into good shape, for Jimmy never falls down on his end of the job. A "highball" from Head said everything was ready and the start was made for the hill, little dreaming what was coming to meet them. The track out of the yard is just a little down hill for a short distance, and, taking advantage of this, Frank crowded on all the steam she could work, and by time she reached the crossing they were going at a lively clip, and the 101 was rolling and pitching on the rough track like a ship in a storm at sea. Ham and Sheehan had climbed to front footboard, when they started, seating themselves on either end of the bumper, taking good care to get a firm hold, knowing that it was

going to be a rough passage. Just before reaching the crossing she gave an extra heavy plunge, which was enough to cause anything but pleasant thoughts to the men on the footboard, but she righted herself, and no damage was done.

"Right here is where the 103 turned over and killed Joe Watts," shouted Ham, and the recollection of the sad occurrence did not raise their courage much.

Everything appeared to be in favor of the boys making it to the upper yard in time for 22 without the risk of delaying them. The 101 appeared to enter into the contest, and feeling that the most important part of the play rested with her, was making good headway for the hard pull on the hill. Frank had looked at the water glass and made a mental calculation that he would be able to reach the top without using the injector, pulled her open a couple of notches more and looked ahead just in time to see the long swing of a light across the track and then disappear. He knew the tricks of hand lamps, and, without waiting for any further indications, acted on the suggestion that something had gone wrong, he flipped the brake around to "Big B," with the result, as "Head" afterwards declared "they stopped right now." "High" was on the spot, and, although so exhausted and breathless he could scarcely speak, he told them in a few words that a "Big Mary" was coming down the hill. Ham and Sheehan had gotten off the footboard, and as soon as Frank heard "High's" words, and it took no further explanation to tell him what that meant, he reversed his engine and gave her steam, with a faint hope of running it away from the tank, so that if a collision was inevitable, it would be less severe. Just as she began to move they saw the tank coming, seeming, to their excited imaginations, to be flying, instead of running, and they shouted to Frank and Jimmy to jump and run, while they stood paralyzed and helpless. Frank, too, had seen the tank, and without further thoughts except to escape that lake of awful death and destruction that was then rushing at him, he and Jimmy jumped and ran to get as far as possible from the probable scene of col-

lision. The rails were sanded already, it was down hill, and she was working steam, so, in short order the 101 had the train moving at a good speed in the opposite direction. Big Mary sped on by where the men were standing and sailed around the curve like a demon in hot pursuit of a helpless prey. Ham, Sheehan, and "High" ran after her to get a better view around the curve, and when they had reached a point where they could see the straight track, they saw the 101 pass under a street light, and Big Mary not fifteen feet behind, and gaining rapidly, then they both disappeared in the darkness.

A few seconds later they heard them hit, though it appeared to be a heavy compact, it was soon evident, from the exhausts of the engine, which was evidently going further on, that she, at least, had not been derailed; what had occurred to the tank was of little consequence just then. Now that this terror had vanished, another one almost as bad, had appeared before them. The engine was pushing that string of cars back through the yard and was evidently working enough steam to carry them clear through the yard, and what the consequences might be could not even be guessed. Not a man on the engine or cars unless it was "Head," who had been riding the rear car, and whether he got off when they stopped or was still on them no one knew. While they watched and listened they heard Gately coming down with the 102, and all got on and continued to follow.

When everything had been made ready for the start up the hill after giving them the "highball," "Head" climbed to the top of the last car and proceeded to find himself a secure place to ride. Taking a seat on the running board, placing his lamp between his legs and in a position so that he could grip the running board, if necessary. The track was badly out of surface, and the long wet spell had made even the ordinarily bad condition worse, and "Head" knew he would be well rocked, hence his precautions. He had not long to wait before occasion arose to show the good sense of his reasonings. The car gave a vigorous lurch, and "Head" had a death grip with both hands,

and well he did, for before the car had righted itself good, it appeared to him they had run into a stone wall, so sudden was the stop.

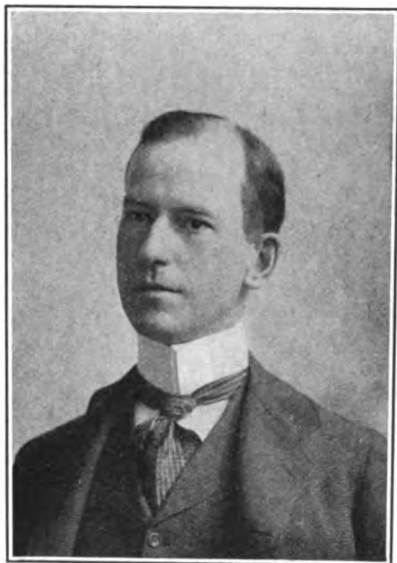
"In the ditch, just as I expected," ejaculated "Head," as no other explanation was offered as a solution, and visions of a night of wrecking in the mud and water passed before his mental vision. He was not long permitted to ponder over that event, for the cars soon began to move in the opposite direction, with rapidly increasing speed, which, instead of making "Head" glad there was no wreck, put him to wondering what on earth could be the meaning of this move. He was sure they could not be backing up to take another run for the hill, because they had a good start and were going fine when they stopped so suddenly. Then there was some other reason, but what was it? By this time they were plowing through the yard about where they started from, and would soon be going over street car and railroad crossings without the formality



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of flagging, all of which "Head" did not relish a bit, and he did some rapid thinking. Less than half a mile farther on was a sharp curve, known as the "horn," a place where the greatest caution and very slow speed

must be observed. They were getting too near to that place to suit "Head's" fancy, and he set the brake on the car he was on and went to the next one and did likewise.



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"They will never go around the 'horn,' but will take a straight dive for the river and go off over that bluff, if this don't stop." He hurried to the next car and set another brake, but they were having little effect, for the speed was too high for safety. "The air!" thought "Head." He knew where the last "air" car was and he hurried to it, but finding no end ladder on either car, he slid down the brake staff, planting his feet on the "deadwood," and holding on with one hand, he cautiously lowered himself until he managed, with great difficulty, to reach the angle cock, which he opened wide. The effect was instantaneous. "Head" swung himself to the side-ladder,

and dropped to the ground, hurried toward the engine, which had stopped just before it reached where he dropped off. Climbing on board expecting to demand from the crew an explanation of this crazy conduct, as it seemed to him, he found it deserted, and his wonder grew. "Head" took a seat on the fireman's seat box and rolled a cigarette, out of which he expected to draw some consolation, if no explanation. Hearing a whistle to the east, he looked closely and could see the reflection of a headlight, and waited further developments. Pretty soon he could distinguish an engine coming, shoving a big tank car in front of her, and a few minutes later the 102 stopped a few yards away. "Head" crawled down and demanded to know what they meant, and if they were trying to make him commit suicide. Explanations followed. They had found Big Mary standing quietly just opposite the freight house, having apparently seen all of the sights she cared about and was gentle as a lamb. So the 102 coupled onto it and continued to follow the 101.

"Well, it's all over and no harm done," said Gately, "so we will just couple onto you, keep this runaway between the goats, and doublehead you up the hill," which was done, reaching the upper yard just five minutes before 22 appeared from the north.

Next morning, as the tired crew was fixing to go home, "Head" asked Ham if he wanted a "2609" made out. "If you say '2609' again I'll turn you in. Just keep your head closed."

No damage was done, nobody hurt, "High" made a world's record for high speed and long distance run, "Head" had an experience he would not soon forget, and the G. Y. M. did not hear of it for a month afterwards, and the office hasn't heard of it yet. W. J. BURKE.





### The Financial Leak.

My salary is liberal,  
My house rent is not high;  
We use our wisest judgment in  
Selecting things to buy;  
Our tastes are not extravagant,  
And yet ('tis not a joke)  
The end of every month doth find  
Me absolutely broke.

And why, you ask—how can it be,  
If we are circumspect,  
And have no wild extravagance  
That should be promptly checked—  
How can it be that when the books  
We balance o'er and o'er  
We find ourselves precisely where  
We were the month before?

Of course, it seems a mystery  
But I can make it plain  
Why all my efforts to grow rich  
Prove fruitless quite and vain.  
The bitter truth about the case  
Need not be more than hinted—  
My daughter owns a camera  
And hires her pictures printed.  
—*Baltimore American.*

### To the Loser.

So you've lost the race, lad?  
Ran it clean and fast?  
Beaten at the tape, lad?  
Rough? Yes, but it is past.  
Never mind the losing,  
Think of how you ran;  
Smile, and shut your teeth, lad  
Take it like a man!

Not the winning counts, lad,  
But the winning fair;  
Not the losing shames, lad,  
But the weak despair.  
So when failure stuns you,  
Don't forget your plan;  
Smile, and shut your teeth, lad  
Take it like a man!

Diamonds turn to paste, lad,  
Night succeeds to morn;  
Where you'd pluck a rose, lad,  
Oft you grasp a thorn!

Time will heal the bleeding,  
Life is but a span;  
Smile, and shut your teeth, lad  
Take it like a man!

Then when sunset comes, lad,  
When your fighting's through,  
And the Silent Guest, lad,  
Fills your cup for you,  
Shrink not, grasp it boldly;  
End as you began.  
Smile and close your eyes, lad,  
And take it like a man!

*C. F. Lester, in Success.*

### Man and Mule.

The mule—he is a gentle beast;  
And so is man.  
He's satisfied to be the least;  
And so is man.  
Like man he may be taught some tricks;  
He does his work from eight to six;  
The mule—when he gets mad he kicks  
And so does man.

The mule—he has a load to pull;  
And so has man.  
He's happiest when he is full;  
And so is man.  
Like man he holds a patient poise  
And when his work's done will rejoice;  
The mule—he likes to hear his voice;  
And so does man.

The mule—he has his faults 'tis true;  
And so has man.  
He does some things he should not do;  
And so does man.  
Like man he doesn't yearn for style  
But wants contentment all the while.  
The mule—he has a lovely smile;  
And so has man.

The mule is sometimes kind and good;  
And so is man.  
He eats all kinds of breakfast food;  
And so does man.  
Like man he balks at gaudy dress  
And all outlandish foolishness  
The mule's accused of mulishness;  
And so is man.

*St. Louis Globe-Democrat.*

**The Pessimist.**

Nothing to do but work,  
 Nothing to eat but food,  
 Nothing to wear but clothes  
 To keep us from going nude.

Nothing to breathe but air,  
 Quick as a flash 'tis gone;  
 Nowhere to fall but off,  
 Nowhere to stand but on.

Nothing to comb but hair,  
 Nowhere to sleep but in bed,  
 Nothing to weep but tears,  
 Nothing to bury but dead.

Nothing to sing but songs,  
 Ah, well, alas! alack!  
 Nowhere to go but out;  
 Nowhere to come but back.

Nothing to see but sights,  
 Nothing to quench but thirst,  
 Nothing to have but what we've got;  
 Thus through life we are cursed.

Nothing to strike but a gait;  
 Everything moves that goes,  
 Nothing at all but common sense  
 Can ever withstand these woes.

**Do Autocrats Know?**

Do autocrats know  
 That the still falling snow  
 Makes misery grow  
     In the homes of the poor?  
 That the cold biting wind  
 To them is unkind,  
 And forever remind  
     Them there's much to endure?

Do autocrats feel  
 That love is ideal,  
 Or, the heart's true appeal  
     Is a withering bloom?  
 If so, they should know  
 That a kindness will grow  
 When charity's glow  
     Casts a sheen o'er the gloom.

Do autocrats long  
 For the sweet sylvan song  
 When the forests are throng  
     With their garlands of green?  
 And the linnet sings sweet  
 To its mate when they meet  
 In their bramble retreat  
     'Neath the sun's golden sheen?

If so, then our hearts  
 Each to other imparts  
 The sweet native arts  
     That our Savior bestows,  
 When he tempers the streams  
 With the sun's gentle beams,  
 And the universe seems  
     To rise from repose.

But, oh! how the poor  
 With the wolf at the door,  
 Must toil to secure,  
     By struggle and strife,  
 The few simple needs  
 That scarce meet their needs,  
 There's nothing in creeds  
     To alleviate life.

—W. Jay Patterson, in *Pitts. Chronicle-Telegraph*.

**Things Change as the World Grows Older.**

When grandpa reads about the way the business  
 men combine  
 And raise the price of this or that, along their  
 special line,  
 He shakes his head and takes his pipe out of his  
 mouth, and says:  
 "I dunno what we're comin' to in these new-  
 fangled days;  
 We used to be content to live like those from  
 whom we sprung,  
 But now it's mighty different from the time  
 When I was young!"

When father picks his paper up and reads about  
 some swell  
 Who gave a banquet to three friends that cost  
 a thousand—well,  
 He kind of wriggles in his chair, and then he  
 slaps his knee  
 And swears the world has lost its mind, as far  
 as he can see:  
 "We used to have as good a time," he says, "out  
 there among  
 The poor folks in the country—where I lived  
 When I was young!"

In years to come, when we are old, and air-ships  
 fill the sky  
 And radium autos dash about—when living's  
 twice as high,  
 We'll have this satisfaction: We can call our  
 children 'round  
 And say about what grandpa said, and know just  
 how 'twill sound:  
 "This age is far too swift for me; too hurried  
 and high strung—  
 We didn't go this foolish pace, my boy,  
 When I was young!"

# FACETIOUS



## Misunderstanding.

The bride and groom walked blushing up to the Western justice of the peace.

"We have come to get married," stammered the man. "Will you join us?"

"Certainly!" replied the dignified judge, reaching for his hat and starting to lead the way.

It took some time to straighten things out and have both parties arrive at an understanding. The justice was laboring under the impression that the bridegroom had invited him out to take a drink.

## Her Idea.

"I tell you I won't have this room," protested the old lady to the bellboy who was conducting her. "I ain't a-goin' to pay my good money for a pig-stye with a measly little foldin' bed in it. If you think that jest because I'm from the country—"

Profoundly disgusted, the boy cut her short.

"Get in mum. Get in," he ordered. "This ain't yer room. This is the elevator."—*Everybody's Magazine*.

## Poor Pitcher.

The brawny Irishman craned over the big glass case in the chemist's shop and eventually managed to locate the diminutive proprietor.

"Wud you plaze give me somethin' to kill moths?" he asked and was promptly supplied with a packet of camphor balls.

"Good day, sir," said the business-like chemist, briskly. "I hope I shall soon have the pleasure of seeing you again."

He saw him again quite soon, but, as it happens, it was with no particular pleasure.

"Ar-re- you th' mooney-faced little imp that sowld me these balls?" shouted the Hibernian, rushing in later on in the day.

In his nervousness the man of pills said he was.

"Well, thin," howled the Irishman, "just you come home wid me, an' if ye can hit a single moth wid wan iv these little hay-then pellets, I'll spare ye th' thrashin' ye'll git otherwise, say nothin' about th' lookin'-glass an' ornaments meself an' the miss broke."—*Exchange*.

## Roosevelt a Scraper.

Four grimy urchins sat on the street curb eulogizing President Roosevelt.

"Say, dat guy Rosevelt 'll fight at de drop of de hat!" declared one youngster with widened eyes. "I read in de paper only last week where he bit a man's ear off!"

None of the others had read that, however, so they eagerly requested the speaker to give the details.

"It was like dis, accordin' to de paper," explained he. "Durin' a discussion in de White House over a measure de President was in favor of, one of de party started to say somethin' against it, when de President quietly leaned over and got dis guy's ear!"—*The Circle Magazine*.

## Forgot.

All flushed and breathless, the well-dressed young man picked up the hat he had been chasing down the street, and leaned against a lamppost to rest.

Another, also breathing heavily, came running up and took the hat out of his hand.

"I'm much obliged," he said.

"For what?"

"This is my hat."

"Where's mine, then?"

"Hanging behind you at the end of a string."

Then for the first time the young man remembered his hat guard.—*Success Magazine*.

**He Got None.**

"What's a pun, father?"

"A pun, my son, is a play upon words. There are three kinds of puns—good ones, which you laugh at; indifferent ones, which you take no notice of, and bad ones, which make you throw something at the punster."

"Can't you make a pun, father?"

"Of course, my son! Now you're thinking about your supper, aren't you?"

"Yes, father."

"Well, that's s-upper-most in your mind at the present time. That, you see, is a play on— Here, you young rascal, what did you throw that book at me for?"—*Philadelphia Inquirer.*

**Shaved Often.**

"You must drink hot water with your whisky," the doctor told his patient, otherwise, you mustn't take it at all."

"But how shall I get the hot water?" the patient queried plaintively. "My wife won't let me have it for the whisky toddy."

"Tell her you want to shave," the doctor said, and took his departure.

The next day the doctor called and asked the wife how the patient was.

"He's gone raving mad," his wife replied. "He shaves every ten minutes."—*Philadelphia Ledger.*

**Retreat? Never!**

In an Irish garrison town a theatrical company was giving performances, and some soldiers from the local barracks were engaged to act as supers. Their duties included the waging of a fierce fight, in which, after a stirring struggle, one army was defeated on a given signal from the prompter. For a few nights all went well, but on the Friday evening a special performance of the piece was to be given under the patronage of the colonel and other officers of the garrison. The two armies met as usual at the end of the second act, when they fought, and fought, and kept on fighting regardless of the agonized glare in the eye of their (actor) general, who hoarsely ordered the proper army to "Retreat, confound you." But the fight still went on, and soon the horrified manager saw the wrong army being

driven slowly off the stage, still fighting desperately. Down came the curtain amid roars of laughter, and the fuming manager hastened to ask the delinquents why they had failed to retreat on hearing the signal.

"Retraite," roared a burly fusilier, whose visage had been badly battered, "and is it retraite ye'd have us, wid the colonel and all the officers in the boxes?"—*Tid-Bits.*

**His Instructions.**

One of the members of a State legislature in the South was a man who had lived a farmer's life most of the time until he was elected; and his wife, having never seen a railroad train, and having no wish to test one, refused to accompany her husband to the capital.

When the legislator reached his destination he found that almost all the other members were accompanied by their wives, and he sent an imperative message to his brother to "fetch Jane along."

The brother telegraphed:

"She is afraid even to look at the engine."

After pondering over the message for a while, the legislator sent the following command:

"Blindfold Jane and back her onto the train."—*Lippincott's.*

**One Hair Astray.**

A guest at a certain fashionable hotel recently had a grouch. He carried it to the proprietor.

"Look here," he said, "things around here are just about as rotten as they make them. When I went to lunch today I found hair in the ice cream, hair in the honey and hair in the apple sauce. Now, what do y' think o' that? Is that a good hotel?"

"Well," replied the genial proprietor, "I can explain the hair in the ice cream. That likely came from the shaving of the ice. And I suppose that the hair in the honey came off the comb. But I don't understand about the hair in the apple sauce. I bought those apples myself, and they were every one Bald-wins."—*Columbus Dispatch.*

# Our Correspondents



## HOW TO RAPIDLY AGREE ON ESSENTIALS.

WE know that every physical science rests on a group of axiomatic dictums. It is through them that we set to work in the investigation of the respective phenomena. That investigation unfolds to us the working of nature along every line of cosmical results. All inventions come to us from that simple logic pervading the whole of God's creation, and why is it that men have never seen fit to apply that logic to their own moral and ethical development? Why, to assume that we don't form part of God's creation? We have at least ten most important axioms closely connected with the ethical and moral life we should live, if that life is worth having. Suppose that we formulate them as follows:

"Like begets like, in physical as well as in spiritual conditions."

"Organization means increased power, for good, as well as for evil, in relation to the ideals for which any group of men may stand by and work for."

"We can only reverse effects by reversing causes."

"The environment determines the quality of all growth and individualities living under its influences, physical or spiritual."

"The larger sum includes the lesser, even in the moral and spiritual order."

"The law of life is a law of growth; for good as well as for evil; as long as evil is not left alone to its own power of self-destruction, but is revitalized by constantly blending it with some good."

"Every mixture of good and evil means the supremacy of evil, because good can stand alone, and so it repudiates every alliance with evil."

"The law of congestion is a law of pain and death, physical and spiritual, while the law of diffusion is a law of joy, and manhood and completion in all conscious life."

"The truth is the simple and fixed; the same yesterday, today and forever, while the false is forever in need of change; forever marching toward destruction, away from that completion which is the natural result of truth."

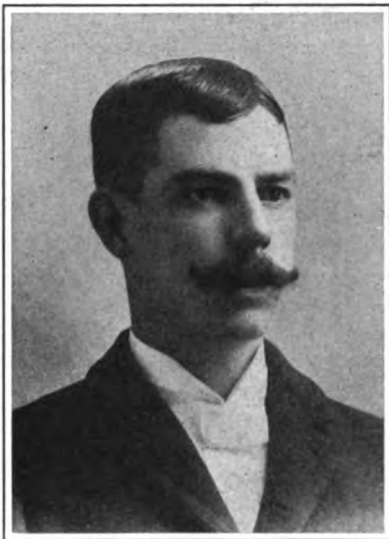
"Education shall increase men's power to suffer and sin, as long as it fails to teach men how to legalize honesty in the national group, as we fail yet, thus producing all social disturbances and distorted living activities."

The above ten axioms, formulated as we have suggested, or, still better, are but expansions of that eternal golden rule principle which we find incorporated in the whole machinery of creation. It acts there in forms chemical or mechanical, through combinations of masses of units of matter, as the case may be, so that to beautify and unify all cosmical phenomena. That golden rule principle becomes simply more vivid and indispensable in the relations implied by conscious life, the life of all of us; in the domestic group, on a rather small scale; in the national compact, as a far more transcendent one.

All analytical discussions on human life, oral or written, and so all conclusions or suggestions, pro or con, are bound to be negative, of no especial value, if they take no cognizance and so separate themselves from the natural, inexorable logic and central ideals embodied in the ten axioms we have dwelt upon. No sensible consensus or agreements can then be possible, and troubles galore must follow in all nations or groups of men. On the other hand, not a single important human problem could long



remain unsolved if we should try to rest our own collective conduct on the intense naturalness of the conceptions that the ten axioms in question convey for human guid-



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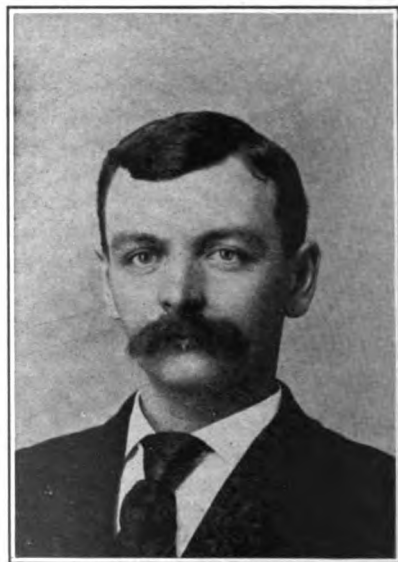
ance in all the essentials conducive to harmony and peace and fair play with all of us in each social organization.

That peace and harmony can only come when a sufficient number of us work for it. We can only work for it in so far as we do our best to be responsive to divine ideals and inspirations. All sins and follies come from our declining to be responsive to such divine ideals. There we have the key to the whole situation, in our healthy or sickly development. And that applies both to the private duties we owe to the few, and to the collective duties we owe to all of us. The ship of civilization has always been stranded over banks of sand and rocky shores because education has never properly and fully taught men how to respect and live in accord with those two sets of duties, private and collective. That dreadful ignorance of most of us is bound to be fatal. It accounts for all human calamities and absurdities.

Men are created for high ideals. Thus far we have failed to work for them. We have thus created a vacuum in our mentality and living activities. We then are forced

to fill up that vacuum with low ideals, with foolish sentimentalities, secular and religious, with silly aspirations, with selfish enjoyments, the kind that rapidly perish off. We thus pass through life, from infancy to the grave, with hardly any perceptions or taste for the joys that perish not. Thus we become accustomed to any kind of government and laws that may allow us to live a mere mechanical, rudimentary existence, the conditions fixed and determined by any given group of legalized monopolists or respectable gamblers. No such group of smart fellows could exist, for any few consecutive months, under the supremacy of the permanent decrees and adjustments in the order of nature, outside of what we call civilization.

It is through our collective repudiation of all natural equity and the natural rights, eternal, fixed forever, for universal beauty and joy, that the equity in question implies; it is through that barbaric civilization of ours that we all remain under the bondage of sorrow and sin, away from the divine plan of human development.



J. W. BARBER,  
Delegate Div. No. 23.

It is by the logic of the axioms we have formulated, properly respected by the laws of social compacts, that alone can men live

on earth as the children of a lovely universal Father, always and forever inviting men to accept His simple wisdom, His logic sublime.

Outside the inexorable naturalness and simplicity of that logic, received for our own guidance from the Creator and the universe where we have to live, on earth or anywhere else, outside of that we can only have the chaotic sophistries of our selfish manufactured wisdom, and so the idiotic conceits, civil and religious, political and industrial, with which we generate our perpetual disagreements. Let us drop that selfish manufactured wisdom of the last 200 generations, sunk into the grave after a life of wretched disturbances, and a healthy, normal, natural progress would soon be around everywhere, with that "promised peace that passeth all understanding."

JOSE GROS.

#### LEADERS WANTED.

It is said that every soldier in Napoleon's army carried a marshal's baton in his knapsack. This statement may be an exaggeration, but it is a suggestion which may well become an inspiration to every worker.

I have no sympathy with the idea that the workingman must, of necessity, always remain in the position which he now occupies. Of course, it is true that most workingmen have come to the conclusion that they will always work for wages, and that whatever reward comes to them must come in that form. But even if that is true, it does not follow that there is nothing better ahead. To be satisfied with one's position malt and mattress," seems to be the motto in life, with no ambition to advance, is the blight which curses many a toiler. "Meat, of many a workingman.

I can hear the professional agitator, or even the humble worker, himself, insist that it is impossible to advance under the present social system. I think that I know something about this and other difficulties that stand in the way of progress. The present social system is not ideal, but if one is to wait until we reach the millenium before seeking better conditions, the millenium will never come. The millenium will be ushered in very largely because some enthusiastic individuals forged ahead in spite

of every obstacle, carrying with them even those who were dismally howling that the thing could not be done.

Something like four hundred years ago a man became convinced that there was undiscovered land beyond the bounds of his country, although they had erected a monument on the shore and stamped their coins with a motto which indicated that their country was at the end of the earth. But Columbus found upon the shore strange things which must have come from an unfamiliar land. In spite of the ridicule of scientists, philosophers, and nearly everybody else that was supposed to amount to anything in those days, he began his search



G. E. SOYSTER,  
Delegate Div. No. 23.

for the unknown shore, and the result is America.

There is many an apprentice in the shop, and many a journeyman, too, who may become a Columbus. Not alone may he carve out for himself a name that will bring honor and fame, but in advancing himself, he may prepare the way for those who are bound to him by the ties of brotherhood. For the best type of manhood is not that which seeks power for power's sake, but that which uses it for the good of others.

There is no greater field today for the exercise of real talent than in the labor

movement. There are few men outside the movement who can ever become the leaders of labor. They may study out for us the significance of certain phenomena and offer



W. N. UPHAM,  
Delegate Div. No. 23.

suggestions which may be helpful, but the actual leaders must come from the people. The workingman who has a vision of what his people are, and, principally, what his people may become, has a future which no one can take from him, for neither capitalist nor social system, nor prejudice, nor power of any other kind can deny him the right to win and lead to better things those who believe in him. REV. CHARLES STELZLE.

#### RIGHT, FORWARD.

Attention, Brothers! The Order of Railroad Telegraphers expects every brother to do his duty. Words similar to these to an army of honest men with right on their side, won for the country which they represented, one of the most famous battles that was ever fought. Heed this admonition and we will win one of the most famous battles that has been waged in recent times between capital and honest labor. Remember, Brothers, we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the

darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. They have not used fair means in their warfare against us. Instead, they have used all sorts of foul means. How are we going to combat them? Just as Wellington did at Waterloo. Let us adopt their own tactics. Their honest ones, if they have any; if not, we will use tactics which are original. We will send men to Congress, to our State legislatures, who are men of clean hands and pure hearts. Who will stand up for the right, come what may. We want men who are not afraid of public ridicule, in case they do what they know to be right and are decried by the dishonest politician and the "beer-keg-stomached" capitalist. Brothers, if you know of any such worthy men in our ranks, for the sake of right and justice admonish them to take the stump for our cause. Lay aside your encumbered political robe, for the time being at least, and exert your influences for the sake of your homes and families.

"Tekel!" Thou art weighed in the balance and are found wanting! Has our



SHERMAN CORRELL,  
Delegate Div. No. 23.

noble Order been found wanting? No. But rather we members are found wanting because of our inactivity for the furtherance of our principles. Just as sure as the king-

dom of Belshazzar ended, just that sure will our kingdom end unless we become more active. Are you promising yourself that you will speak to the non-member tomorrow?



J. P. DOHERTY,  
Delegate Div. No. 23.

row? Can't you decide yourself to join us? Procrastination and indecision are the thieves of time.

Let us be up and doing while it is day; we have waited long enough and have wasted enough valuable time. With success,

CERT. 157, DIVISION 27.

#### EUROPEAN VERSUS AMERICAN TRADE UNION LEADERS.

Two months recently spent in the leading industrial centers in Europe gave me an opportunity of comparing the labor movement and its leaders abroad with the men and the movement in America. The trades unionists on the other side seem to have been developing a company of specialists who direct them in their efforts to secure specific legislation in Parliament, or in obtaining concessions from their employers. In such matters as child labor, old age pensions, woman's place in the State and in industry, in educational questions, and in temperance, the English workers in particular have a group of leaders who have no superior in any walk of life. They are the

authorities on these subjects. While the American labor leader's knowledge of men and affairs is probably more general than his European brother's, the leaders in Great Britain have made a more careful study of economic subjects, and they are in a position to intelligently direct legislation with reference to these problems. No doubt this situation is due to the fact that European labor men have for a longer time been confronted with such questions, and they have been longer "on the job."

Another marked difference is the comparative interest in politics. Every trades unionist in America knows the difficulty of enlisting the workers in this country in a political campaign. We seem to be opposed to anything that appears like a "working-man's political movement," probably because in the past such movements have often been complete failures, and because few of us believe in class distinctions. But the organized workingmen abroad are in politics with enthusiasm, and with most excellent results. The English Parliament has thirty-one labor members elected by the Labor



T. L. PAGEL,  
Delegate Div. No. 23.

Party, and about twenty additional members elected by the miners, who co-operate on all matters that are of common interest. They are a force to be reckoned with. The

government recognized the labor wing in Parliament in its appointment of John Burns to the Cabinet. While in a minority in the House of Commons, the Labor members are in a position to dictate favorable labor legislation to such a degree that they have brought about many reforms which will be of value to workingmen.

When it is remembered that most of the labor leaders in Great Britain received their training as public speakers in the church, many of them having been lay preachers, it is not surprising that over two-thirds of the Labor members in Parliament are actively interested in or affiliated with some church organization. Many of them frequently speak at the great Church Brotherhood conventions, which Brotherhood, by the way, has an active membership of half a million and is composed mostly of workingmen. It is in these Church Brotherhoods that the Labor Party has much of its

strength, and to them that it owes considerable of its success. It was my privilege to address a number of their mass meetings in London, Glasgow, Edinburgh and Manchester, and I discovered in them a strong trades union sentiment, as I referred more particularly to such matters. Our American labor men are just beginning to catch on to the value of having the Church with them, and they are beginning to realize that even the American Church is composed very largely of their own class.

The reception accorded me as a trades unionist, was most hearty. This was especially true among the men who have attended the annual conventions of the American Federation of Labor as fraternal delegates from the British Trades Union Congress. It was in this way that they showed their appreciation of "the many kindnesses" shown them while in America.

REV. CHARLES STELZLE.



E. H. Southard, G. Dahlbender, Allen P. Sinderhauf, E. M. Jones.

O. R. T. GROUP—LONG ISLAND RAILWAY.



### St. Louis Div., No. 2.

The last meeting of Division No. 2 was held on April 5, and was well attended.

We were fortunate in having with us the board of directors in its entirety.

Each member of the board expressed himself as being glad of the opportunity of visiting Division No. 2, and we were certainly glad to see their familiar faces again. I believe everyone present enjoyed the meeting thoroughly, and to us "old heads," who have been out of the "rail-road game" for a number of years, their remarks were especially interesting. It revives interest and brings back old memories to hear what is doing in the world of the railroad telegrapher in Virginia, Canada, on the Pacific Coast, in the smallest State in the Union and from the Ozark Mountains.

Elsewhere in the journal will be found an account of the death of Bro. Wm. Clancy, Secretary to the President. It is easy to speak well of the dead. I sometimes think how much better it would be if we did more for the living, instead of heaping encomiums on them after they have passed away. Three little words come to my mind, and in them are contained a splendid tribute to the memory of our late brother: A good, true man.

Bro. Clancy was one of the first to enroll his name on the banner that has done so much for the uplifting of the railroad telegraphers, holding Certificate No. 19 in Division No. 42, and Certificate No. 14, in Series C, in the Mutual Benefit Department. While Bro. Clancy was not a member of Division No. 2, his was a familiar figure there.

Bro. John Caster called at headquarters recently, while on his way to the "Hoosier" State, to accept an agency on the I. C.

Bro. I. R. Attebery, late of the Wabash, writes us from Ivanhoe, Colo., where he is employed by the Colorado Midland.

We do not know Bro. Attebery's politics, but he seems to emulate T. R. in that he has become a mighty hunter, a veritable Nimrod, as it were, hence the scarcity of deer in his vicinity.

Bro. John A. Newman, First Vice-President, is acting as secretary to the President temporarily.

Div. Cor.

### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in His infinite goodness to call from labor on earth to heavenly reward, our worthy Brother William Clancy, and

WHEREAS, We bow in humble submission to the Divine Will, we nevertheless mourn the sud-

den passing away of one whose life was so full of hope and promise; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That in the death of our brother, the Order loses a faithful and loyal member and we desire to express our appreciation of his sterling worth and excellent qualities of manhood, which endeared him to every knight of the key, and to all who formed his acquaintance, and be it further

*Resolved*, By the members of St. Louis Division No. 2, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to the widow and relatives our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement and great sorrow, taking comfort from the faith, "that to them that love God all things work together for good; even to them that are called according to his purpose."

*Resolved*, That a copy of this memorial be sent to the widow of the deceased brother, a copy spread upon the minutes of Division No. 2, and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. W. LAFEVER,  
P. P. MOLLOY,  
F. W. HEQUENBORG,  
*Committee.*

### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the all-wise Providence to call to a higher sphere the beloved mother of Brother Stephen J. Mayhoo, and while we bow in humble submission to the will of the Most High who doeth all things well; be it

*Resolved*, That in her death the brother has lost a faithful and devoted mother; and be it further

*Resolved*, That we tender our heartfelt sympathy and consolation to the sorrowing son, and that a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our division, a copy published in THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER, and a copy sent to our bereaved brother.

J. W. LAFEVER,  
P. P. MOLLOY,  
F. W. HEQUENBORG,  
*Committee.*

### CARD OF THANKS.

Through the medium of THE TELEGRAPHER, I desire to express my heartfelt thanks to the officers and members of Division No. 2, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers for their many expressions of sympathy during the sickness and death of my beloved mother, which occurred at Athens, Pa., April 16. It is during times of trouble that words

of comfort and consolation are most needed, and I can assure one and all that their kindly words were appreciated and shall ever be remembered by

Yours fraternally,

S. J. MAYHOOD.

### Harrisburg Div., No. 3.

#### *Tyrone Branch, Pennsylvania Railway—*

News is rather scarce this month, but students and undesirables are in abundance. There are sixteen towers between Lock Haven and Tyrone, and in this number there are eleven students. This is a deplorable condition. Eleven out of a possible forty-eight telegraphers have become disloyal to themselves, their families and fellow men, and charges should be preferred against those who are members.

C. R. Lord has been assigned to third trick at Hannah. C. R. Richards goes to Port Matilda.



W. M. MIDDLETON,  
Alternat Div. No. 1.

third trick. This leaves Martha third trick vacant.

Bro. Schaeffer and Mr. Snyder have returned from Knights Key, Fla.

Dame Rumor has it that Bro. Bullock, of Beech Creek, first trick, contemplates taking unto himself a wife.

Bro. Flynn is on the sick list. C. W. Lorah is working S. S. Jct., third trick, until Bro. Flynn returns.

SHAMROCK.

### Lancaster Div., No. 9.

In our last write-up we laid special stress upon the duty of members toward local division officers. The same applies with reference to superiors in railroad service, by whom we are employed. We should show by our work and actions

that we have the welfare of the company at heart, ever remembering that our interest and the interests of the company are mutual.

Bro. H. M. Stevens recently moved into his new home, and we understand has been converted into a regular farmer.

Bro. J. J. Ryan has left his winter quarters at Harrisburg, Pa., and has taken up his summer residence at Halifax, Pa.

We are sorry to hear of the sudden death of James McConkey, who has served in various capacities on the Philadelphia Division for over twenty years. At the time of his death he was special agent. He was held in high esteem by all who knew him for his kind and congenial disposition. At this writing his successor has not been named.

Recently linemen have been busy lettering poles A, B, and C over the Philadelphia Division. A to C means that they are one mile apart, and B to B half a mile. This is done to indicate the transposition of certain wires. Wires are transposed for the purpose of equalizing noise. We are told that the top arms on north side poles are to be used exclusively for telephone wires.

We have been questioned relative to the condition of Division No. 9. We infer that reference was made to its numerical and financial condition. For the benefit of all concerned we are pleased to say that numerically we are holding our own. What is lost by transfer and forfeiture of membership is balanced by the number of new members initiated into the division. Delinquents are few. Our financial condition is improving every day, in spite of the fact that we are paying sick benefits out of the local treasury. Very few deserving requests for charity from sister organizations are turned down. The money which was put on interest by our trustees in October, 1907, is now drawing compound interest, and our treasurer's report, which was read at the last meeting shows that we will soon be able to add another hundred to the amount already deposited.

Bro. L. K. Sandford bid in a trick at "CA," Lancaster.

Our April meeting was held on the 20th, which was after the notes were sent in. For this reason no account of the April meeting appeared in the journal.

Div. Cor.

### Sunbury Div., No. 12.

On account of this write-up having to be at St. Louis before April 20, it will be impossible to include news relative to the meeting to be held at Sunbury, on April 19. At the time of this writing, indications are that this meeting will be a very good one, as almost every man who can arrange to attend has promised to do so.

Business is very dull at present. Many trainmen have been laid off on account of no work. As usual, in times like these, the company's local officials are keeping a very close watch over the few employes on duty. We trust, however, that with all their careful watching, they will not succeed in finding any person who is a member

of the O. R. T. failing to properly perform his duty.

It is the duty of every member to do all in his power to make his services satisfactory. Do not get in the habit of doing only what you actually are forced to do, but, instead, be ambitious and take an interest in your work. If we will but try we can make many improvements in our services: it is the careful attention to small and trifling matters that goes to make perfection in anything.

Mr. J. M. Hill has been assigned to the first trick at "AG" tower.

Bro. G. C. Whitenight is working second trick at Rupert Tower while the position is advertised.

Bro. J. G. Nelson, second trick at Bluf, took a three-day vacation; he was relieved by Bro. W. C. Pegg.

Bro. J. A. Deihl, has been assigned to the second trick at Rock.

I have just received a list of the membership from our secretary, and notice that there are several who have not, as yet, paid dues. To those who have failed to attend to this matter, I would like to ask, do you ever stop and think what you are doing? If you are not so far gone as to have lost all respect, it will be interesting to turn to the March copy of THE TELEGRAPHER and read that excellent piece written by Bro. H. L. Mann, on page 419, entitled "Prejudice, Conceit and Personal Gain." Brothers, remember our motto, "No Card, No Favors." Div. Cor.

#### Ottawa Div., No. 15.

Nothing appears from Division No. 15 in the last journal, but we hope this will not occur again.

We have heard nothing as yet relative to our last meeting in Ottawa, which took place some time ago. It is impossible for most of us to attend on account of the distance and no Sunday trains.

It is just six years since our last schedule. How busy we have been all these years trying to better our conditions and what grand things we have accomplished.

Bro. Milligan, formerly agent at Scotia Jct., Twelfth District, has accepted the agency at Barrys Bay.

Bro. Drewett has been transferred from Depot Harbor days to St. Polycarpe Jct. days.

Bro. Maguire, of Madawaska, is on vacation. Relieved by Telegrapher Jaynt.

We expect to see navigation open in a few weeks and a rush of business once more. Reports indicate a busy season.

Would like to hear from some of the members on the Thirtieth District. There should be some one able to give us something interesting, as it is seldom that the Thirtieth District is represented.

CERT. 62.

#### Williamsport Div., No. 24.

The first meeting in April, held in the new quarters, Elliott Hall, was called to order by First Vice Chief Bro. G. E. Shaffer. Owing to the very heavy rain and high wind, the attendance was small.

After spending a month in Tampa, Fla., Bro. E. L. Cowden has returned to duty in "GO" Williamsport, much improved in health.

Bro. H. L. Steiger has bid in relief No. 2.

Due to a reduction in force, Bro. T. R. Hepler, of "GO" Williamsport, has been transferred to "UX" Mulberry Street, Williamsport. We hope the change is but for a short time.

Bro. M. J. Shure, third trick at "DY" Sunbury, has bid in relief No. 3.

Bro. H. T. Derrick, first trick at "CF" Ingle-nook, bid in relief No. 4.



G. H. SMITH,

Delegate Div. No. 6.

No doubt the relief men can do some missionary work. How about it?

Bro. J. K. Strunk has bid in relief No. 5. While it is a short one, no doubt he will be able to make a full month, with extra work.

It is reported that in the near future the telephone will supplant the telegraph on the Williamsport and Susquehanna Divisions.

Bro. E. M. Weaver, of "RF Sunbury, laid off two weeks on account of sickness.

It has been said "If you can not boost, do not knock." If you have never tried the boosting process, try it now, by boosting the remaining nons in line, and note the difference between boosting and knocking.

The Secretary wishes to make an addition to notice No. 3, issued recently, in regard to the change of place and time of meetings. The notice should read, "Williamsport, 8:00 p. m.;



Lockhaven 8:00 p. m. and Sunbury 10:00 a. m. It was our intention to place the above on the notice but it was overlooked.

At last the relief tricks have been advertised and assigned.



GEO. GILBERT,  
Delegate Div. No. 7.

Bro. H. J. Engle was sick April 1st and 2d. Mr. H. B. Putt and Mr. F. W. Wetzel worked his trick on the 1st and 2d, respectively.

Bro. L. A. Lontz returned to duty April 3d, after having taken a month's vacation, resting and visiting friends in Selinsgrove and vicinity. We hope the much-needed rest has improved his health.

While in the street at Sunbury the two and one-half year old son of Bro. M. M. Neagley was attacked and badly bitten in the face by a dog. At this writing the boy has passed the danger period and is, we are pleased to say, getting along nicely. All dogs running at large without muzzles should go to the pound.

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#### New Haven Div., No. 29.

N. Y., N. H. & H. Ry.—

Let us hope to hold more meetings of the same character as that held Friday evening, April 2d. There is no question but that meetings of this kind are productive of much good, in that they are the birthplace of many helpful hints and serve to create a better feeling between the officials and the members.

It is seldom that one is privileged to listen to such an entertaining and well-informed speaker as Mr. N. E. Smith, our Superintendent of Telegraph. All who were present at this meet-

ing were treated to an evening of rare entertainment combined with the diffusion of much valuable information. He set forth in clear and concise language, and by illustrations, the many points which to the uninformed seem mysterious, and explained them carefully and clearly.

He offered many valuable hints on the care and adjustment of instruments, and how a great deal of trouble might be eliminated in offices by exercising a little more care and diligence.

It struck the writer that his talk on the dispatching of trains by telephone was very opportune and exceedingly interesting, and but served to confirm the belief that just so soon as the system has proved generally satisfactory it will be adopted by the principal roads, and that its adoption will not materially affect the telegraph—one being used in conjunction with the other.

After Mr. Smith's address, and a few minutes of hand-shaking and getting acquainted, the meeting was called to order and the regular order of business proceeded with. Several applications were read and favorably balloted on.

A number of visiting brothers from Division No. 37 were called upon for remarks under the head of "Good of the Order," and responded handsomely. Bro. Kinney imparted some sound advice and encouraged the faint-hearted. Bro. F. M. Taylor circulated a paper for the benefit of Bro. Jno. Wood, who is in unfortunate cir-



J. BELLEAU,  
Alternate Div. No. 7.

cumstances, and a neat sum was realized. It is on these occasions that the true spirit is exemplified.

After a few remarks by Bro. Terry the meeting was closed and all departed in high spirits.

*Western Division—*

Bro. Smith, of Lime Rock, spent April 4th in New Haven, visiting friends.

Bro. Trowbridge was the successful bidder for the agency at Roxbury.

Bro. Shepherd, of New Milford, went trout fishing April 1st and caught fifteen of the speckled beauties.

Bro. Powell, agent at New Milford, spent Sunday, March 28th, at West Cornwall, visiting friends.

Bro. L. Osborn, of New Milford, is still on the sick list. The brother has been off duty several weeks and we sincerely hope to see him out again soon. Bro. O. S. Wheaton has been covering Bro. Osborn's trick at Brookfield Jct.

Bro. Frank Wheaton, of Shelton, was off duty on Good Friday. Relieved by Telegrapher McNamara.

Bro. Gordon has shaken the dust of Derby Junction from his shoes. He succeeded in landing the first trick at "GY" tower Waterbury. Bro. Folkey held down Derby Junction until it was bid in by Mr. Keeling.

The office at Summit has been abandoned and Bro. Barnett is now covering third trick at Botsford.

Bro. McKnight is relieving the agent at New Preston for a few days.

Bro. Odium, formerly at Terryville, is now located at Forestville.

Bro. H. D. Spencer, for many years telegrapher at Forestville, was the successful bidder on first trick "BX" tower Waterbury.

It is gratifying to note that the Western Division was handsomely represented at the April meeting. The brothers from both the east and west ends turning out in goodly numbers. Repeat the performance every month, or as often as you can, and if you can not get there yourself, urge everybody else to go.

We are indebted to Bros. Dowd, Davids, Van Deusen and Ellison for items this month. Others should follow their example. Div. Cor.

**Providence Div., No. 35.**

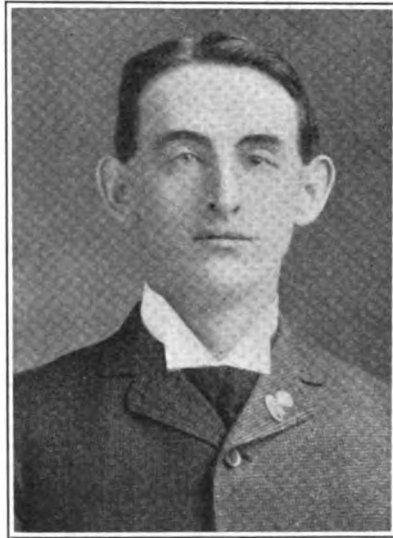
It does not seem possible that two years have elapsed since the eyes of over forty thousand loyal brothers throughout the country were turned toward that fair city of the Northwest—Minneapolis. The reading of the notice in the March issue of *THE TELEGRAPHER* caused me to take a retrospective view of the past years of the Order's existence. I seemed to see the happy, smiling faces of thousands of loyal members all offering up prayers of thanksgiving for the many blessings which have been acquired through the efforts of our beloved Order. For increased salaries, making it possible to give their loved ones more of the comforts and a few of the pleasures of life, and also to accumulate a few dollars for old age, and, possibly, sickness. The thought of these and many other blessings secured through the efforts of the Order passed through my mind, causing me to offer up a silent prayer of thanksgiving that I, too, was

one of this vast army of beneficiaries; that no finger of scorn could be pointed at me, nor words of a denunciatory character be hurled at me, charging that I accepted these many blessings without having made an effort to secure them.

We are very sorry that Bro. Cushing was compelled to withdraw his bid on first trick at Auburn tower on account of poor health. It is the earnest wish of all that he will be physically able to handle some of the good positions soon to be up for bid.

Bro. Joslin departed for St. Louis, March 29, to attend to his duties as a member of the board of directors.

It seems the brothers should do all in their power to make "ye scribe" earn his keep by sending news for the monthly write-ups. Don't be bashful,



B. L. DeLong,  
Delegate Div. No. 8.

send the outlines; he will fill in and be thankful for the opportunity.

Bro. Geo. Beaty, first trick at Apponang, had the pleasure of entertaining his brother, F. J. Beaty, of "DI" office, Hartford, Conn., on Easter Sunday.

Bro. Jonsson has been transferred from third trick at Apponang to second trick at Adamsdale Junction.

Bro. Wilbur has been transferred from day position at Weekford Jct. station to third trick at Apponang.

Bro. Bishop drew first trick at Water St. tower, East Providence, and Bro. Hedges from "F" office, Providence station, takes second trick. Have not heard who is the third man.

Bro. J. Smith is the lucky man to land first trick at Auburn tower.

Bro. Moore is covering third trick at Auburn tower during the absence of Bro. Joslin, who will return after the convention.

Bro. Gene Gardiner has been transferred from second trick at Slocums to third trick at Davisville.



C. F. LORING,  
Delegate Div. No. 8.

Bro. J. C. Donovan, from the B. & A., is one of the late arrivals. He is holding down third trick at Apponang until the vacancy is filled.

We are very sorry to report Bro. Savaria still on the sick list. We hope to see him on duty soon.

Bro. Wray has been transferred from second trick at Olive St., Attleboro, to second trick at East Junction. The vacancy at Olive St. is covered by relief man J. Worthington until it is bid in.

Bro. T. Clark, relief man, is covering second trick at Park St., Attleboro, during Bro. Savaria's illness.

The brothers of Holden St. tower, Attleboro, are happy over the completion of the annex, a thing they have wished for a long time.

Bro. E. A. Greene, agent at Chartley, Mass., will be located in his new station ere this appears in print.

It is understood that Bro. W. Graham has tendered his resignation as third trick man at Park St., Attleboro. Div. Cor.

#### Boston Div., No. 41.

The April meeting opened at 8:03 p. m. Seven candidates were admitted by ballot and one initiated. This increase month by month, is very gratifying, and we are especially pleased to note the large number admitted since January 1. This shows that individual members, as well as organ-

izers, are striving to increase our membership. Keep up the good work; there are still a number of desirable non-members who can, no doubt, be brought into the fold. The attendance at every meeting is increasing, and the interest shown by the members is manifested by the part they take in the different discussions.

No doubt but that every member of our division will be sorry to learn that on April 17 former Secretary-Treasurer Tuck severed his connection with the B. & M. He leaves the service to devote his entire time to his collegiate course, but will by no means lose interest in Division No. 41. He has been one of the most active members and one of the hardest working officers in the division.

Wakefield, Mass., and Bradford, Mass., on the Western Division, and Coldbrook, Mass., on the Southern Division, are up for bid.

Bro. Corcoran, of Waltham, who has been on the sick list, is reported to be improving rapidly, and will soon be on deck again. Bro. Clifford is not gaining quite so fast, and the committee is looking after his case.

As this letter must be in the hands of the editor by April 20, we will have to close for this month. However, we would like to say just a word about dues. So far they have been coming in very satisfactorily, but we want to make a record this period, and, therefore, urge everyone to remit promptly to Bro. Morgan. Send assessment in the Mutual Benefit Department to Bro. Quick.

In looking over the financial report of the retiring Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. Tuck, I was struck with the amount paid out in sick benefits, etc., during the past four years. It amounted to a yearly average of \$175. This is a considerable sum for a division to hand out its members, and especially when we consider the fact that by no law or rule is a division bound to dip into its treasury for this purpose. It speaks well for the generosity of our members, and exemplifies and puts into practice the doctrine of "the brotherhood of man," a good and proper spirit. We wonder if it wouldn't be a good idea to take a step further and establish some sort of a sick benefit fund, charging those who join a small weekly or monthly assessment, and in this way take care of our sick members. The surplus funds of the locals are intended to defray general committee expenses while in session.

Those with whom I have talked seem to favor the scheme outlined above. I understand that some divisions have adopted such a plan. It might be well to inquire how it works in those divisions and act accordingly.

Seven hundred dollars is quite an amount to hand out, and I feel that we should prepare for emergencies. At some future time it may be necessary for the committee to attend a siege of protracted sessions, and in that case it will need to draw heavily upon local divisions to meet expenses. Let's think this over for discussion in the meetings.

There is one thing noticeable of late, and that is that the members are taking a more active in-

terest in the questions brought up for discussion at the meetings. This is a welcome change. It means that the membership is beginning to give expression to its own opinions and ideas, and no longer is so liable to take for granted the opinions of a chairman or other officers without thinking about them. Most of us naturally assume, and it usually works out that way, that the opinion of those in charge of our affairs are honest and given for the best interest of the Order. But it is always interesting for the members to get up and express themselves freely, and it develops an idea more thoroughly to have it stabbed at from all sides. In this way we get the wheat from the chaff. And then, again, it develops you, and makes you more valuable to yourself and to your division.

It also divides responsibility. When members leave all the talk to the officers they usually leave the work also. For where only the officers discuss matters, the members feel that they alone are held responsible for results. But where each member takes a part in any question, or, in other words, feels that the matter under discussion reached its form through some of his brain effort, he will see that it is pushed to its successful conclusion. For it will then be a part of himself and he will be anxious to have that succeed. Get up and speak your minds. Don't let the feeling that you have five pounds of lead in each pocket keep you down. We all have had that feeling—shake it off.

And while this subject is in mind, I might say that some are of the opinion that before any schedule revision or request for concessions and increases are made of the management they should be thoroughly discussed and voted upon by the members, and the committee practically instructed what to ask for. This would, however, have some disadvantages, and consume a large amount of time. It would also tend to eliminate secrecy, and outsiders would become familiar with our intentions long before the committee reached the company's office. It would be hard for one thousand men in division meetings, or by mail, to reach a conclusion. Yet here, again, is the advantage of personal interest, and the feeling among the members that what the committee were asking for was of their creation; and this would naturally cause the members to stand more firm for its success. And the company, too, knowing this, might feel the effects also. But in the end, however, you may instruct the committee, it seems to me you must leave the result to their judgment, for in the general manager's office, I presume the true conditions are met with and it must be eventually left to the judgment of the committee whether they should go ahead or back up. What you can do, however, is to use the best possible judgment in the selection of the committee that represents you.

Division No. 41 has always invited, I believe, suggestions and discussions on schedule matters and many of the members have availed themselves of this opportunity.

Div. Cor.

### New York Div., No. 44.

The following notes of the regular meeting, held at Fraternity Hall, Jamaica, Saturday evening, April 10, 1909, are published for the benefit of the second trick members who were unable to attend.

The meeting was called to order by Worthy Chief Telegrapher Bro. Van Nostrand, at 8:45 p. m. All officers, with one exception, were in their respective places.

On the platform with Bro. Van Nostrand sat Second Vice-President Bro. T. M. Pierson, of the Grand; Bro. E. J. Manion, of Division No. 29, general chairman of the New Haven System, and Bro. O'Mara, of Division No. 8, local chairman of the Electric Division, N. Y. C. & H. R. R.

Order of business as follows:

Roll call of officers.

Initiation of six candidates.

Reading of minutes.

Approving bills and general routine followed until the "Good of the Order" was reached, then Bro. Van Nostrand called upon Bro. Pierson to address the meeting.

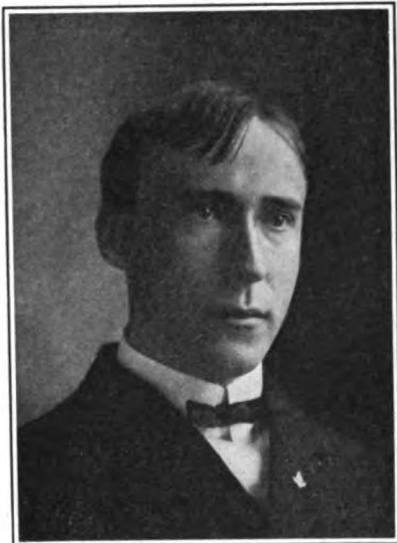
This was his last official address, and was well received. Bro. Pierson is always interesting; always has something new to say, and has a good story or two up his sleeve at all times. His remarks were greatly appreciated.



W. S. Hess,  
Alternate Div. No. 9.

Bro. Van next introduced Bro. Manion, of No. 29; space will not permit the printing of but a portion of Bro. Manion's remarks. However, he soon showed us that he was a good union man, and knew well what he was talking about. One of the things upon which Bro. Manion dwelt

was the loyalty of an employee to an employer. He emphasized the fact that, if we hoped to be successful, we must be honest, straightforward and loyal in all our dealings with both the company and the public. He said a disloyal employee would never make a good union man.



CHAS. W. KASE,  
Delegate Div. No. 12.

Those who had the privilege of hearing Bro. Manion profited thereby.

After Bro. Manion, our worthy chief introduced Bro. O'Meara, of Division No. 8; although Bro. O'Meara, like Bro. Pierson, needed no introduction. He remarked that he was very favorably impressed with the manner in which we conducted affairs. He was pleased with our degree work, and suggested that at some time in the future the officers of Division No. 44 conduct a meeting of Division No. 8. He spoke at length on the work of the O. R. T. throughout the country, and his remarks were well received.

After the speakers had finished, more business of importance was transacted. Resolutions were passed, and several important committees were appointed.

There was an attendance of eighty-two, which is fairly good, but nothing out of the ordinary for Division No. 44.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 p. m.

Bro. Hellar was recently called to his old home in Pennsylvania, by the illness of his father, who passed away before Bro. Hellar reached his destination. The sympathy of the members and friends of Bro. Hellar is hereby extended.

Bro. H. T. Jones has been off duty for several days this month, on account of the severe illness of Mrs. Jones. At this writing she is said to be somewhat improved, but her condition

is not what her many friends wish. Bro. Jones has the sympathy of the members.

Bro. Fred Heiser has resigned as agent at St. Albans, and will in the future act as secretary to his father, who is one of Long Islands' foremost real estate operators.

Bro. L. A. Schlosser bid in St. Albans.

Bro. F. W. Conklin has resigned the agency at Deer Park, and that station is now up for bid. He will continue to run the Deer Park general store.

Bro. C. F. Ames has resigned as agent at Glenhead, and that station is up for bid.

Bro. C. C. Carey is relieving Bro. Jones at Setauket.

Bro. Ruse bid in Vanderveer Park, and Carman goes on the relief.

Bro. Joe Pidgeon has been assigned to Lynbrook. Jim Hunt is going to Sheepshead Bay, where rent is cheaper.

Bro. Van Nostrand is relieving Miss Hickey, at Jamaica ticket office. Miss Hickey is off duty, on sick leave.

Sister Leonard has been transferred to Bay Side as day telegrapher, and Sister Wall takes second trick at Hempstead.

The uniform train passed over the road again this month. When your new uniform arrives look for the union label in it.



WM. A. NESBITT,  
Alternate Div. No. 14.

A special train passed over the road one day this week, which contained all of the L. I. R. R. officials. They were making a tour of inspection. Do not forget that the nine best kept stations on the road draw prizes, in the fall, ranging in amounts from \$25.00 to \$50.00.

Bro. A. L. McBain, of Division No. 26, has accepted the position of ticket agent at Far Rockaway.

The entire family of Bro. W. E. Snyder, second trick man at Mineola, is down with scarlet fever. The many friends of Bro. Snyder are hopeful for their speedy recovery.

Bro. T. F. Gafney has resumed duty, taking his regular trick at Hempstead crossing.

The many friends of Bro. O. A. Hudson are pleased to again see his smiling face at the old stand at Woodhaven Junction. He was laid up for four weeks with scarlet fever and measles.

Bro. Dan Powers relieved Bro. M. E. Harris at Hollis, on Easter Sunday.

Bro. E. E. Lewis, first trick signal man at Hammels Junction, has returned from his wedding tour, and is now "at home" on North First St., Jamaica.

The first and third trick signal men are busy organizing base ball teams, and there will be "doins" in that line this summer.

Bro. P. J. Hopkins is relieving Bro. Dan Sharpe, of Floral Park, while he is visiting.

Bro. E. M. Jones has bid in third trick at "JE" tower.

Bro. Thomas Curiale goes to first trick at Far Rockaway.

Our slogan from now on is: "A Man to the Mile." Who can beat it? **KNOCKER.**

RIVERSIDE, CONN., March 31, 1909.

My family join me in extending heartfelt thanks to the members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, for their kindness in our late bereavement.

Mrs. B. F. HILL,

### Pennsylvania Railway.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., April 4, 1909.

To the Members of Division No. 52:

On April 14th death invaded our family circle and took from this earthly scene my dear mother, who died of heart trouble, at the age of seventy-two years. For this reason I am unable to contribute items to be inserted in the May issue of the journal from the Allegheny Division of the P. R. R. Knowing that quite a number of the members take an interest in the communications from this division, and would be disappointed if they failed to appear, I deemed it my duty to make this explanation through the medium of THE TELEGRAPHER.

Yours fraternally,

D. M. YOUNG.

### Wilmington Div., No. 58.

#### Maryland Division—

It is indeed gratifying to note the continued increase in membership of Division No. 58, which is due no doubt to the untiring efforts of the individual members.

Three new offices have been bulletined on the B. & P., one to be located between Patuxent and Odenton, another between Bowie and Seabrook, and the third at Lanham. The latter was

opened during the inauguration and will be kept in operation permanently. These new blocks will facilitate the movement of trains over the hills in this section.

The second trick at "VN" Calverton is vacant on account of the resignation of Mr. Rook, who has accepted a position at Claremont Stock Yards.

Bro. Pettibone has bid in the first trick at Lanham. This makes two vacancies at Seabrook, the second on account of the resignation of Bro. Dutton, who has gone into the grocery business.

The first trick at "M" Magnolia is vacant, due to the death of Mr. Bowman, who was the oldest telegrapher in service on the division. This trick is being held down by Mr. McCommons.

Yardmaster's office, N. B. Hump, Edge Moor, night trick, is vacant, owing to the death of Mr. Adams. This is being held by Bro. Merryman, who hopes to bid it in.



O. D. CUMMINGS,  
Alternate Div. No. 16.

The second trick at Stanton is still being held down by extra men, but we understand that Mr. Jordan, of Wilmington passenger station, is posting for the position.

Bro. Ash, at Iron Hill, has reorganized his base ball nine, and is getting in shape to win the pennant.

We are very glad to welcome our former Bro. Joe McClure back to the profession. He has for several years been in business in Wilmington, Del. He is now holding down "PJ" block on the owl trick on account of Bro. Bradfield having bid in third trick at Chase.

The vacancies at Creswell, Safe Harbor and Anacostia are still held by extra men. The last mentioned is on the freight line below Landover, and the other two on the C. & P. D. branch.

Bro. C. I. DeGroft, of Price, was absent several days during the latter part of last month, his place being filled by Mr. Richter.

Bro. Warren, of Wilmington office, has just returned from a trip to Pittsburg and Buffalo; while absent he spent a few days with his brother.

Bro. Steel, of Wilmington, has been on special duty in the freight trainmaster's office for several days.

Before this goes to print we shall have held our April meeting, which we trust will be well attended. We would like to see some of the brothers from the upper end of the division. Come out and swell the crowd.

Div. Cor.

#### *Delaware Division—*

Bro. O. W. Allen, of Millington, has been spending a few days with his parents at Laurel.



D. H. AYARS,

Delegate Div. No. 23.

Bro. Freeny was in Philadelphia and Baltimore during his time off last month; he was relieved by Mr. Russell.

Bro. Caleb R. Megee has been on a tour of two weeks, but it was not the kind we expected.

On April 10th "M" and "BE" towers were reopened for the summer. Here are openings for six telegraphers who have been putting in about half-time during the winter months.

Bro. T. E. Allen has been relieving Bro. A. C. Hayden at Price for two weeks; Bro. Hayden is in Baltimore.

Bro. J. P. Coursey, of Centerville, has been in Wilmington for a few days.

Bro. R. J. Taylor, of Millington, attended conference at Milford, and we are glad to state that he was reappointed. He was relieved by Bro. O. W. Allen, his assistant.

Bro. Kirk spent Easter in Delmar.

We regret very much to state that Bro. Easom buried his mother Saturday the 10th. Mrs. Easom had been very ill for several weeks.

Bro. Joseph Iliffe, who has been in the legislature for three months, has now taken up his duties at Millsboro. He was relieved by Bro. A. G. Smith.

Bro. "Vanny," at Delmar, was in Wilmington Easter Sunday visiting his sister.

Bro. Hearne spent Easter at home.

We regret that Bro. Truitt has been off duty several weeks on account of sickness. He is being relieved by Mr. Pote.

Bro. Dabson was in Washington a few days this month accompanied by his brother from Greensboro.

Bro. Jenkins spent his relief day in Wyoming as usual.

From present indications it is judged that the Virginia potato crop will be much heavier than ever before, which will cause an increase in business in the near future. It is understood that the outlet for Northern freight on the new Deep-water road will be the Delaware Division.

All brothers will remember that meeting night has been changed to the third Friday night of each month.

Bro. A. E. Culver has bid in first assistant's position at Easton. Mr. Sturgis relieved him as acting agent at Showell.

Bros. Hatfield and Megee attended a meeting of the Odd Fellows at Milford on the 12th.

Bros. Roe and Mills have each purchased small farms at Greenwood.

Bro. Merrick was in Wilmington recently.

Our old friend, Bro. Bennett, composed the following:

Oh, good old chief dispatcher, come listen now to me,

No more I'll sling the lightning, no more I'll pound the key;

I've worked at "DJ" and "CB," and once or twice at "A,"

Then down the pike to old "BE" and never slighted "J."

I gained a "rep" when I worked at "M," the lonely little pen,

I fell asleep and lost it all when I worked at "WN."

And when the forest block "BI" on down the pike to "C,"

I did relief at "WS," a hold-down at "DV;"

I pounded brass at "WI," and also at "VO,"

But the loneliest day I ever spent was when I worked "FO."

I worked a day once at "HA" and all the tricks at "Z,"

Now comes the job I never worked, the block they call "GD;"

At "B" I spent a little time and "CN," well I guess!

I stuck 'em out a trick or two at the "ham school" called "RS;"

At "BD" and "RU" I've worked, I'm very proud to say,  
 The last, but not the least by far, the "monkey-house," "DA;"  
 But the telegraph has got to go, at least, that's what they say,  
 And in its place the "hellograph," we hear, has come to stay.  
 I have no right to make remarks, I'd like to hold my pass,  
 I guess I'll have to use the 'phone or else keep off the grass;  
 But when this work is ended and we have said no more,  
 We'll gather with the faithful "ops" on that eternal shore;  
 There'll be a star put in our crowns that we can call our own,  
 We've had our punishment down, here, *we've used the telephone.*

DIV. COR.

#### Oskaloosa Div., No. 71.

"No cards, no favors."

Bro. C. H. Smith has been transferred from the chief clerkship at Mason City to the Geneva agency. The chief clerkship at Madison City is now open for bids.

Bro. M. J. Cahill has shaken the dust of Iowa from his feet, and has gone to Montana to work for the Northern Pacific.

Sister Mae Mitchell, of Zearing, has quit the business. She held this position for several years, and every one is sorry to see her leave. Bro. J. B. Odem is her successor.

Mr. Earl Ingeldue, of Bromley, is now the agent at Dillon.

There seems to have been a change of day telegraphers at Grinnell. A Mr. Farley is working there at this writing.

Dispatcher Ben Landfear is working the night trick, which was formerly worked by Al Cunningham. F. B. Hageman has just returned after enjoying a week's vacation. He was relieved by Al Cunningham.

Quite a serious wreck occurred April 14th, caused by a freight train jumping the track and tearing out a bridge over Miller Creek, south of Eddyville. Freight traffic on that branch was badly crippled for several days. Passenger trains were detoured via the C. B. & Q. from Oskaloosa to Albia, making them all the way from thirty minutes to three hours late.

No meeting was held at Oskaloosa April 10th, on account of the committee expecting to be called to Minneapolis to confer with the officials.

Bro. H. W. Landfear, of Wright, has lost considerable time of late, on account of sickness. Mrs. Landfear, however, was equal to the occasion, and, no doubt he found his office in good condition upon his return to work.

Bro. A. J. Morris, of Brighton, was recently called to Michigan, on account of the death of his father. Night Telegrapher Bartlett worked days,

during the absence of Morris, and the night office was closed.

Bro. J. W. Howard has returned to Olds, after several months' leave of absence, which were spent in the South.

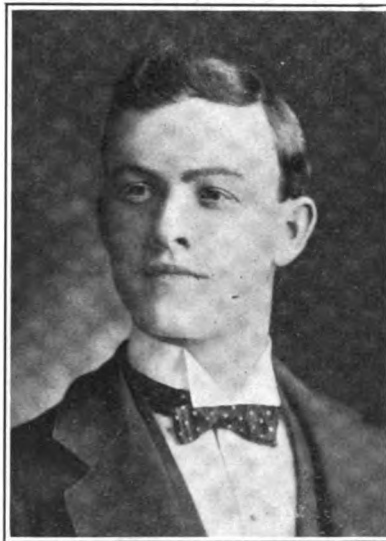
Our committee met and conferred with Superintendent Kruse. It was to have had an audience with General Manager Cutter about the 15th, but Mr. Cutter was called away from Minneapolis unexpectedly, and the meeting was postponed.

Div. Com.

#### Camden Div., No. 84.

*Amboy Division, P. R. R.—*

The date and place of meeting, commencing with the month of April, will be changed to the second Saturday evening of each month, in Goff Building, Room No. 2, next to P. R. R. Broad-



W. G. HANSON,  
 Delegate Div. No. 23.

way Station, Camden. This will be much more convenient for the brothers and they will be able to stay later consequently more business can be transacted than heretofore.

Business seems to be gradually assuming normal proportions, and we have good reason to believe that something will come our way in the near future. As a matter of fact, working conditions are equally as good on this division as on any division of the system, therefore, we should be satisfied until such a time as the committee can secure further concessions.

On account of "CS" office, Trenton, being abolished, Bros. J. W. Walker and G. C. Lockwood have taken first and second tricks at "HA," Hamilton Ave.

Bro. A. I. Kinsley has been transferred from first trick at Hamilton Ave. to "XN" office, Lam-

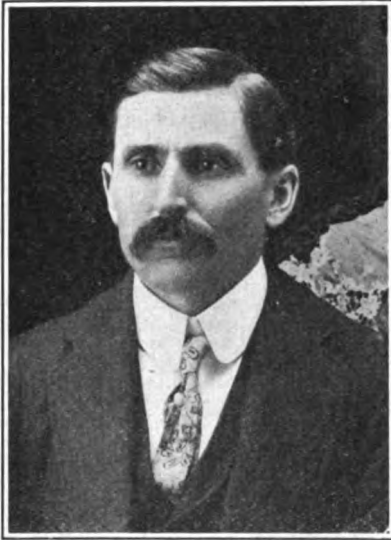


berton, and Bro. J. E. Slimm, from first trick at "XN" to last trick. Bro. H. Rodman, from last trick at "XN" to "3," Newton, from 12 o'clock midnight to 8 a. m.

Bro. Edward A. Morrell is working first trick at Jamesburg Junction, in place of Bro. H. M. Snediker, who bid in a position in "CF," superintendent's office, Camden.

Bro. M. J. Van Zandt, first trick man at Stanwick, has resigned to accept a position as traveling salesman. We wish him success.

It is reported that the company intends to extend the block system from Birmingham to Browns Mills Junction. This will add a couple of new block offices.



CHAS. KRUMM,  
Delegate Div. No. 23.

The time is close at hand for the opening of the convention at Atlanta, Ga. Bro. L. A. Page, our general chairman, is the representative from this division and it can be safely said that he will do everything possible to benefit us. Any of the members desiring a short vacation at this time of the year, would be greatly benefited by going to Atlanta and listening to the proceedings of the convention.

Div. Con.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Almighty has deemed it wise to take from our worthy Bro. R. R. McDougall his beloved father, and in manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy for our brother, be it

*Resolved*, By the members of Camden Division No. 84 that we extend to the bereaved brother and his family our heartfelt sympathy, in their affliction, and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved brother, and a copy furnished THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

By C. A. KRISLING,  
*Assistant Local Chairman.*

J. H. AUSTIN,  
*Second Vice-Chief,*

F. S. PHEASANT,  
*Treasurer.*  
*Committee.*

#### Boston Div., No. 89.

The regular night meeting of Division No. 89, for the month of April, was held on the third, worthy Chief Bro. Ross presiding. All officers were present. Owing to the wet, disagreeable night, there were only about twenty-five members present, but what they lacked in numbers was more than counterbalanced by the interest taken in the business brought before the meeting.

Three applications were voted upon, and five submitted to committees of investigation.

The By-Laws Committee, appointed some time ago, rendered its report, and submitted a set of by-laws. Bro. Francis, chairman of the committee, read the by-laws, as drafted, for the consideration of the division.

Among the visitors present was Bro. Lynch president of Old Colony Division, of the Order of Railroad Clerks, who addressed us for about twenty minutes. Bro. Stearns, also of the Clerks, was a visitor, but as he is booked to address the boys at next day-light meeting, he only extended greetings from the Clerks.

Bro. Ross appointed Bro. Jacobs as marshal, and Bro. Ela as inside sentinel, for the ensuing year.

The April day-light meeting was called to order at the usual hour, with worthy Chief Bro. Ross in the chair. An unusual amount of business was transacted, so much coming before the meeting that it was necessary to lay matters of minor importance on the table until the next meeting. Five applications were voted upon, and one application submitted to a committee for investigation.

The warm April weather brought out the members in large numbers, some two score and over, by actual count, being present; surely a good representation. The keenest interest was displayed throughout the entire meeting, and the different subjects under discussion (many of them being of a technical nature), were ably discussed. There were no laggards, and everyone seemed desirous of giving his opinion on the various questions.

Worthy General Chairman Bro. Manion was present, and was prevailed upon to act as past chief telegrapher in the absence of Bro. Fenwick. He also favored us with a little talk, in the line of advice that would be well for us to heed.

Among the visitors were representatives from the Hatters' Union, and the Order of Railway Clerks. Both addressed the meeting briefly. Bro.

Stearns, representing the clerks, is a strong advocate of Federation, especially with the telegraphers, but how this can be brought about will remain an unanswered question for some time to come.



R. D. PACK,  
Alternat Div. No. 23.

The most pleasing feature of this meeting, was the presenting to our Delegates, Bros. L. J. Ross and C. I. Wood, with a dress suit case and club bag, respectively. Bro. Juby, in well chosen words, presented the suit case to Bro. Ross, which was such a surprise to Bro. Ross that he could not speak for several moments. He finally found his voice and thanked the "Boys" most heartily.

Bro. O'Toole, in presenting the club bag to Bro. Wood, had occasion to remind him of his good nature, his generosity and the "smile that won't come off." Bro. Wood took it good naturedly and thanked the "Boys" profusely.

Div. Con.

#### Cobalt Div., No. 99.

Having been elected to the position of division correspondent, I will now undertake to impress upon the minds of the members of other divisions that the O. R. T. is still much in evidence on the T. & N. O. A very enthusiastic meeting was pulled off at North Bay, on Sunday evening, March 28th, and I am pleased to report that our General Chairman Bro. Campbell was chosen delegate to the convention, to be held in Atlanta, Ga., in May. Bro. Campbell is the father of the O. R. T. on the T. & N. O., and is familiarly known as Dad. Your correspondent feels that further introduction is unnecessary.

Our worthy Secretary, Bro. McBride, we regret to say, turned up late, having been out driving with a very slow steed.

Bro. Cullen, from Jano Park, was unavoidably detained, owing to the severe illness of Mrs. Cullen.

Bro. Lamb, who is quite a stranger at our meetings, managed to be present.

Quite a number of changes have taken place recently. Bro. Roberts moved from Englehart to North Bay. Bro. Buchanan gets the new agency at Redwater. A new man from the C. P. got Latchford, nights; Latchford, days, has been filled temporarily, owing to the death of Bro. Sundstrum. Bro. Grant has been transferred from New Liskeard, days, to Englehart, days.

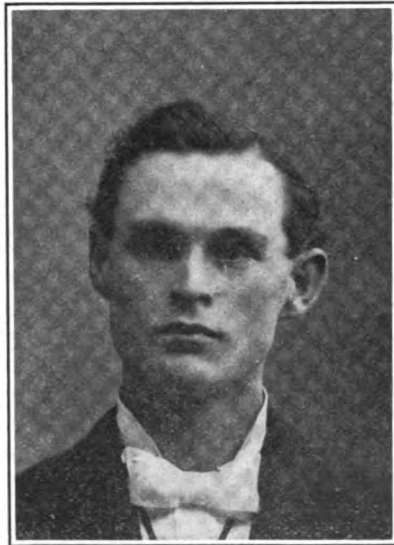
We appreciate very much the fact that our trainmaster, Mr. Ryan, has always made arrangements for as many of the boys as the business of the company will permit to attend meetings.

Bro. Hawkins is at present officiating as agent at Charlton, which is the headquarters of all Gowganda business on the T. & N. O.

THE Div. Con.

#### Renovo Div., No. 110.

The regular meeting at Emporium was held in the St. Charles Hotel on the evening of April 21. A fairly good attendance was had, but there were plenty of empty seats. Hereafter the Emporium meetings will be held after 8 o'clock p. m., and it is hoped that the meetings will be better attended. Delegate Bro. Edwards and Alternate Bro. Perry received their final instructions before leaving for



H. G. RICHARDSON,  
Alternat Div. No. 23.

the convention. Routine business was transacted and three new members were admitted into the division.

Why can't we, with the help of our wives and daughters, arrange to get up some sort of an en-

tainment, with the view of creating a stronger social feeling among us and also to have a few dollars extra in our treasury to help some unfortunate brother or sister who may be in need, through illness or from other causes? I will be



JAMES M. HARVEY,  
Alternate Div. No. 23.

glad to hear opinions on this subject and will do all I can to bring this to pass if you will only say something. Other fraternal orders do this way and there is always a dollar or more to use in deserving cases without encroaching on the regular funds. Please write to your secretary and treasurer or the chief telegrapher about it and through them I will know what to do.

The members will be pleased to learn that Bro. W. S. Barner, of Kane, has been elected to the position of Division Correspondent for the Western District, to co-operate with Bro. Sullivan in maintaining the prestige of the division through the columns of our journal.

Bro. Geo. L. Page, of "F" tower, Cameron, has accepted a position in the signal department under Foreman D. E. Spangler, and will enter on his new duties in the near future.

Telegrapher Wiggins, formerly of "OW," Wilcox, is holding the third trick at Howards until it is bid in.

We understand that Bro. Fred Confer, of "HR" tower, Shintown, has become a benedict, but at this time we cannot say who the lady is.

Bro. Geswender, formerly of Rathbun, has accepted a position with the N. Y. C. at "SX" tower, Keating, in the place of Bro. Botsford, resigned.

Telegrapher Zeeb, who was working third trick at Ludlow yard, went to sleep on the morning of March 27, and Bro. Campbell, at Sheffield, anxious to give him the benefit of the doubt, blocked with

Bro. Barnar at "WY," Kane, yard. However, this matter came to the ears of the division operator, who dismissed Zeeb from the service, and gave Bros. Barnar and Campbell ten days each. There is a moral to this, Brothers. It's a poor man that can't do business for eight hours out of the twenty-four, no matter whether he be a union man or not, and no efforts should be made to shield him. We had a hard enough time to get an eight-hour day, and we should do our very best to give service for that length of time. Sleeping on duty has a far-reaching effect, upon the individual and upon the Order also, and we should have principle enough to give our best service during eight hours.

Bro. Jas. Fehley of St. Mary's, who has been off for a few days, suffering from a severe cold, has returned to duty.

Telegrapher John H. Smith, of New York, taking advantage of old-time friendship, drifted into our midst and inveigled one of the brothers into recommending him for a position. He worked about a month at St. Mary's and fell off the water wagon the day after pay-day, thus causing the brother who recommended him to be severely reprimanded by the division operator for requesting favors for such men.

The unfortunate brother who helped him did so for old-times' sake, and upon the statement that he was strictly temperate.

Telegrapher Hovace is relieving Bro. Campbell at Sheffield.

Telegrapher Wiggins relieved Mr. Zeeb at Ludlow.

We are pleased to note that Mr. W. H. Meyers, our general superintendent, has been promoted to general manager of the Pennsy lines east of Pittsburg and Erie. Mr. Meyers has always been very liberal and just, and we hope he will continue to treat us in the future as he has in the past. We extend congratulations to Mr. Meyers, and wish him success in his new position.

Brothers O'Leary and Andrews, of "JN" tower, Emporium, have leased the Wylie farm, near the east side of town, and have started a truck farm. Both brothers have had a large farming experience in "Yawk" State, and expect great results from their venture.

We will try to have a better write-up hereafter, as Bro. Barner will see that the Western District is properly represented.

DIV. COR.

#### Shamokin Div., No. 117.

As all matter for the May issue of THE TELEGRAPHER must reach the editor not later than April 20, it will be impossible to wait until after our meeting before submitting these notes. I fear very much that my article for the April issue arrived too late to be published.

Doesn't it make one feel disappointed to pick up the journal month after month and find nothing from one's own division? I suppose our worthy correspondent became discouraged after begging the members in vain for assistance. We are willing

to relieve him until he gets his second wind, so if anyone has any items to contribute send them along, and send them early.

We had occasion to take a little trip over the division, recently, and noted quite a number of long-faced knights of the key. When you run up to one of these sour-looking individuals and pat him on the back and ask him what's up, he will turn on you with: "I'm mad—mad through and through!" Then it begins to dawn upon you that he's thinking of that "annual" or "quarterly" that failed to materialize.

Brothers and nons, especially nons, there's a lesson in this for you. A petition was circulated over the division, and, so far as I know, over the entire system, with reference to passes. What was the result? A quarterly pass was granted good over the division, to be issued after an employee had been in the service ten years or more. Isn't that great? What do our neighbors on the Pennsylvania and N. Y. C. & H. get? They get an annual after having been in the service three years.

Why this difference? That is easy. They are organized solidly and have a schedule. We are organized, not solidly, and have no schedule. They get what they ask for. We take what is given to us. Read that again, slowly, and let it soak in, and then get after that non next door. He is the man who is to blame. He would like to have a pass, all right, sure thing, but he wants the O. R. T. to hand it to him on a silver platter, as it did the nine-hour day and numberless other good things. He takes up his bucket at the end of his eight or nine hour trick and meets the good brother who relieves him with a hand-dog expression on his face and then goes home to his wife and children—three or four hours earlier than he would if it were not for you and me and the O. R. T.

We so often hear the remark made by members, ex-members and non-members, that were it not for this member or that member, this official or that official, against whom they have some personal grievance, fancied or real, they might do something for the Order. This is taking absolutely a wrong view. We have no right to allow personal enmity to enter into the matter at all. Furthermore, each member has a voice in the selection of the officers, whether great or small, and should abide by the decision of the majority. This is the lamest kind of an excuse and should not be accepted as an excuse at all.

Bro. Maroney will again represent us at the coming convention.

Mr. Brass has been assigned to third trick at "NF" tower.

Mr. Ault has been transferred from clerk at Newberry Jct. to the agency at Minersville.

Students are few and far between on this division. We remember the time when things were different.

Again we say, brother, do your level best. Make it a point to attend to business just a little better than your neighbor, the non. We appreciate

the good things we have received and are looking forward to still better ones, but we should remember that only by doing our work in the proper manner do we deserve these things.

Don't forget to send notes. Au revoir,

CERT. 17.

### Grand Trunk Ry.

For the purpose of reaching the non-members in the United States, Canada and Mexico, with the view of having them affiliate with the Order, thereby completing thorough organization, a list of all non-members, as nearly as possible, has been furnished the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, who has addressed a letter to them enclosing a full set of application blanks and explaining fully certain benefits secured by the Order.

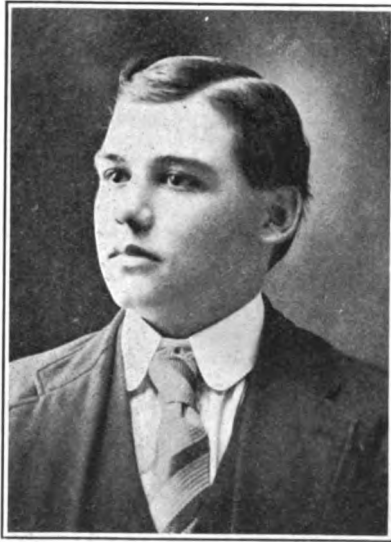
It is desired that they fall in line and assist in the work of elevating the profession and putting it, if possible, upon a higher plane than it has ever yet attained. In this connection, if all telegraphers would support the Order, as is their reasonable duty, the results would be so astounding they would wonder what on earth they were thinking about during all the past years. With this particular object in view, as far as the Grand Trunk membership is concerned, each and every individual member is appealed to, and it is expected he will comply with the request, that he make a special effort to have those with whom he works (if they are not already up-to-date)



C. E. FLAHERTY,  
Alternate Div. No. 23.

fill out the forms and forward them to the Grand Secretary and Treasurer of Division No. 1, with the necessary fee to cover. There is not a position on the road but what has been greatly benefited through the efforts of the Order. For

instance, nine years ago the salary of day and night telegraphers was \$30.00 and \$35.00 per month, but today, through the efforts of the O. R. T., the main line minimum is \$46.75 per month, while the minimum for branch lines has been increased to \$43.35 per month, and the better class of positions has been increased accordingly. In addition to these benefits, through the efforts of the O. R. T., twelve hours constitutes a working day, and when telegraphers put in overtime they are paid at the rate of 25 cents per hour for it. They are also allowed extra compensation for looking after switchlights; before the schedule became effective this was a duty they had to perform gratis. Note the benefits Article X of the schedule affords telegraphers. That alone is enough to justify the maintenance of the Order on this road. We have, I am sorry to say, those among us who, should the committee fail to



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satisfy them when the management is conferred with to secure a revision of schedule, get their backs up and drop out. These fellows never appear to think they are getting any good out of the Order, for they apparently forget about the benefits they received through a previous revision. If you are one of that class, allow me to say that it is your reasonable duty to keep yourself in good standing and support the Order at all times, no matter whether you received an increase as a result of the last negotiations, or the negotiations of five years ago. A sorry picture to behold is one in which two men are working at the same station, both of which have been benefited by the Order, and only one man possessing the manhood to act the part of an honest fellow by keeping himself up-to-date and doing his part toward maintaining the improved conditions while his mate

swipes the increase and looks to his up-to-date mate to pay the fiddler while he enjoys the dance.

Speaking about thorough organization, and the reasons why the Grand Trunk telegraphers are not enjoying a schedule in keeping with the number of their division, namely, No. "1," reminds me of a young man I called on a few months ago for the purpose of enrolling him on our records as an up-to-date member. After discussing the matter of joining for about half an hour, he finally gave as his reason for not joining that his brother had bought some land in the northwest and he was helping him pay for it. "But," said he, "I'll join," and he accepted the papers, agreeing to send them in on the following pay-day, and after agreeing to do this he took an O. R. T. lapel button, which he was to pay for when remitting to cover initiation fees. Pay-day came and went, and not hearing from him I dropped him a few lines, calling his attention to it lest he should forget it altogether. He remitted me one dollar to cover the price of the button and said he couldn't join just now. I have been told that he has been displaying the button, but whether he has or not I am not prepared to say from observation. However, anyone who would act in this manner wouldn't stop at deceiving others into believing he was a member.

Notices of dues and remittance slips for term ending December 31st will be distributed about the last of May, to which all members are requested to respond promptly.

Let our slogan be, "More wages and shorter hours." You know a wise union man has the good sense to know that the success of his union depends upon him being up-to-date and performing his duty in inducing others to join.

D. L. SHAW.

#### *Eastern Division—*

When looking over the pages of the journal and noting the many and varied articles contributed by members of other divisions, I often wonder why it is Grand Trunk contributions are not more in evidence. Surely it is not because we are unthankful to the Order of Railroad Telegraphers for the efforts put forth in our behalf.

What is to become of our eight-hour bill this session of the House? While we expected it to go through, it seems, from daily paper reports, that it is likely to be laid over until the next session of Parliament. Should this be the case, let us, as members of the Order, be up and doing when the time comes, not forgetting that the success of the bill largely depends upon the interest we take in the matter.

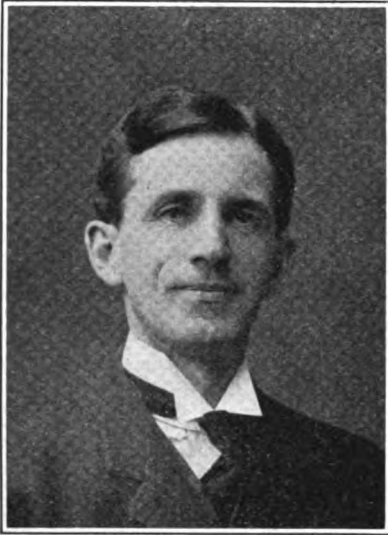
If the eight-hour bill is laid over for a time, what about a revision of the schedule? So far as I am concerned I would like to see a movement made in that direction.

No doubt we will soon be asked to "square up" for another term, and when the time comes we should do so and stand behind the ship and give it a boost as never before.

MEMBER.

**Wabash Ry.***Detroit Division—*

I wish to thank the brothers and sisters of this division for their loyal support in the past, and I am especially thankful for having been re-elected local chairman for the ensuing two years.



**JAMES J. CONNELL,**  
Alternate Div. No. 23.

I desire, and without a doubt, will receive the hearty co-operation of all. By working in harmony we can accomplish much in the next two years. Suggestions for the betterment of conditions will be gladly received from any of the members. I wish to thank Bros. Iliff, Sellers, Seibert and Yoder for their help on the Local Board of Adjustment and in the Fraternal Department; Bro. J. M. Seibert, Romulus, Mich., is still acting as correspondent, and will be very thankful to all who send him items for publication. Keep the department well filled; have no fear of sending too much.

Again thanking the members, I will remain,  
Fraternally yours,

V. A. Wood.

Bro. C. J. Smith, of Gary, Ind., was called home March 1 on account of the severe illness of his mother. He was relieved by S. E. Turner, D. G. Wilkins and F. J. Osburn.

*Springfield Division—*

On April 3d the private cars of the officials passed over the division. They were on a tour of inspection.

M. T. Driscoll has resumed work at Griggsville as agent after having enjoyed a vacation of thirty days.

J. T. Quigley, the third trick man at Bluffs, was off duty a few days recently on account of

the death of his father. He was relieved by C. S. Klinefelter.

J. A. Raines, who works the third trick at Lanesville, is relieving the third trick man at Illes for ten days.

Bro. Lipcamon is relieving Mr. Raines at Lanesville.

Bro. C. H. Claus is relieving C. S. Klinefelter on second trick at Griggsville for thirty days.

During the middle of March W. S. Blair, the agent at Versailles, enjoyed a hunting trip of a week's duration. During his absence he was relieved by Bro. Lipcamon.

Mr. L. W. Karnes, the trainmaster, accompanied by Mr. R. C. Fleming, the passenger and ticket agent Springfield, passed over the east end of the division on No. 75 April 8th.

Mr. J. A. Raines has returned to his old stamping ground at Lanesville. Bro. Lipcamon, relief at Lanesville, is now working first trick at River-ton.

Mr. J. M. Anderson has resigned as agent at Meredosia. Bro. C. R. Hughett, the agent at Camp Point, has accepted the agency at Meredosia, and will soon be transferred.

Camp Point is on bulletin.

Mr. T. R. Metz, formerly agent at Naples, has left the service, and is now enjoying life at Chambersburg, a village near Perry Springs. Mr. Geo. East, from Barry, relieved him.

Bro. Lipcamon, who is extra telegrapher, recently relieved J. F. Guinan, third trick man at



**H. E. BROCK,**  
Alternate Div. No. 23.

Finderhook, a few days. It is rumored that Mr. Guinan was in the West buying land.

Owing to a decrease in business it is understood that Mr. W. P. Potter, 11th and 12th dis-

strict dispatcher, will take the position of time-keeper in Supt. Brown's office.

Mr. E. F. Hatfield, the wire chief at Springfield, is taking a vacation; relieved by dispatcher Potter.

Bro. B. H. Watson, the agent at Riverton, had the misfortune to fall and sprain his wrist a few



J. E. RUBENDALL,  
Alternat Div. No. 24.

weeks since, but we are pleased to state that he is getting along nicely at the present writing.

Get after the nons and do a little personal work for the good of the Order.

If you have no application blanks the local chairman will be pleased to furnish them.

Do not wait to be addressed personally before contributing items of interest to the membership for reproduction in THE TELEGRAPHER. If anything comes to your notice that is worthy of mention, do not hesitate to notify your local chairman, as he no doubt will greatly appreciate it. Communications should reach him not later than the 25th of the month. Cor.

#### *Peru Division—*

Bro. Etnire, of Williamsport, was off a few days recently on account of sickness; relieved by telegrapher Murray.

Bro. N. J. Bechtel, of Lafayette, is off duty on account of sickness, and is being relieved by Bro. Dunwoody, the regular third trick man at Newell. Bro. Dunwoody was relieved by telegrapher Murray, a new man in the business.

Let all brothers get out and hustle for the prize offered by Bro. Shutt and note the result.

Mr. J. C. Johnson has accepted the agency at Colburn, vice Mr. Younger.

Bro. W. E. Scott has resumed work at Wauseon after being absent several weeks.

The third trick at West Peru is open for bid.

Bro. Hetrick, of State Line, is off duty for few days. We understand he is hunting in Texas.

Bro. Kieff, of Newell, has returned to work after several days' leave of absence. He has been in Oklahoma.

Bro. Horn, an old Wabash man, is visiting friends at Williamsport. He is now located on a farm near Dallas, S. D.

Bro. Hurly, of Clymers, has resumed work after being off duty a few days on account of the death of his cousin.

Telegrapher Scott, of New Waverly, laid off one day recently to attend to business matters. He was relieved by telegrapher Edwards.

Telegrapher Tilson, of Toledo "GO" office, has resigned, and telegrapher Stockteit, of Toledo yard office, bid in the trick. E. L. Bearley relieves Mr. Stockteit.

Bro. Parkman, of New Waverly, is off duty a few days; relieved by telegrapher Cloud.

Bro. Rectenwall, of Spencerville, was off duty attending to business one day recently; relieved by telegrapher Edwards.

Miss Gertrude Mack, a telegrapher off the Detroit Division, has left the Peru hospital, having recovered from a spell of sickness of two months' duration.

Bro. Helwigg has resumed duty at State Line after having been off several days.

Bro. Wallick, of New Waverly, off duty one day recently attending to business in Peru; relieved by telegrapher Edwards.

Mr. R. M. Smith has bid in first trick at Defiance.

Our local chairman, Bro. W. P. Shutt, was in Peru April 15th on business pertaining to the Order.

Bros. Keiff, Delermarter and Shutt contributed items this month. Come again, brothers.

Cor.

#### **St. L. S. W. Ry.**

##### *Illmo Division—*

Another month has rolled around, and we again make ourselves known through the journal.

Bro. Calvert, from the C. & E. I. Ry., is holding down first trick at Rockview. Bro. Nicks, formerly first trick at Rockview, has been sick, but is again able to be up and around.

Mr. A. J. Powers worked three or four days at Rockview, second trick, and was relieved by Bro. McConnell from the C. & E. I. Ry.

We should get together and hold meetings. For one, I am in favor of our chairman calling meetings regularly, which would give our members a chance to intermingle and become acquainted. Moreover, matters of importance could be brought up and discussed, matters bearing on the betterment of conditions. I would suggest Molden or Dexter as suitable places to hold meetings.

Bro. C. J. Carlton is working third trick at Rockview.

Bro. Black is working at Campbell; can not say just where he is from.

PAT, CERT. 365.

**Union Pacific Ry.***Nebraska Division, Western District—*

We have been almost too busy this month to watch for the various changes, which have been rather numerous, in fact, almost as frequent as the changes in the weather.

Bro. E. J. Donahoe bid in third trick at Watson's Ranch, caused by the resignation of Bro. Ford. The night job is on bulletin also, as Bro. Keith has resigned.

Bro. Dart did not land Brady Island agency as chronicled in last month's issue, owing to an error or mix-up in issuing bulletins for the two districts. Bro. W. O. Clark, of Columbus, gets the job. Bro. Dart returned to the third trick at Brady.

We have an agreement which must be lived up to by both parties to the contract. Every one must be treated alike, and I am sure it will be a great deal easier and more convenient to do these things right in the first place. If any irregularity is noticed, please notify the local chairman.

Bro. Tom Costello, agent at Cozad, was off duty a day or two, to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law at Chapman. Our sympathy is extended to the family. G. A. Hood was sent to Cozad to do the extra work.

Bro. B. O. Byrne is again at work at Lexington, after a long absence, spent in the hospital under a doctor's care. He is working the first trick at Lexington, until same is filled by bulletin. Telegrapher Poagenpohl having left the service.

E. S. Harte, the agent at Gibbon, for a few weeks is being relieved by J. L. Reddy, of the first trick at Kearney, who took advantage of Harte's absence, to again live around home. G. T. Bowen is handling Reddy's trick at Kearney.

B. C. Clinton, of St. Paul, is taking sixty days off, putting under cultivation his farm, which he was lucky enough to draw at the recent Rosebud opening. Bro. C. W. Graham, the relief agent, is guiding the ship at St. Paul, during Mr. Clinton's absence.

F. E. Starkey, of Boelus, is off two weeks; relieved by G. A. Hood.

We have just received a letter from Bro. Perham, announcing the sudden and unexpected death of Bro. Clancy, his private secretary, while attending a meeting of Knight Templars. Bro. Clancy has been of invaluable assistance to Bro. Perham during the past eight years, and the Order will feel his loss. I am sure we all extend our sympathy to Bro. Clancy's relatives in their bereavement.

Bro. W. C. Stevenson, of Pleasanton, was off duty for two weeks this month; relieved by J. H. Hansen. Did not learn where Bro. Stevenson went.

CERT. 765.

*Wyoming Division—*

L. R. Bell, of Corliss Junction, received Hanna, first trick, on bulletin.

Quite a number of changes are noted in "N" office, Cheyenne. Bro. Ben Ball, who has been

doing "stunts" in that office for the past twelve years, resigned and has gone to Las Vegas, Nev., on the Pedro, where he expects to make his future home. The move was necessitated by the ill-health of his wife, who can not live in this altitude. Bro. Ball's departure made the first vacancy in the day force in seven years, and Bro. Adams, from third trick wire chief, now holds the position.

Bro. T. C. Allen is now in charge after midnight with Bro. Hayes, of Julesburg, as second man.

I have it, on good authority, that Bro. E. C. Mills, who has been at Buford nearly two years, is affected by the high altitude, and will leave for California some time in May.

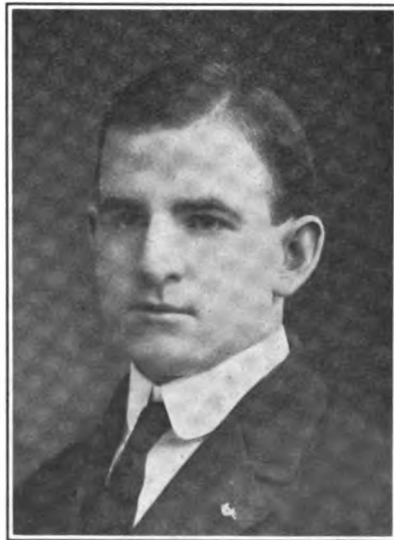
By the time this is in print there will be openings for three good men, in the new tower at Boeie, which we understand is soon to be put into operation.

For the benefit of those who may contemplate bidding on the above positions, I will say that the tower is located about one mile from the section house, and unless the company provides a house for living purposes, I fear the accommodations will not be inviting.

We are happy to note that Bro. L. E. Kline is again with us. He holds forth at Percy.

G. S. Cessna is now "night agent" at Luskota. He lives in royal style, having in his employ a Jap cook.

Bro. J. W. Thomas, third trick at Walcott, met with a peculiar accident recently. While out rid-



FRANK J. RYAN,  
Delegate Div. No. 26.

ing, in company with Bro. V. E. Martin, on his way to Fort Steele, his horse stepped in a badger hole, falling and pinioning him to the ground. He was rendered unconscious for a few moments,



but through the heroic efforts of Bro. Martin, he was soon extricated and was able to return home on his mount.

Bro. F. R. Mayrott, of Oshkosh, is in North Platte this week, attending county court. He was relieved by Bro. O. P. Mullin.



C. J. BENEFIEL,  
Alternate Div. No. 27.

The work train starts Monday morning. We understand that the new line is to be built to North Port as rapidly as possible.

W. W. Aldridge, who recently resigned at Ogallala, expects to have charge of the new bank at Lisco.

Div. Com.

#### *Kansas Division—*

Bro. I. C. Leger is agent at Manhattan, after an absence of several weeks on account of sickness. Bro. Schwartz, who relieved him, moved further east.

Bro. Dailey, at Holton, has resigned to accept a position with the Grand Island, at Kansas City. Mr. Townsley, from Soldier, relieved him. Harry Townsley, a son of C. C. Townsley, is relieving at Soldier.

F. A. Maca, the helper-agent from Alida, is relieving at Milford.

Mr. E. L. Hooven is relieving at Abilene and Junction City.

Bro. Armstrong is at Salina. We understand that Bro. Wiggle is in the hospital.

Mr. Guy Payne, manager at Ellis, is off duty for a few days. He was relieved by a Mr. Taylor from the Santa Fe.

Mr. W. E. Packard has been moved from Lincoln Center to Kanapolis, as day telegrapher.

Mr. W. V. Neighbors, day telegrapher at Hays, has resigned.

Bro. Armstrong, the relief agent, relieved Bro. Denison, at Detroit, who in turn relieved Mr. Tilton, agent at Detroit. Mr. Tilton has gone to Omaha to take the examination for a pension.

Robt. Campbell, the student-helper at McPherson, has been assigned to the telegrapher's position at Beloit.

Mr. L. O. Price landed the agency at Kanapolis.

Doe Williams, the former night clerk at Wilson, was recently assigned to the agency at Yocemento, for which position we understand there were no bids.

Mr. C. J. Deves is the senior applicant for Plainville.

Bro. Armstrong relieved Bro. Campbell at Abilene.

Ham shops are numerous along the Salina Branch; we need a genuine revival along this string; some of the cases are so chronic as to be almost hopeless, however, a little medicine in the right doses at the right time would help. It seems strange that any fair-minded man with his own interest at heart would tolerate a student at his station, who is sent there for the express purpose of learning telegraphy. Fred L. Heathman, at Tescott, is one who believes that students are an absolute necessity. This student proposition is the most serious question we have before us. Brothers, wake up and show your colors.

It is rather early in the season to make hay, but several took advantage of the warm weather



L. H. Down,  
Delegate Div. No. 29.

to try it, with results disastrous to themselves. "Alfalfa" and night jobs don't mix.

Spring fever and "moving day" struck the west end simultaneously. The day telegrapher at Russell, second trick day telegrapher and night tele-

rapher at Abilene, and the night telegrapher at Ellsworth resigned in a bunch.

Mr. W. E. Luke has gone from Russell, nights, to days at Wilson.

Let us work for the betterment of the Order. Don't stop by making a few good resolutions, but do something. Write the non-member you have in mind, and don't stop until you "land" him. The initiation fee this month is \$7.90, and any officer of the Division will furnish the blanks. Help make the Kansas Division the banner division of the Union Pacific, and a model for all divisions.

Are you satisfied with your present condition? If not, write your local chairman, and tell him what you want, and why you want it. Have you any suggestion to offer for the betterment of the Order? If so, write your local chairman, and tell him what they are. He will be glad to hear from you.

Where are all the items promised the correspondent this month? Cor.

### Canadian Pacific Ry.

#### Western Division, District 3—

The last regular meeting was held in Calgary. As usual, a large crowd was present. One member was initiated, and four applications were made for initiation at our next meeting, which will be held at Red Deer.

Bro. Smith is relieving Bro. Johnston at Penhold, while the latter is on a hunting trip.

Bro. Taylor, of Blackfields, goes to Canmore, temporarily; Bro. McFarlane, from Canmore, is doing relief work.

Bro. W. L. MacDonald at this writing is attending the meeting of the general committee in Brandon.

Your correspondent is indebted to Bro. Routledge, of Red Deer, for a few notes in the March journal; every little helps, send them along.

Bro. D. J. Gunn, of Banff, who is spending his annual holidays in California, is being relieved by Bro. Geo. Horner.

Bro. A. C. Moore bid in Erskine. We understand that Bro. Walker is working in the dispatcher's office at Calgary, temporarily.

Bro. Ramsay, of Strathcona, nights, is enjoying his holidays in Vancouver. It is rumored that he will return with a bride.

Bro. McGee, of Calgary yard office, is away, enjoying well-earned holidays.

Through the untiring efforts of our local chairman, the increase in attendance at regular meetings has been raised seventy-five per cent. It is to be regretted that so many are leaving the work of organization entirely in the hands of one man, which shows a lack of interest. Applications for relief and transportation should be made early, in order that they may be furnished in ample time for the applicants to attend meetings.

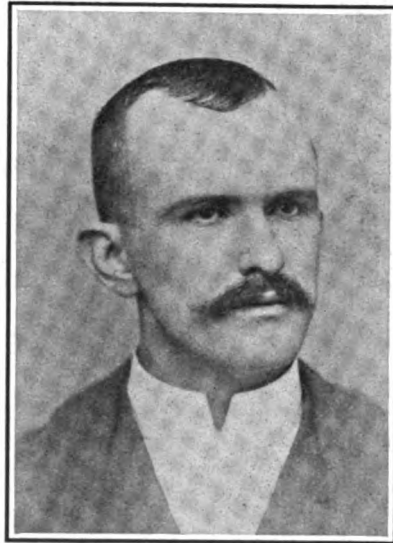
Div. Cor.

#### Western Division, Fourth District—

At last we have a write-up of the Cranbrook and Sirdar sections of the Crows Nest Pass. Glad to see the boys have taken an interest in this.

A meeting was held at Cranbrook, March 21. Several matters of importance to all were discussed. The following brothers were present: Bro. Watson, local chairman, agent at Hosmer; Bro. T. E. Murphy, agent Fort Steele; Bro. Green, agent Wardner; Bro. Wilson, agent Cranbrook; Bro. Hindman, "NA" office, Cranbrook; Bro. J. W. Spencer, agent Kingsgate; Bro. Meadows, telegrapher at McLeod; Bro. Wagner, night man at Pincher Creek; Bro. Harrison, agent Lundbrek; Bro. Hinds, agent Blairmore. Bro. T. E. Murphy was appointed local secretary. There are not many changes lately on these two divisions.

Bro. T. E. Little has been relieving Bro. Cline, the third trick dispatcher at "H" office, who has



G. F. McCORMACK,  
Delegate Div. No. 29.

been on leave of absence on account of the illness and death of his wife. Bro. Cline has our sympathy.

Bro. W. G. Brinton is holding down the temporary office at "JN," Elko Bridge, on account of a new steel bridge being erected.

Morrissey, an exclusive night office, is up for bid. We understand that Bro. Green, the day telegrapher at Crows Nest, is soon to leave for Iowa, where his family is now visiting, to accompany them home.

Bro. F. H. Day is relieving Night Telegrapher R. J. Fowler, of Kingsgate, who has gone east to boil sap.

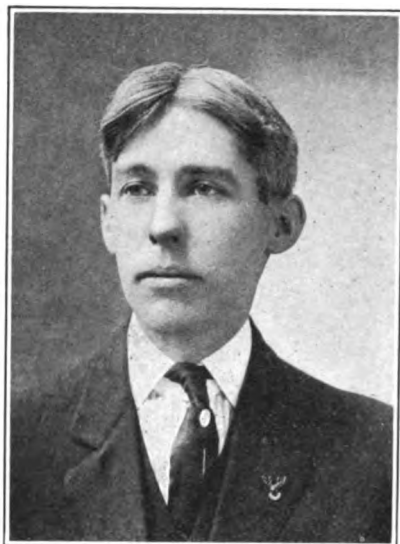
I wish to thank each and every member who assisted me with this write-up. Let us all make an effort to have a better showing next month.

CERT. 2282.

*Pacific Division, District No. 2—*

It is rumored that the agencies at Ruskin and Abbotsford are to be opened soon.

Bro. G. H. Wellington, night telegrapher at Ashcroft, is at present off duty for two weeks. He is at his home in Moose Jaw on account of



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sickness in the family. Upon his return he will be assigned to Mission Jct., days.

Bro. J. Fraser, a dispatcher of former years on the Pacific Division, is again on the road, relieving Bro. Pallen, agent at Yale, for a few weeks. Understand Mrs. Pallen is in poor health, and is undergoing treatment in Vancouver, while Bro. Pallen is working the night trick in Vancouver yard office, temporarily. We hope to soon hear of the complete recovery of Mrs. Pallen.

Bro. G. A. Davidson has been transferred from Vancouver yard office nights, to the dispatcher's office, where he is copying.

Local Chairman Hunt has been appointed agent at Haney, vice Bro. Freer, resigned. J. M. Chantler bid in this position when it was first bulletined, but relinquished the appointment.

The agency at Agassiz, and the night trick at Kamloops are now open for applications.

Isn't it about time that we held another meeting? Some time has elapsed since our last one, and I think we need to talk things over. The weather is fine and we should be able to attend in force. When a meeting is called do not fail to be present, as we need you to assist in keeping up enthusiasm.

Div. Cor.

**New York Central Ry.***Mohawk Division—*

Effective April 15, block station 27, Ilion, was abandoned, as automatic signals have been installed at that point. This displaces three men, among them Bro. Bickelhaupt. We hope they will be able to land better positions somewhere.

Bro. Bross, of Utica passenger station, recently spent a week in New York City, visiting friends.

In its issue of April 10, the Utica Saturday Globe has a picture of Bro. L. W. Quick, with a sketch of his life. Among other things it states that he was recently elected treasurer of the city of St. Louis. It also states that he is grand secretary and treasurer of one of the richest labor organizations in the world.

Bro. G. F. Hayes, second trick block signal 30, has resigned to accept a position with the Oneida Railway Co., as switchboard operator. Everyone wishes him success in his new position.

We are not getting the support of the fraternity in the way of items. Is it necessary to speak of this every month?

The return of business to the Mohawk Division which was promised after March 1, has not materialized, and conditions are about the same. Trains are handling summer tonnage eighty loads east, eighty-five empties west.

Div. Cor.

*St. Lawrence Division—*

C. F. Fairand has been appointed agent at Castorland, vice Bro. Virkler, who is on leave of absence.

Tricks at Plumbrook, Sissons, Gouverneur, Pamela, Watn. Jct., Pine St., Marcy and Lowville are up for bid.

J. H. Marron has been assigned to third trick at Gouverneur.

M. Meng is holding first trick at Woods, vice A. C. Gillespie.

Among those who received vacations lately are C. Hayden, E. M. Barnard and J. O. Canfield; all were relieved by Relief Agent Moore.

"MJ" Tower is on the three-trick basis again. Mullen having the first.

Stittville is working two tricks of nine hours each, on account of construction work trains.

We understand the management is placing two men at stations coming under the new schedule, as working over thirteen hours; this will help out many of us.

Our list of members continues to grow, but we are not yet solid.

Div. Cor.

*Hudson Division—*

Just a few hurried notes for this issue. No contributions have been received from any source to help make them interesting. This may be accounted for by the fact that everything is moving along nicely.

Bro. Collins, formerly at block signal 28, has resigned, and gone to Chicago, where he expects to make his future home.

Among the list of assignments on bids of April 1, notice the following: A. E. Boener to second at block signal 19; E. M. Newland to third at 27; C. Pine to third at 28; S. Stecker second at 36; M. Comiskey, first at 155th St.; L. Brooks, second at 18; R. L. Van Lueven, third at 22; L. J. Kreig, second at 40; L. F. Stopf, second at 43; P. Burns, third at 58½, and F. E. Terbush, second at 66.

Station and ticket offices are now being advertised when vacant, and all signalmen who are qualified have the privilege of bidding on them. This is one of the new concessions granted in our working rules, effective March 1. This is a valuable change, as it gives all an opportunity to bid on desirable positions.

Occasionally we hear the remark that a certain member is going to sever his connection with the Order because he does not approve of some particular working rule in the schedule. In my opinion no true union man would make such a statement, and those who do are no doubt merely looking for a very weak excuse to drop out. It must be remembered that our working rules are a result of hard work and careful consideration on the part of our general committee, that the rules were drafted with a view to adapting them to the needs of the majority, and for the protection of all. It is with our rules as it is with our municipal or State laws; they will no doubt work adversely to someone at some time, but would you get out of the State if some of the laws did not suit you?

By the time you receive this issue, the Grand Division convention, which promises to be one of the most important conventions in the history of the Order, will be in session in Atlanta.

CERT. 525.

#### *Buffalo Division—*

The special meeting which was held at North Tonawanda on the 7th inst., was well attended. Our new local chairman, Bro. J. H. Groat, presided, and Bro. J. M. Carley acted as secretary.

Bro. Groat gave an outline of the recent changes made in our schedule. The new rules appeared to be very satisfactory to those present.

Local Chairman Graham, of the Rochester Division, was present, and explained many of the new rules and the reasons for their adoption.

The time of our regular meetings has been changed. Meetings will be held at North Tonawanda on the first Wednesday of alternate months, the next one to be held in May. Special meetings will be held in Buffalo at such times as the local chairman may deem it necessary. When members desire that a day meeting be held, they should communicate with Bro. Groat.

The ball committee made a report which was accepted, and the committee discharged. Unpaid accounts were placed with the local chairman for collection. When all moneys have been accounted for, there will be a net profit of about \$25.00.

Bro. Groat is working earnestly to increase the percentage of membership on the Buffalo Division,

but he needs the united assistance of the rank and file if his efforts are to be crowned with the success they deserve. Become an "active" member for a month; be an O. R. T. man in talk and actions—be a brother to a brother, and an acquaintance to those who are not members.

Leave no one in doubt as to where you stand. The "no card no favors" motto does not apply only to the transient telegrapher who may possibly panhandle you for a quarter with which to buy a meal's victuals. If applicable to "boomers" at all, it should be applied a thousand times more vigorously to the men who are working with us sharing in the benefits of increased wages, better working conditions, and being protected against long hours of service by both State and Federal laws placed on the statute books through the efforts of the officers of our Order, and persistently refusing to bear their just proportion of the burden.

Bro. Imhof has been assigned to the afternoon trick at block signal 60, Gratwick, made vacant by the recent death of Bro. Geo. D. Johnson.

The day trick at block signal 2, Erie, is now vacant.

Bro. Barry, the ticket agent at North Tonawanda is reported to be slowly recovering from a recent serious operation.

Bro. Cory has just completed a two weeks' term as juryman in the supreme court.

Bro. Holtz is overhauling his motorboats, which he will have on the Niagara River, this summer.



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Delegate Div. No. 29.

When you get the copy of the new schedule do not permit nons to see it, or discuss the changes in their presence. This will be only doing justice to fellow members.

CERT. 57.

**Norfolk & Western Ry.***N. & W. System, Division No. 14—*

I want to again ask the membership to give the local correspondents more assistance. A number of them are complaining of not being able to secure items. Our communications have been improved from time to time by the hearty co-operation of every man, or at least quite a number of them, and we hope to continue to improve. Remember this, and send in a few notes, which, I assure you, will be appreciated.

We are pleased to congratulate the General Western Division on again having a clear record, which places them on the February roll of honor. The Norfolk & Western is certainly fortunate in having such a splendid set of men as are to be found on this district. The boys are proud of the good record they have made for entirely satisfactory service, and have set an example, not



R. E. PORTER,  
Alternat Div. No. 29.

only to the membership on the Eastern District, but to the telegraphers over the entire country.

I also want to congratulate the boys on the Eastern District for the splendid service they have given the organization in securing new members. Very few are left on the "bad order track;" almost every man on it is either a scab or some fellow who is so narrow-minded as to let some personal matter prevent him from doing the "square thing." These are the men who have been accepting the benefits and not supporting the movement financially or otherwise, and do not, therefore, deserve much consideration at the hands of the membership.

A little quizzing by the boys along the line will have a good effect. Let the man with whom you work know that you are expecting him to get

in line, whether he be "the man behind the gun" or a block telegrapher. Good results can thus be accomplished very quickly. We need every man in the service to stand behind our committee.

GEN. COA.

*Scioto Division—*

Notes for the month of March were found to be considerably short when a request was made by our general correspondent that items should be sent in by the 15th inst. This being the case we will have to be content with the items that chance to fall in our way.

So far few changes have been made under the new agreement. As usual a small percentage of the membership is not altogether satisfied. We should not find fault because the changes do not exactly conform to our ideas. The committee did the very best it could under the circumstances. The thing for us to do is to get to work and assist the men we have elected to represent us, and stand by them.

Delegates to the seventh biennial convention are now arranging details preparatory to starting on their trip to Atlanta, Ga. If you have anything to offer for the good of our division or the Order in general, place such matters in hands of your representatives in due time, that they can be taken up promptly. Every one should arrange to attend meetings, especially those held on our division. Get in touch with matters of interest that are under discussion, as they will be taken up strictly in accord with the wishes of the majority as near as can be determined. A good attendance indicates interest, and gives our officers encouragement, to which our success is due to a greater or less extent.

Too often it is the case that we pay our dues but stand back for the other boys to do the work. The question naturally arises, what can we do? It is easily answered, we assure you. Look over the names on the "non list" and make every endeavor to induce the telegraphers shown thereon to become members of the organization. This is a very important matter, as "in union there is strength."

The service bulletin for the month of February, 1909, gives our division another clear block.

Owing to the serious illness of his wife Bro. H. H. Kirk has been off duty for some time. The latest reports indicate that Mrs. Kirk is recovering nicely.

Bro. J. M. Sotcher relieved third trick at Naugatuck, W. Va., April 5th, temporarily.

Bro. G. F. Ferrell, the agent at Naugatuck, W. Va., was off duty a few days, threatened with typhoid fever; relieved by Bro. F. C. Stratton.

Sister J. R. Compton has been assigned to Webb, W. Va., nights.

Mr. W. H. Bush, who has filled the position of claim adjuster on this division for many years, was recently transferred to the Roanoke Division. Mr. Bush was succeeded by Mr. Lawrence Gard-

ner, a young member of the freight claim department.

Prichard, W. Va., on the Big Sandy, was the scene of a head-end collision at an early hour on the morning of March 30th, resulting in the death of Mr. Wm. R. Spaulding, fireman, and



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serious injury to Engineer Charles Engles and Brakeman James Kelly. An extra west met No. 86. Newspapers have contained some lengthy articles in regard to it, but responsibility in cases of this kind can not always be placed before there has been a full investigation, which will no doubt be had as soon as the injured employes have sufficiently recovered. Mr. Spaulding, the fireman who was killed in this collision, was the husband of Sister Spaulding, the second trick telegrapher at Wheelersburg, O. We hereby extend to her our tenderest sympathies.

Bro. C. B. Caille is relieving Mr. J. V. Brown at Sargents. Mr. Brown is enjoying a vacation of fifteen days.

Bro. Benton Mosser, the agent at Wayne, W. Va., is off duty on account of the recent illness of his wife; relieved by Bro. A. L. Peake.

The traffic statement of our line for the month of February shows an increase in the gross earnings amounting to \$349,156; net earnings increased \$191,207, which indicates a renewal of prosperity. This item appeared in the *Cincinnati Enquirer* during the last week in March.

Private cars 1 and 100 were over the Scioto Division during the first week of April. Portsmouth, O., was enthusiastic over the coming of these cars, as it was understood that the N. & W. officials were looking over the situation preparatory

to increasing terminal facilities at that point to double their present capacity.

Bro. R. E. L. Ward, the agent at Wilsondale, W. Va., is taking a vacation; relieved by Bro. R. H. Chitwood.

Mr. Robert Edward Watts is the new assistant at the freight office, Dingess, W. Va.

While on his last visit to Dunlow, W. Va., Mr. B. H. Lane, route agent Southern Express Co., was taken suddenly ill. It was at first thought that there were symptoms of poisoning, and he was persuaded to return home on the next train. He was confined to his room for several days, but is now thought to be entirely out of danger.

Bro. J. M. Marcum, the agent at Dunlow, W. Va., is enjoying a fifteen-day vacation. Bro. A. L. Peake is looking after the station during his absence.  
CERT. 750.

WILSONDALE, W. VA., April 20, 1909.

This will but inadequately convey my grateful thanks to the members of Division 14 of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers for kindness, sympathy and floral contributions during the sad hours of affliction caused by the death of my beloved husband. I desire also to especially thank Sister Ida E. Bailey and Bros. Guy Calhoun and J. Gerlach for personal contributions of flowers.

Yours in deep sorrow,

LURAY M. SPAULDING.



B. WHEELER,  
Alternate Div. No. 29.

*Pocahontas Division—*

Business for the West seems to be on the increase, while the east-bound traffic does not show much improvement. We are all anxious to see the long-talked-of "prosperity" return.

Bros. J. J. Hale, of Rock, and H. H. Hale, of "RF" office, Bluefield, have been at the bedside of their father for some time. We hope Mr. Hale will soon recover.

We understand that in a short time our division office will be moved in the old Bluefield Inn.



W. M. HOLMAN,  
Delegate Div. No. 31.

This will be a great relief to our division office force, and I am sure they will be glad to have room enough in which to breathe. The present offices are entirely too crowded for good service.

ONE OF THE BOYS.

#### Radford Division—

If anyone made the resolution requested relative to sending in items during the year 1909, he has either broken it or they have been lost in transit, as we have failed to receive them. We are still "at the old stand," and will appreciate anything contributed.

Our record for the month of February is one of which we should feel proud. There were but six men disciplined in the entire service. This is an average of one to a division. The Radford Division had two while "Poky" and Scioto Divisions were on the honor roll. This must be very gratifying to the company, as it indicates that we are trying to give the very best of service. With a system employing over six hundred telegraphers, the making of such a record as this is indeed a splendid showing. Although we are not going to be on the roll of honor this month, where we had hoped to be placed, we must strive all the harder to keep our records clear.

Some of our brothers seem to have very short memories in that they work in the interest of and subscribe for a paper that not a year ago

advocated a reduction in the salaries of employees of the N. & W. The attention of the membership was called to this matter at the time through the journal with the request that they remember the attitude of this paper. "Consistency, thou art a jewel!"

Bro. E. E. Bandy has gone to Texas to engage in business with his brother.

Bro. J. A. Broderick, of Christiansburg, has been assigned to third trick at Wytheville, vice Mr. J. F. Wohlford. Mr. Wohlford assigned to the second trick at West Roanoke, "UN" tower. Mr. S. S. Parrish, of Pembroke tank, assigned to the second trick at Christiansburg.

The vacancy at Speedwell, caused by the death of Bro. C. W. Gose, has been filled by Bro. J. J. Crump, who was formerly relief agent Pembroke tank third.

Oakville third and the relief agent's place are now vacant. CERT. 231.

#### Shenandoah Division—

It is up to us to say something, as another month has come and gone. Anything looking like news is a very hard thing to locate over here just now.

We are exceedingly sorry that our representative can not go to the convention and report the Shenandoah Division solid, as we had expected. There are a few who have not paid dues and are now on the non list. This fact is not only re-



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gretted by your correspondent, but by the entire membership of the Shenandoah Division.

Bro. S. L. McClanahan is working the second trick at Stanley, vice Mr. H. A. Fix, who is on the sick list.

Bro. C. P. Harris, from the third trick at Glasgow, is relieving Bro. H. A. Bickers, the third trick man at Shenandoah. Bro. Bickers is relieving Bro. H. O. Ringle, first trick at Shenandoah, for fifteen days. Bro. J. M. Brugh is relieving Bro. Harris at Glasgow.

Mr. Scott, an extra man, relieved Bro. McClanahan on the second trick at Stanley.

Bro. J. W. Melton has gone to Rippon to relieve agent Bro. P. W. Hairston for a few days.

Bro. Finter, the agent at Lyndhurst, is on the sick list; relieved by Bro. R. C. Thomason, from the third trick at Riverton. Bro. McIntosh is relieving at Riverton.

Bro. H. H. Burks, of the second trick at Glasgow, bid in the relief agency.

Glasgow second trick, Elkton third trick and Martinsville third trick are on bulletin.

Mr. R. Y. Melton relieved Bro. R. E. Bear, first trick at Loch Laird, for a few days, while Bro. Bear was on the sick list.

Bro. S. L. McClanahan relieved Bro. J. M. Brugh, the third trick man at Glasgow. Understand Bro. Brugh has left the service and is taking a trip West.

Bro. P. G. Parrett, of Buena Vista, bid in the position of day telegrapher and assistant agent at Front Royal. He was relieved by Mr. Scott. Mr. Scott being called away a few days later by the death of his sister, was relieved by Bro. R. E. Bear. Later Bro. Bear returned to first trick at Loch Laird, and was relieved at Buena Vista by Bro. Skelton.

Bro. J. L. George has returned from a trip to the Southwest, and is again on the side wires at "UD," Roanoke.

Bro. Mitchell, second trick Greenville, is still on the sick list, and Mr. Shultz, an extra man, is relieving.

Bro. Landers, agent Midvale, was off one day on business, being relieved by Bro. McClanahan.

Bro. Shacklett, third trick at Berryville, is being relieved temporarily by Bro. W. D. Waddell, an extra man.

Bro. W. Q. Kearns, of the second trick at Bentonville, bid in the third trick at Martinsville, while Bro. P. L. McNiel bid in third trick at Elkton.

The second trick at Buena Vista and the second trick at Bentonville are on the board at the present time.

We understand Bro. J. W. Melton took the second trick at Glasgow on bulletin.

When Bro. Hairston resumes duty at Rippon, Bro. Melton will go home for a few days' rest.

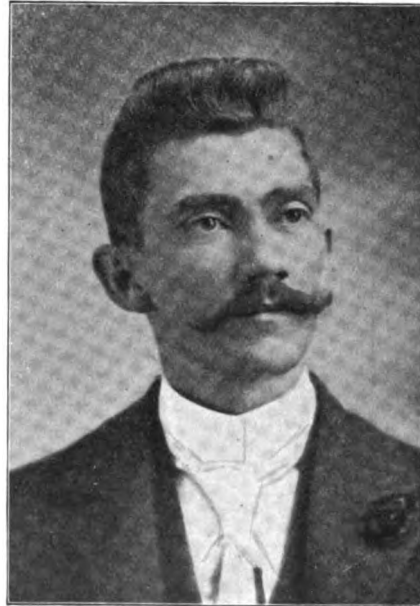
Relief agent Bro. H. H. Burks goes to Greenville to relieve Bro. Merritt for a while. Mr. Anderson is relieving at Glasgow, second trick.  
J. H. B.

#### Norfolk Division—

Everything seems to be working smoothly except that some of our telegraphers are allowing themselves to get in arrears. Brothers, the financial side of our organization is the backbone. We

can not afford to allow the treasury to become weakened by neglecting to pay up regular semi-annual dues. Some seem to get in the habit of "putting this off" until the very last possible moment, just remitting in time to save themselves from being dropped from the Order for non-payment of dues or assessments. This is not business, and I hope that the brothers will break themselves of this dangerous habit.

After some brother has convinced you that it is your duty to become a member of the organization; that it is of untold benefit to yourself and those of your craft, a spirit creeps in and says, "Don't bother about paying dues until the last pinch; if you drop out they'll take you back again." Now, this isn't right. Don't you feel better when you hold an up-to-date card? Con-



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ditions are such now that we are going to need a strong treasury to carry forward our plans and to protect you and me in our present positions. In saying this I do not mean that we are in bad shape. We have a strong fund at the back of us, but we want to keep it strong.

Send your dues to Bro. T. H. Lankford, Secretary and Treasurer, Cloverdale, Va., at once. Let your delegates go to Atlanta saying we haven't a man on our division behind in his dues.

The general correspondent has called for items a little early this month, and one of my assistants having failed me, places me in an awkward position. I can only give a few items of local interest. I wish the brothers would take enough interest



in the journal to send me notes each month by the 15th. Have written several, with no results. I shall have to give up writing for the journal unless I can secure assistance from the members, as my other duties are too pressing for me to shoulder



FRANK SEAL.

Delegate Div. No. 31.

the responsibility alone. Who will respond to this appeal?

Crewe, "K" office—Bro. A. A. Owen has secured thirty days' leave of absence. We understand he goes to the Virginian, stationed at Princeton, W. Va., which will be one of the terminals of the line. Our best wishes go with him. We are always glad to see our men reaching out and obtaining better positions. All these things speak well for the telegraphers and train dispatchers of the Norfolk & Western.

Bro. Hubbard is working extra at Crewe, but we understand that the position will be filled by Bro. Alfred P. Sale upon his return.

Crewe, "DS" office—Bro. H. C. Page has been off several nights on account of illness; relieved by Bro. Harlan. We hope for Bro. Page a speedy recovery.

Nottoway—Sister Carter is off duty fifteen days; relieved by Telegrapher M. H. Rose. Bro. Cardwell laid off one night; relieved by Bro. Carmack, extra.

Wellville—E. E. Robertson was off a few days recently attending court at Nottoway; relieved by Bro. Carmack, extra.

Ford—Bro. A. S. Vaiden off one day and at Dinwiddie, C. H., buying a horse; relieved by Bro. Carmack, extra.

Bro. "Bob" Dewsbury off three nights; relieved by commercial Bro. Cook.

Church Road—Bro. J. H. Hardy was off March 15th attending court; relieved by extra telegrapher A. C. Johnson, from Petersburg.

Addison—W. S. Hall was off March 28th to April 3d; relieved by extra telegrapher M. H. Rose.

Farmville—Bro. C. E. Ellington was off three days recently; relieved by Bro. L. C. Cook.

Pamplin—Bro. Rice was off duty for a week or ten days; relieved by C. P. Williams.

Lynchburg, "X" tower—Bro. Carson has been off a few days; relieved by Bro. Rice.

Appomattox—Bro. Boothe is off on a vacation; he and family are visiting relatives in Georgia; relieved by Bro. Shannan.

Kenny—Mr. Dawson bid in the night position, leaving third trick at Juniper on the board.

Goode (new agency)—Bro. Jacob Bonsack has been assigned to the regular position as agent. This move makes first trick at Wakefield vacant.

Bedford—Bro. Frank Layne bid in third trick.

Bro. H. L. Warner is off a few days attending the funeral of one of his favorite aunts in Pennsylvania.

Negotiations with the management have been closed satisfactorily, and our committee is to be congratulated upon the cool-headed, business-like manner in which the business was carried forward in the face of unexpected developments.

It should be a matter of pride, not only to every member on the Norfolk & Western Railway, but to the membership at large; the fact that we



ROY RICE,

Delegate Div. No. 31.

have not lost an inch, but, on the contrary, have gained ground, slowly but surely, is certainly enough to convince the few hardshells that they are on the wrong side of the fence,

It is now up to every man who wants to see still greater success to boost the service and make it as nearly perfect as it possibly can be made. Let it be said that the telegraph service on the N. & W. is a model for others to copy; then boost the Order. If you have a grievance, don't take it to your side-partner, or worse still, to the engineer and train crews, but take it to your local chairman or his assistant, and you may feel assured that it will be adjusted in accordance with our agreement. If it should happen that there are flaws in the agreement, it's up to the telegraphers to come together and make that agreement more perfect. It can not be done without the hearty support and influence of all telegraphers.

CERT. 110.

### Michigan Central Ry.

It is with regret that we announce the death of our correspondent, Bro. Geo. W. Lewis, of Middleville, Mich. Bro. Lewis had not been feeling well for some time. Upon retiring for the night he felt no alarming symptoms, but died suddenly, about two o'clock in the morning. Mr. Lewis was one of the oldest telegraphers on the M. C. in point of service, and will be greatly missed.

Things along the line of this road have been rather quiet of late. Business is on the increase, however. The embargo on live stock has been entirely lifted, thus removing one of the principal causes of complaint. The Canadian Government has prohibited the transportation of live stock through Canada for the past several months, and the company was obliged to divert all live stock via Toledo.

The annual statement of the M. C. showed a considerable falling off in earnings for the year 1908. However, their operating expenses were a great deal lower, so that, upon the whole, there was a net increase of eight per cent.

The Western Union and Great Northwestern commission question is still being agitated on the lines of the M. C. The question seems to be a mooted one, the W. U. and G. N.-W. claiming to have made a new contract with the railroad company whereby the railroad was to reimburse the telegraphers for the commission formerly paid by the commercial companies. The railroad company denies having entered into such a contract, and, in the meantime, the telegraphers are the ones to suffer, as they have received no commission since October. Perhaps the commercial companies consider that they achieved a grand stroke of business when they accomplished the cutting off of commissions; however, later on, no doubt they will conclude that it was not a financial success after all. I wonder who will solicit business for them? They have treated the public in such a contemptible manner that they have not a friend on earth. The matter was brought before the conciliatory board in Canada, with the result that the decision was against the G. N.-W. Not another company doing business on these lines, where the employees are required to handle or attend to their business ask such employees to do it

for nothing. The express companies, accident insurance companies, and sales machine companies pay a very liberal commission, and the work in connection therewith is small when compared with that of the Western Union, which company is always whining about this charity work not being given first attention.

Although the telegraphers on the M. C. are quite well organized, still there are a few who have failed to join and do something in appreciation of what others have done for them. When you ask them to join they trot out the threadbare chestnut that they are going into other business, which they never do. Each brother should consider himself a special committee of one to see that all in his immediate vicinity are members, or know the reason why. Thorough organization pays. Capital has organized and their principal object is to keep the wage earners under their thumb. If we are to successfully combat them we



H. J. MOHLER,

Delegate Div. No. 31.

must also organize and be ready to meet them half way. Let our slogan be "No card, no favors."

You will forward any items of news, such as changes in your office, etc., to your local chairman, who will see that same is forwarded to the proper person.

CERT. 123.

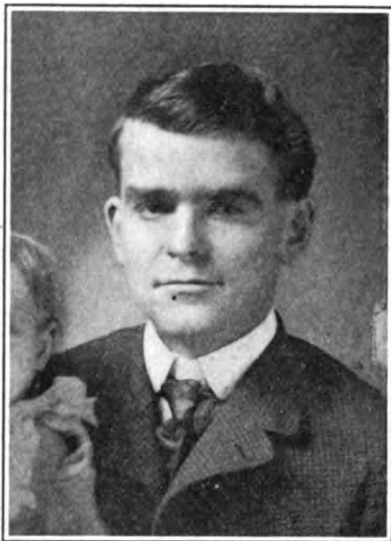
### Saginaw and Mackinaw Divisions—

Bro. L. G. Frankfurth, third trick at Waters, resigned April first, and is now working for the C. R. I. & P., in Iowa. He was relieved by H. A. Branch.

Bro. F. G. Dorriell, second trick at Gaylord, off duty the first of the month, relieved by Bro. L. R. Porter, who has taken the second trick at Lansing permanently.

Bro. W. J. Shaw, the first trick man at Grayling, is now in Bay City, posting up as extra dispatcher, and we are quite sure he will make a first-class man. We wish him success.

Bro. J. E. Berry, first trick at Bay City, and W. Steinhoff, second trick, were off for some time



W. F. SAWREY,  
Delegate Div. No. 31.

this month, both being down with pneumonia. Bro. Berry is back again and we understand Mr. Steinhoff is getting better. Bros. Flood, Gordon and others did the relief work during their absence.

We were very sorry to learn of the death of Bro. Shelton, of Bath, Mich., who was one of our oldest and staunchest members. Bro. Shelton committed suicide by shooting himself during a fit of temporary insanity brought on by ill health. The funeral was held at Flint, Mich., and a beautiful floral emblem of the Order was among the many flowers.

Bro. M. J. Granger, first trick at Mackinaw City, is already making preparations to attend the biennial session of the Grand Division at Atlanta, Ga., which convenes May 10.

Bro. J. F. Hasely, formerly second trick at Cheboygan, is now agent at Bath. CERT. 89.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the members of the Order who contributed the beautiful floral offering to my beloved son, J. E. Shelton, whose death occurred April 14, 1909. Yours fraternally,

MARY SHELTON,  
Bath, Mich.

#### East Toledo and Bay City Divisions—

Everything is so quiet and orderly in these parts that it requires quite an effort to even attempt to write anything of interest to the fraternity.

Business appears to be improving since the Canadian government raised the embargo on live stock shipments and it is gratifying to note that the usual routine of business is re-established.

There is no surplus of telegraphers on this line, and some times difficult to obtain relief.

The meeting held at Detroit, April 14, was quite well attended and the evening was pleasantly and profitably spent in the discussion of matters of interest to our branch of the service.

J. W. McNamara, from "F," Detroit, office, has been transferred to Supt. Millington's office.

The first trick at Monroe was recently on bulletin. Bro. Eames, who was on second trick, moves to first, and Bro. Shoner, from South Rockwood, is working second. South Rockwood is to be bulletined later.

Bro. Parsons of Windsor, contemplates attending the Yukon exhibition at Seattle. XYZ.

#### West, Joliet and Benton Harbor Divisions—

We have now gotten over the excitement of election. Having seen the good resulting from organization can't we try just a little harder to make the year of 1909 another and brighter star in the crown of the good old O. R. T.? It would be a pity to drag along in the same old rut and not endeavor to better our condition? We have but few nons, and I am glad to note that the number is gradually growing less, due, no doubt, to the individual efforts of the members.

Bro. Wolcott, agent at Gary, resigned recently, and has been relieved by Mr. Goodrich, who was formerly agent at Tolleston. The latter station is still in the hands of the relief agent.

Dispatcher Pfeifer was off duty several days on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. Quance.

Bro. Stanley Crane, of Hammond depot, has been enjoying a vacation, which he spent up in Michigan, visiting relatives. He was relieved by Mr. Willis, who was in turn relieved by Mr. Ward, from "GN," Gibson.

The new addition to Tolleston tower has been completed and the boys now have their hands full.

Bro. Colvin, agent at Willow Creek, is laying off on account of a serious affliction of the eyes. He was relieved by Mr. Glover.

Bro. Kluge has left "TY," Michigan City, to go west. He was relieved by Bro. Murphy.

Mr. Dryer, of Galien, is in a serious condition at a hospital in Chicago, where he recently went to undergo an operation. He was relieved by Mr. R. C. Fuller, late of the N. P. Ry.

Mr. T. A. Mitchell is working second trick at Galien, temporarily.

We learn that Bro. Wolcott has been reinstated and is working at Chicago Heights days, relieving Bro. Duncan. Bro. Duncan is making a two months' relief there on account of Agent R. D. Chatfield having been granted a leave of absence.

Bro. G. E. Alexander, at East Gary, has been appointed correspondent of the West, Joliet and Benton Harbor Divisions, so if the boys will kindly help by sending all items to him we will have a good write-up each month.

UNCLE DUDLEY.

#### Middle Division—

Bro. Brewer, who recently worked third trick at Niles depot, relieved Bro. Virgo, first trick at Cassopolis tower, a few days, going from there to third trick at East Yards, Jackson, where he is now relieving Telegrapher Milsdon. Bro. Mohler, from Chicago, is working third trick at Niles at present.

Bro. Spencer is still off duty, and is working the extra stunt at Jackson ("SF"), a few nights a week. Bro. Northrop is holding the second trick at Niles until his return.

Wm. Frackleton is new night ticket clerk at Niles, Mr. Spencer, Jr., having gone to Jackson to work in ticket office. We understand that Bro. Lutz, from Hastings, bid in the agency at Glenwood.

The ice houses are full, and ice messages have disappeared. The ice all came from the Mackinaw division. The work train at Barron Lake has been taken off, and Conductor Malone is again on through freight.

Nearly everyone is working steadily. All of the extra men seem to be working.

Middleville, first hours, Nashville second and Middleville third are vacant. The death of our esteemed Bro. Lewis caused the first vacancy. We understand that Bro. Leroy Mead takes first trick at Middleville.

Bro. Boyland, of Lake Shore tower, is off a few days. Bro. Miller, from third at Halres tower, worked first trick at L. S. tower during his absence. Bro. Helt relieved Bro. Miller.

Let us all try to make our division solid. If you work at the same station with a non tell him why he should join our Order, and make it strong and to the point. CERT. 414.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God to remove from our midst our loyal and beloved Brother George W. Lewis, and while we humbly submit to the will of an all-wise Providence, yet we deeply feel the loss of our friend and co-worker. Therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we, Division No. 16, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the sorrowing wife and family its sincere sympathy in this, their loss, which is irreparable; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be placed with the records of this division, a copy sent to the stricken family and our esteemed brother, and a copy forwarded to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. C. CULKINS,  
J. J. LEAVY,  
C. M. BROWN,  
Committee.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

To the Members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers:

We wish to express our appreciation of the beautiful floral tribute and sympathy extended during our recent bereavement.

MRS. MARY LEWIS,  
MISS LEWIS,  
MR. AND MRS. W. J. LEWIS,  
MR. AND MRS. H. G. LEWIS.

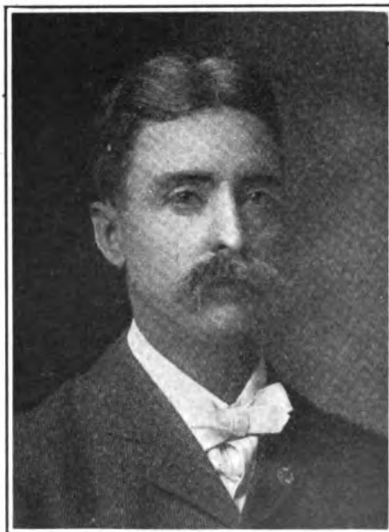
#### New York, Chicago & St. Louis Ry.

##### Cleveland Division—

The following is the result of the election held by Division No. 18: Bro. E. M. Mulcahy, delegate to the convention and local chairman, First District; Bro. C. F. Mayer, alternate to the convention and local chairman, Second District; Bro. A. F. Hixon, local chairman, Third District; Bro. W. A. Hite, local chairman, Fourth District.

Bros. K. C. Smith and Sedgwick, second and third trick men at "CD," Cleveland, were recently off several days; relieved by Copier Crane, who was in turn relieved by Mr. E. P. La Moreaux, an extra man.

Bro. C. F. Mayer, first trick at Rocky River, has been off duty several days, on account of the death of his brother. He was relieved by second trick man Bro. R. E. Gifford, who was in turn relieved by Mr. E. P. La Moreaux.



J. E. FARLOW,  
Delegate Div. No. 31.

Second trick at "SI," Sheffield, has been abolished, putting the station back on a twelve-hour basis; hours from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m. Do not know where Mr. R. B. Hammond, who worked second trick, went.

Bro. H. S. Dunlap, agent at Euclid, laid off several days, on account of being ill. He was relieved by Mr. W. H. Stoltz.

Bro. H. R. Kist, third trick at Shinrock, was off duty several days. He was relieved by Mr. F. P. La Moreaux.

Bro. A. C. Stiles, third trick at Euclid, was off duty several days lately, on account of an attack of rheumatism. He was relieved by Mr. E. R. Miller, of Willoughby, nights, who was in turn relieved by Telegraphers Morse and La Moreaux.

Sister McEwen, first trick at Woodland, has returned to work, after several weeks' of illness. She was relieved by Mrs. E. R. Shepard.

Mr. C. M. Welker, who worked as fourth man at Bellevue yards, has been relieved by Mr. W. H. Stoltz. Mr. Stoltz was in turn relieved by Bro. H. N. Jones, from the Ft. Wayne Division, and is now working third trick at Bellevue Depot, having relieved Mr. W. H. Whitmore.



R. Mr. CROCKETT,  
Alternate Div. No. 31.

Bro. R. E. Gifford, second trick at Rocky River, was off duty several days; relieved by Mr. E. P. La Moreaux.

C. C. Hall, a former Nickel Plate telegrapher, and once a member of the Order, is now employed as instructor at The Scientific Telegraph College, at Cleveland, O.

There are a few brothers on this division who are not up-to-date. It is about time that all worthy members should be able to show up-to-date cards; so, those who can not, had better "get busy."  
"BUSTER."

Bro. F. G. O'Neill, formerly third trick at Continental, has resigned to enter the implement business with his father-in-law at Continental.

We wish him success in his new venture. He is being relieved, until the vacancy is bulletined, by Telegrapher C. A. Brown.

Bro. Hixon, first trick at Continental, was off duty one day recently, on account of sickness in the family; relieved by Telegrapher C. H. Monroe, who is on the extra list.

Bro. Parker, the first trick man at Leipsic Junction, is laying off a few days; relieved by Telegrapher J. S. Davis.

Bro. Johnston, second trick man at Leipsic Junction, was recently off duty a few days; relieved by Telegrapher Monroe.

Bro. Hixon laid off one day last month and attended a meeting of the General Committee at Cleveland. He was relieved by Telegrapher J. S. Davis.

Bro. C. L. Zimmerman, who works third trick at New Haven, Ind., was off a few days about Easter time, visiting at Greensprings and Maple Grove. He was relieved by Telegrapher Dimmick, from South Whitley.

Last month Bro. E. V. Stineman, of New Haven, made a trip to California, and upon his arrival at Los Angeles secured a position with the Southern Pacific Ry. We are informed that he has decided to remain in that country. We wish Bro. Stineman success.

Meetings will be held at Leipsic on the third Wednesday of each month hereafter, unless otherwise announced. All members of Division No. 18 are urged to attend, and members of other divisions are cordially invited to be present. Meetings will be called to order at 7:30 p. m., and will adjourn in time for the east end men to catch No. 4.

A. F. Dill, who has been spending some time in the West, has returned to the "Nick," and is working a trick at McComb. Cor.

*To the Members of Division No. 18:*

I wish to announce that I have been appointed correspondent for this division. Therefore, I ask that the members kindly mail in any news they may have for publication in THE TELEGRAPHER. It is up to the members as well as to the undersigned to furnish news for the write-up from this division. Let each one do his part, and I will send in as good a communication from Division No. 18 as possible each month. Thanking you all very kindly in advance, I remain,  
Yours fraternally,

E. G. MANSON,  
P. O. Box 135, Vermillion, O.

*Second District—*

Bro. C. F. Mayer is holding the agency at Rocky River, relieving H. W. Stearns, the regular agent, who is taking a two weeks' vacation.

Mr. Burnap is doing the copying "stunt" from noon until 9 p. m.

Bro. Gebhardt, who works the second trick at Kimball, is off a few days on account of sickness in the family; relieved by Mr. La Moreaux, an extra telegrapher from Willoughby.

The third trick at Bellevue depot, and the third trick at Bellevue yard office are bulletined.

The trick at Mentor has been on bulletin for the past two months. Apparently twelve or thirteen hours per day don't look good to the boys.



Mrs. M. E. Ray,  
Alternate Div. No. 31.

The second trick at Sheffield has been abolished.

Telegrapher Hawey is working days, from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Bro. E. M. Mulcahy has resigned as general chairman and local chairman of the First District. We are sorry to record this fact, but he has some side issue and did not feel that he could give the office proper attention. We wish Bro. Mulcahy success in his present and future enterprises.

Bro. Ferry has been appointed local chairman of the First District. Bro. Mayer, local chairman of the Second District, and general secretary and treasurer. Bro. Hixon, local chairman of the Third District, and general chairman. Bro. Hite, local chairman of the Fourth District.

Bro. Weider, who has been working third trick at Kimball, has resigned.

Dispatcher Bumap is working the first trick a few days, while Dispatcher Connors is enjoying a vacation.

E. G. M..

### C., M. & St. P. Ry.

#### *La Crosse Division—*

The Grand Convention which will be called to order May 10th, at Atlanta, Ga., will doubtless prove to be one of the greatest meetings ever held in the history of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. Brothers will be present from all

parts of the United States, Canada and Mexico. Local Chairman Bro. Upham will be on hand to represent the La Crosse Division. After the convention is over we will hold a local meeting for the benefit of this division, either at Portage or La Crosse, and we request that all the brothers attend.

Dispatcher W. G. Bowen was off duty a few days on account of sickness. Bro. Jones, of Sparta, relieving him. Bro. Jones also relieved Bro. Donnelly, of Sparta.

Bro. Marsh will work third trick at Sparta for a few nights. Bro. Marsh for some time past has been working in dispatcher's office, but that office has been dispensed with, which places him on the extra list.

Bro. Wm. Alvord, of Duplaneville, is enjoying a trip to the Pacific Coast; relieved by Bro. Swang. Bro. Bean relieved Bro. Swang. Bro. Henry Alvord has accepted the agency at Okau-  
chee.

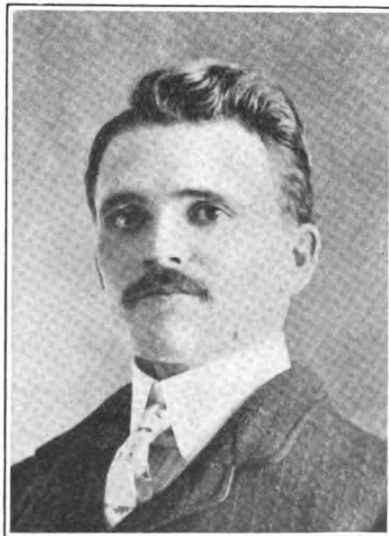
Bro. Loeser, of Watertown, is off duty for a few days; relieved by Bro. Hayes.

Several changes have been made at the non-telegraph stations during the past three weeks. A new agent has been installed at Richwood, this being the third or fourth one inside of a year.

Div. Cox.

#### *I. & M. Division—*

In behalf of Fred's wife, as well as myself, I would like to tender my sincere thanks to each and every one of the O. R. T. boys of the



H. A. SHULER,  
Alternate Div. No. 31.

I. & M. Division, for the beautiful pillow of flowers contributed by them on the occasion of the burial of my son, F. S. White, whose death occurred on Friday last, after a long and painful

illness. Such a kindly remembrance in his behalf from his friends and brothers of the Order, I assure you can never be forgotten by us, and I would like as far as possible to thank them for this kindly tribute of respect and esteem.

Sincerely,  
M. J. WHITE.

*C. & C. B., in Iowa Division—*

Bro. W. E. Rose has been working second trick, extra, at "JO," Marion yard office, for a few days.

Bro. T. C. Peterman, of Perry dispatcher's office, accompanied by his wife, visited friends at Slater, Sunday, April 11th.

Bro. J. N. Elsner is relieving Bro. G. W. Ireland, at Langworthy. Bro. Elsner is being relieved, at Morley, by Relief Telegrapher Parmenter.

Our genial General Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. G. E. Soyster, has resigned the agency at Covington, and is now permanently located at Cedar Rapids.



E. J. BYRNE,  
Alternate Div. No. 31.

Bro. R. J. Waugh, recently of the Canadian Pacific Railway, is working third trick at Slater, dividing his time between the tower and the depot.

Bro. L. M. Phelps, of Marion yard, second trick, is laying off six months, to try his luck with Uncle Sam, in The Railway Mail Service.

All brothers should be very careful not to use non-union products, and should use special care in the selection of cook stoves, breakfast foods and hats. Do not patronize any one who tries to rob labor of its rights.

Bro. L. F. Zadnichek did not go to Manning, as reported in the former issue, but landed the third trick at Delmar Junction. Bro. W. M.

Arrasmith, secured the second trick at Manning, and Bro. A. C. Hutton, Slater tower, third trick.

Bro. L. F. Zadnichek, of the Middle Division, has been appointed second trick telegrapher at Delmar Junction, relieving Bro. Bailey, who was assigned to the third trick at Herndon, on bulletin. Bro. Bailey was subsequently appointed telegrapher at Clinton, succeeding Bro. E. T. Farnham.

A third trick telegrapher has been added to the force at Delmar Junction, Bro. W. K. Hodgson landing the job. Bro. W. R. Knight is filling in at present, he having been relieved at Lost Nation by Bro. J. H. Brubaker, of the Wisconsin Central.

Bro. Geo. Ramsey and wife, of Eldridge, are enjoying a three weeks' vacation in the "Sunny South," stopping off at Birmingham, Pensacola, Mobile, New Orleans and Ponchatoula. They expect to spend a week or ten days in the pine woods on Santa Rosa Sound, Fla.

Bro. F. M. Kelly, of Bouton, is laying off, on account of the serious illness of his wife. He is being relieved by Bro. C. E. Miller, who was relieved at Madrid, second trick, by Bro. A. O. Olson. We understand that Bro. Miller intends to remain on the extra list this summer.

Bro. L. F. Mouser, of Madrid, third trick, has been granted a month's lay-off, and has gone into the land business in South Dakota, with headquarters at Woodward. Telegrapher O. H. Darby is working third trick at Madrid, until Bro. F. R. Hoesly, of Bayard, takes charge. We understand that Mr. Darby is to quit railroading soon.

Bro. L. Dove has been appointed to the six months' vacancy at Browns, relieving Bro. F. G. Zeiser. Bro. R. L. Leamon to the six months' vacancy, second trick, Marion Yard. Telegrapher J. H. Harding to the six months' vacancy, second trick, Capron. Pearl Doyle to the six months' vacancy, second trick, Neola. Bro. W. E. Rose to the six months' vacancy, third trick, Paralta. Bro. F. R. Hoesly, to the six months' vacancy at Madrid. The third trick, six months at Olin, and the third trick, six months at Herndon, are on bulletin.

Bro. E. L. Nunn, has been appointed to the third trick at Ferguson. Bro. R. N. Wogan, of Huxley, to third trick at Cambridge tower. Bro. D. W. Rynor got second instead of third trick at Capron, Bro. R. L. Merrill landing the third. Bro. M. P. Richardson got Keystone, third trick. Bro. W. E. Rose, Collins, third trick, instead of Paralta, six months. Telegrapher A. P. Hopkinson, Des Moines River, third trick. Bro. Thomas Griswald, second trick at Maxwell. Bro. M. L. Blakeslee, second trick at Defiance, and Bro. H. H. White, got Covington, nights.

Bro. C. W. Hall, formerly of Covington, has been appointed agent at Elwood; Bro. L. F. Rogers, of Madrid, agent at Bagley; Bro. N. N. Embree, of Maxwell, agent at Madrid; Bro. E. T. Farnham, of Clinton, agent at Maxwell; Bro. D. A. Bowen, of Underwood, agent at Covington; Bro. J. H. Murphy, of Haverhill, agent at

Underwood; Bro. C. R. Posten, of Capron, agent at Herndon, and Bro. W. W. Stahl, of Maxwell, second trick, agent at Capron. Haverhill and Huxley agencies are on bulletin. The old agents are as bad to migrate as the younger ones.

The brothers are not sending in items as they should. Please bear in mind that it is up to each



A. M. HEUSLEE,  
Alternate Div. No. 31.

one individually to send in whatever news that comes to his notice. When a member has anything to say concerning himself, or others, he should not wait for some one else to tell about it, but jot it down on a postal card, and send it in. This is the only way we can have a good, clean write-up each month. "JOHN TILE."

#### S. M. Division—

Another month has rolled around, and with it a decrease in business which has been good since last fall.

There are quite a number of changes among the boys on account of Bro. Canfield's appointment as postmaster at Winnebago.

Bro. T. P. Horton, extra dispatcher, has returned to Ramsey, days, after about a week spent at his home in La Crosse. While there he relieved C. M. Aughey, third trick dispatcher, who attended the O. R. C. annual ball at Dubuque.

Bro. Gunderson, formerly relief agent, bid in Wykoff on permanent bulletin, and is now settled there. He enjoyed a few days' visit at his home at New Richland, Minn.; relieved by Bro. Spike Parker.

Bro. . . . Olson has been appointed to the agency at Welcome, and has taken charge of that station.

Bro. Mathison, relief agent, has taken charge of Grand Meadow, until appointment is made on bulletin.

Bro. Parker worked third trick at Ramsey; Bro. Knutson, second, and Charlie Stephenson, days, while Bro. Hortons was at La Crosse, relieving.

Bro. Tagland, clerk at Wells, is off duty a few days, visiting his home in Rushford, on account of his brother having returned from the navy. He was relieved by Olaf Bachman, now in Uncle Sam's mail service, between Austin and Mason City.

Bro. O. A. Laugen has taken up his duties as agent at Winnebago, vice Relief Agent Stewart, who has been there for a couple of months.

Bro. Odegard, day telegrapher at Winnebago, off duty temporarily, and is being relieved by some helper from the west end. The position is now open for permanent appointment. We can not say where Bro. Odegard is going.

The appointment of J. M. Olson to the Winnebago agency, for a term of six months, has been canceled, and the bulletin made a permanent one; this makes it nicer for all concerned, as the man taking the position can move his family there and rest assured that he will not be bumped when the six months is up.

We understand that Bro. Zenor is working at Hatfield.



C. H. BUTLER,  
Alternate Div. No. 31.

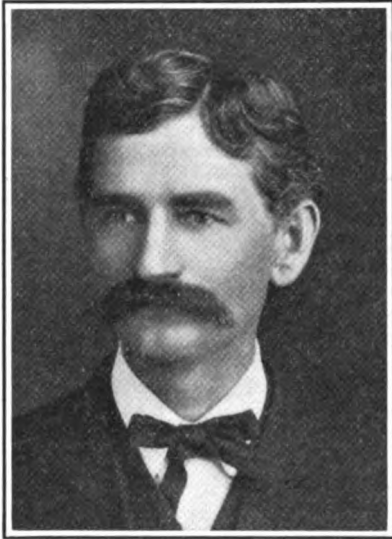
Bro. J. W. Malone has returned to Jackson, nights. While absent a student named Whalan relieved him.

It is rumored that our old friend Ed Malone has gone to the Extension.



Bro. Harmon, who was bumped at Bryant, has been relieving Bro. Fry, at Howard, for about ten days.

Agent Earl, at Erwin, will soon resume work, after having been engaged in business for about four months. Various agents have been at this station during his absence.



J. A. BIDDLE,  
Delegate Div. No. 32.

The writer is indebted to Bro. Fry, at Howard, and Bro. Wood, at Spring Valley, for items. Let the good work go on, and no matter how small the item, send it in.

The Extension of the Milwaukee is now through to the coast, so far as rails are concerned, the last spike having been driven about the last of March. There remains a great deal of ballasting and filling of temporary bridges to be done which will consume considerable time, so it will no doubt be early next year before the fast passenger trains are put on. Many rumors are going the rounds that the S. M. will get considerable business off the Extension via Bristol, but as yet have heard nothing definite.

Div. Cor.

#### *River Division—*

Election is over and I think everybody is well pleased to know that for the next two years our welfare will continue to be ably looked after by worthy Bro. W. G. Hanson, of Lake City, who has been elected local chairman. Bro. Hanson will also represent us at the National Convention in Atlanta in May, and will see to it that the confidence reposed in him is not misplaced.

The force in "C" office, Minneapolis, has been reduced on account of light business, and Bro. H. M. Erickson is now working first trick at King's Cooley.

Bro. Ray Sanborn, of Merriam Park, has been elected manager of the South Minneapolis High School base ball team.

Telegrapher Jimmy Donohue, at Lower Yard (St. Paul), is devoting his spare moments to studying law, and hopes to become one of the shining lights of the Ramsey County bar.

Bro. W. G. Hanson is doing his annual stunt at Lake City for a month looking after the company's interests in the shipment of trees from the Jewell Nursery Co. Relieved on the first trick by Bro. Stegner, who was relieved on second trick by Bro. Lester, of Minneapolis. When through at the Nursery, Bro. Hanson will arrange for his trip to Atlanta as delegate to the convention.

Did you ask the reason for that satisfied smile on the face of Bro. Fitzgerald, of Merriam Park? After allowing him to grope around in darkness for eighteen years, the company took compassion on him and now his "domicile of discontent" is brilliantly lighted by electricity.

Bro. C. W. Workman, who has been relieving agent Frank Brown at Dakota on account of sickness, resumed his trick at Lake City on the first of the month.

Monster preparations are under way for the double eclipse circus, to be held at Frontenac in May. Bro. Tackaberry will have his hands full taking care of the crowd, if the special trains expected from both directions materialize.

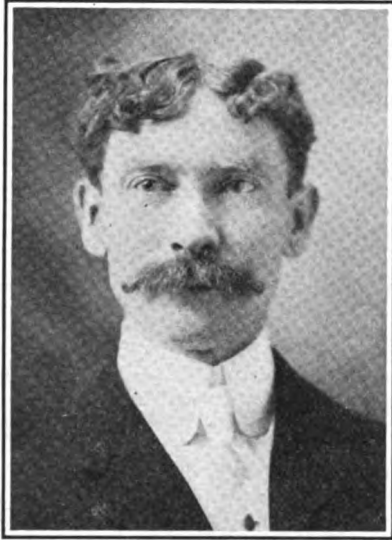


P. E. DAUGHERTY,  
Delegate Div. No. 32.

I. P. Deschneau, acting agent at Stillwater, has been relieved by Telegrapher Frank Galliven. From the present 'dope-sheet we judge that Mr. Deschneau will soon be appointed permanent agent

at that station, which is not covered by our schedule.

Mrs. W. C. Crandall, telegrapher at Chippewa Falls, is back at the old stand. She was relieved by Bro. Scott, who has now gone to Merriam Park to relieve Bro. Sanborn.



J. E. McQUADE,  
Delegate Div. No. 32.

Bro. Moore, of Hastings, is on a short vacation; relieved by Bro. Maloney.

Bro. K. K. Brainerd, agent at Durand, Wis., has returned from a month's vacation on the Pacific Coast, and reports a most enjoyable trip. He was relieved by Mr. J. B. Stahl, of Chippewa Falls.

Business on the Chippewa Valley Division is reported quite good and improving. In looking over comparative statements a marked increase in both "received" and "forwarded" is noted.

Bro. Art Faulkner, of Chestnut street (St. Paul), was absent from duty for a few days on a company law-suit; relieved by Bro. Scott.

Telegrapher W. G. Kenyon, at Signal Tower, who is taking an enforced vacation on account of sickness, is being relieved by Bro. J. H. Levall, who recently returned from the Philippines.

Bro. H. C. Vogel, first trick at Hastings, is acting agent for a few weeks; relieved by Bro. Moore.

Bro. P. J. Reed, of Blackbird Jct., has taken third trick at Hastings, and is being relieved by Bro. Myers, from "VD," Minneapolis.

After being laid up for the winter two work trains and a steam shovel are again in operation on the double-track work east of Hastings.

On May 1st the United States Express Company, which has been operating over the C. M. & St. P.

Ry. for years, will give way to the Wells-Fargo Express Co., and the latter will also operate the Coast Extension. As this will give them a through Northern route from Atlantic to Pacific, we have heard no complaints from brother agents working on a commission basis.

The last rail in the new Extension (Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound Ry.) was laid a few weeks ago, but we understand that the overland passenger service will not begin until the new line is properly ballasted.

Repeaters were recently installed in "C" office, Minneapolis, and Seattle and Tacoma now work direct with Chicago. CERT. 1908.

#### Third District—

Bro. Morganson, of Lincoln avenue days, is laid up with rheumatism, and has taken a sixty-day leave of absence; relieved by Mr. Gustave Bouett.

Bro. Laas, of Belmont avenue days, has resumed duty, and Bro. Corcoran is again on the night trick.

The death of Mr. J. P. Shreenan, of dispatcher's office days, was a great surprise to all of us. He was at the hospital getting along nicely after an operation for appendicitis, when complications set in and death came quickly. Mr. Moverly, of Glenview, made an effort to secure a floral offering, but the body was removed to Darlington, Wis., before his object could be accomplished.



P. M. GAMBLE,  
Delegate Div. No. 32.

Our sympathies are with Mrs. Shreenan and the relatives in their affliction.

Bro. F. C. Mauck, the agent at Grayland, was called home in March on account of the death of his father, which occurred March 4th. The

sympathy of all is extended to him in his bereavement.

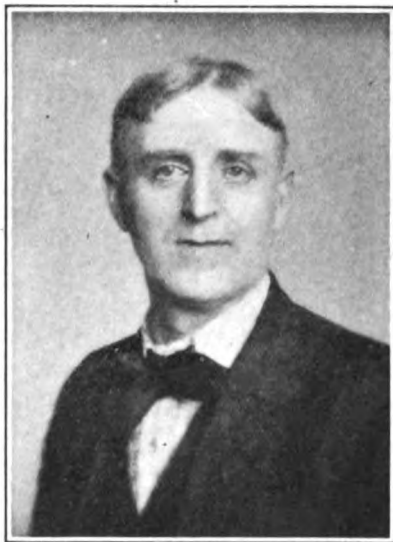
Bro. W. P. Joyce, now working at Warrenton nights, has been transferred to Division No. 23 from Division No. 76.

Mr. J. H. Beland, who removed to Kenosha not long since, is to return to Truesdell as agent.

Bro. L. D. Stockton, formerly agent at Wadsworth, has moved to Findlay, Ohio, where he is engaged in the land business. L. C.

#### *Iowa & Minnesota Division—*

The I. & M. line-up bids fair to become the banner-winner of the system. Hobson, of Cleveland, Jannichek, of Mendota, Harris, of Rosemount, Barker, at Farmington, Carroll, at Cleve-



J. H. D. SMITH,  
Delegate Div. No. 32.

land, have all entered the fold. Webster, at Minneapolis, also up-to-date again, while Condon, at Farmington, at last report had done the necessary.

This gives us practically a solid line-up, with the exception of a few non-scheduled agents, one backslider, a hopeless case, on the cut-off, and the new man at Taopi, who has plenty of good intentions but is a little slow with the documents.

Bro. F. S. White, agent at Taopi until about a year ago, died recently at his father's home in Cresco, and was brought to Le Roy for burial. Bro. White has been afflicted for a number of years, and remained on duty until his eyesight failed so that he was unable to continue at work. Since that time he continued to fail until his death resulted.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The All-wise ruler has called Bro. F. S. White to another world, and relieved him of the trouble and afflictions of this, and while

we bow in submission to the will of the Almighty, be it

*Resolved*, That in his death we lose an esteemed and faithful brother, his wife a devoted husband, and his father a dutiful and obedient son; also be it

*Resolved*, By the members of I. & M. Division of C., M. & St. P. System, Division 23, that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the wife and father of Bro. White in the hour of their affliction; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of the foregoing be spread on the record of the division, and a copy sent THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

F. N. MEYERS,

H. E. WILSON,

E. L. BARLOW,

*Committee.*

A number of brothers on the east end attended the funeral of Bro. White at Le Roy. Supt. Clemons and Roadmaster McShane also were there.

Members on the I. & M. sent a beautiful floral emblem bearing the letters O. R. T.

H. E. WILSON, *Correspondent.*

#### *C. C. B. Ill., R. S. W. Divisions—*

There is not much doing this month and, consequently, news is scarce. The boys seem to be sticking to their jobs.

Mr. E. J. Prall, agent at Clinton Jct., has taken a year's vacation and is going to work with his brother at Freeport. Have not heard who relieved him.

Just as I am writing this I chanced to hear that Telegrapher Sloan was called to Savanna to see the chief. We understand that he had not been attending to "biz," and consequently was reported.

There seems to be quite a lot of friction between a number of the telegraphers and the dispatchers, which can be done away with to a great extent if the boys will meet the dispatchers half-way and try to be more pleasant. Try to create a friendly feeling between yourself and the dispatcher you are working with by assisting him in every way you can, and you will find that things will be better all around. This is not meant for the telegraphers on this division alone, but for all who may chance to read this. Get busy, be pleasant and obliging, and show your superiors that you are anxious to do what is right, and it is "dollars to doughnuts" they will do the rest, and then we will not have any more of this petty ill-feeling that seems to exist at present. It will do no harm to give it a trial. Not only between the telegraphers and dispatchers should this feeling exist, but between the telegraphers on the line as well. Treat your co-workers as if they were men and not dogs, as some of the boys are in the habit of doing. We live but once, and might just as well make it pleasant for each other, for we get enough of trouble without looking for it. Get the habit and be pleasant.

*Div. Com.*

**Missouri Pacific Ry.***Central Division—*

Boys, you should feel proud of the Central Division, on account of the great gains we have been making in the past month. Robinson, Berry, Blake, Rozzell, McKnight and Blakely taken into the folds of No. 31 this month. By the help of



F. G. CASEY,

Delegate Div. No. 32.

each member on this division I know we can make it solid by June 30. Now, everybody join hands and make Mr. Non a scarce article. Just think of the good that has been accomplished here. We are now eighty per cent and still going upward.

Bro. Wilkerson, agent Lenapah, has resigned. Unable to say where he is going. Bro. Adcock, day telegrapher at Claremore, has bid in Lenapah agency. It is nice to have one brother fill another's shoes when a vacancy occurs.

Bro. Maddox, who has been working nights at Palarm, landed the third trick at Nowata.

Bro. Berry, a true-blue style from the El Paso & Southwestern, assigned to agency at Claremore.

Bro. Phelps, of Nowata, is now working at New Orleans with the Frisco. Says the S. P. and H. & T. C. are strictly solid O. R. T.

New man at Oolagah. Can't say how he stands, as will not talk or answer letter.

Telegrapher Brengle, Greenwood Jct., was bumped by Bro. McKnight, Brengle going to Ft. Smith days, and again rolled by Bro. Blakely.

Telegrapher Breneman, an up-to-date Western Union man, worked few days in Ft. Smith, but has now gone to the Postal at same point.

Bro. Walsh, from Neodesha, is working nights at Ft. Smith until assignment is made. This is bid in by Bro. Mitchell, of Conway.

Spadra, days, has been closed, Bro. Blakely getting Ft. Smith, days.

The east end is in total darkness to me. Brothers, I can't see why you could not send me a few items each month. As soon as you receive your journal the first thing you look for is Central Division, and you see nothing, you say to yourself: "Can't see why there is never anything from this end." How can there be when no one takes any interest.

Here is a bunch of the nons on Central Division. I hope each brother will write them a note explaining where they stand.

Mr. J. W. Mollard, Claremore, Okla., G. F. Morgan, Inola, Okla., J. H. Spencer, Illinois, Okla., J. L. Quinn, Vian, Okla., Wesley Garrett, Sallisaw, Okla., F. Noyes, Jenny Lind, Ark., J. C. Berger and F. E. Lucand, dispatcher's office, Van Buren, Ark., R. M. Wildman, Ozark, Ark., S. P. Jett, Hartman, J. F. Logsdon, Spadra, Ark., E. M. Stehwein, Knoxville, Ark., Chas. Haskins, Atkins, Ark., G. A. Winters, Plumerville, Ark., A. C. Monette, Morrilton, Ark., Robt. Marshall, Palarm, Ark. The above sixteen names are nons. Looks bad for this division, but only five months ago we had thirty-seven of this class. You can see what great inroads we are making on them.

Boys, keep this list of nons, and kindly remember them when you are asked a favor, for I have begged this bunch with tears in my eyes and got no sympathy at their hands. V. C. W.



J. G. CAMPBELL,

Alternate Div. No. 32.

*Sedalia District—*

Bro. D. E. Smith is at present attending court at Cape Girardeau, and is being relieved at Waverly by Bro. A. W. Williams.

Mr. J. S. Ford, Jr., is working extra at Grand Pass, while the regular agent, Bro. J. E. Farrell, is on leave of absence.

Mr. R. S. Davis is working nights at Grand Pass, extra, relieving Bro. H. Williams, who has been working a few nights at Pleasant Hill, and is now taking a vacation.



J. E. STEELE,

Alternate Div. No. 32.

Bro. L. M. Nance secured the agency at Naptonville on bid.

Bro. Hopkins, of "CY," Kansas City, was absent several days on account of the death of a sister. He was relieved by Mr. Robinson, who also relieved Bro. Rice, while the latter was attending the meeting of local chairmen in St. Louis.

Bro. J. D. Jones has been checked in as agent at Centertown, permanently.

Mr. H. R. Lessell secured the agency at St. Aubert on bid.

Mr. F. H. Zeitz, the agent at California, is taking a thirty days' leave of absence, being relieved by Bro. J. J. Gunn, of Pleasant Hill. Bro. Gunn is being relieved by Mr. O. F. Miller.

Bro. R. W. Oman, the second trick man at Blackwater, enjoyed a couple of weeks' vacation, recently, being relieved by Mr. Jack Corbell.

Bro. J. K. Hobbs, who works nights at Warrensburg, was off duty two weeks in March, on account of sickness. He was relieved by Mr. A. N. Page.

Mr. Page also worked fifteen nights at Holden.

Mr. Raymond Mason is working nights at Smithton, extra.

R. O. Herndon, night man at Centertown, has been off several days on account of sickness; relieved by P. W. Aylesworth.

Bro. J. E. West, a member of the Frisco Division, is working extra at Chamois.

Bro. J. D. Ferguson is working the third trick at Chamois, relieving Bro. Charley Duncan, who is visiting relatives in Illinois.

Bro. S. R. Smith, the agent at Bunceton, has purchased a nice home, with three large lots.

Bro. A. S. Bryan is still holding the fort at Sedalla as clerk for Chief Dispatcher B. H. Knapp.

The second and third tricks have been taken off at Little Blue, on account of running our freights over the Rock Island between Pleasant Hill and Kansas City.

Bro. Homan, formerly second trick at Little Blue, is now located at Osage, on second trick.

Bro. Sam Kelley is working the third trick at Blackwater. The third man at Blackwater will be taken off as soon as the steam shovel completes work there.

Bro. C. R. Williams secured the day position at Sweet Springs on bid.

Bro. Hadwen, agent at Strasburg, is off a few days, and is being relieved by Mr. O. F. Miller.

Bro. F. A. Wilson, second trick man at Myrick, has bid in the third trick at same place, as the hours are more satisfactory.

Mr. E. W. Arnold, formerly of the Union Pacific, is working the second trick at Myrick, extra.

The writer was very sorry to be compelled to allow one issue of the journal to come out without a few items from our district, but when he started for St. Louis he only expected to be absent three or four days, instead of ten days. He did not reach home in time to send in items.

The following letter was received from Bro. C. F. Holtzen, who has been employed as day telegrapher at Sweet Springs, for some time, but has resigned to accept a more lucrative position with a milling company at that point. No doubt it will do us all good to read this letter, which may make us more appreciative.

SWEET SPRINGS, MO., March 8, 1909.

Mr. W. L. W.:

Having accepted a position with the Sweet Springs Milling Company of this place, I have this day tendered my resignation to the Missouri Pacific Railway.

While I am leaving the service of the Mo. Pac. Ry., I am pleased to advise that I do not intend to drop my membership in the Order of Railway Telegraphers, as so many do when severing their connection with the railroad.

I have too much regard and sympathy for the grand Order of ours to withdraw my support, for I feel they need my little help as well as I need theirs.

Remember, then, my love and fellowship shall remain with you in your work, for my connection with the Order has been too pleasant and beneficial for me not to have its interest at heart.

I can say that I consider my change for the better, as I receive a better salary, shorter hours and no Sunday work, and these things are all to be considered.

With best wishes for your future success and happiness, I beg to remain,

Yours fraternally,

C. F. HOLTZEN.

Bro. Holtzen is building a modern cottage in Sweet Springs, as he feels more secure in his new position than he did on the road. We wish him success.

W. L. W.

#### *St. Louis District, Eastern Division—*

Bro. Zasche, working second trick at 23d St., has resigned; relieved by F. E. Welch. Bro. J. J. Glynn bid in the trick.

F. E. Welch is working third trick at Kirkwood until bulletin is filled.

Bro. Spreckelmeyer is working first trick at Valley Park, relieving Bro. Waugh.

Bro. Fred Haub is now agent at Osage. He relieved Bro. Cole, who went to Centretown as agent.

W. H. Davis relieved Bro. J. W. Haub at Osage. Bro. Davis bid in an agency on the west end, but decided he did not want it, and is now working the second trick at Gasconade. W. H. Davis was relieved at Osage by Raymond Davis, of Berger, and is now working third trick at Gasconade.

Bro. S. S. Johnson, from second trick at Gasconade, bid in third trick at Washington, and Bro. Buente moved up to second trick at Washington.

Bro. Turner, the agent at Morrison, who has been sick for some time, is again at the key. Was relieved by Raymond Davis.

Second and third tricks Gasconade, second trick Osage, and third trick Kirkwood on bulletin, but do not know who will get them at this date.

CERT. 243.

#### *Missouri Division—*

Our division has not been represented in the columns of THE TELEGRAPHER in many moons, therefore I take it upon myself to write a few lines. I do not know whether we have a regular correspondent, but certain it is nothing has appeared from this division for six months. Other divisions are represented almost monthly and, as we are one of the leading divisions of the system, it would look much better if we appeared oftener. Will not some good brother write a few lines next month?

At the present writing so far as I am able to ascertain, this division is about 99 per cent strong. Within the last two months several of the most obstinate nons have come into the fold. We are glad to welcome them and hope that others (if any now exist) will follow suit.

Bro. Caldwell, at Knobel, is the acting division chairman, to whom all bids for positions should be sent and to whom grievances should be addressed. He will send them through the proper channels.

Our local chairman, W. H. Holman, having been elected to the position of General Chairman, leaves Bro. Caldwell with the position vacated by Bro. Holman.

Quite a number of changes have taken place among the telegraphers recently.

Hoxie Yard, second trick, was bid in by Bro. A. M. Crain, from Hogan.

Bro. G. M. Carter, who has been working the Hoxie Yard trick extra, has gone elsewhere on the division to work extra; have not learned where.

The Hogan position is not yet advertised.

I notice several telegraphers at stations where there are W. U. wires only doing railroad business and sending personal injury reports, etc. Since these agents receive only about thirty or thirty-five dollars per month for their work as agents and W. U. telegraphers, it appears to me that they are violating the minimum clause in our schedule. Business for the railroad wires should not be accepted from these men. In fact, they should not accept for transmission any railroad business of whatsoever nature, and when we accept business from them we are accepting \$55.00 business from \$35.00 agency men, which is not according to our agreement with the company.

The first and second tricks at Piedmont have been advertised and bid in. C. S. Marr secured first trick and I. E. Rainer second.

Mill Springs nights is being held down by Mr. H. N. Wilson, an extra man. Mill Springs has been advertised, but it does not appear that it has yet been bid in, as Mr. Wilson is a new man.



F. M. HASWELL,

Alternate Div. No. 32.

It is to our interest to give our employers the best service possible. We now have two excellent chiefs, who will treat us fairly, and we should put forth our best efforts to give satisfaction.

The writer knows of several changes, but does not know the names of persons bidding.

CERT. 2214.

*White River Division—*

It has been a long time since I noticed anything in the journal from the White River Division.

Bro. M. G. Benning resigned third trick at Crane and was relieved by Mr. Blassingame.

Bro. W. K. Cottrell, of Galena, is taking a leave of absence, and is being relieved by Bro. W. G. Mackey. Bro. Mackey bid in third trick at Crane.

Bro. J. H. Taylor, who resigned his position as agent at Crane about two years ago, is running the Portland Hotel at that place. We are glad to know that Bro. Taylor is prospering.

All who have not secured current cards should pay dues today and not wait until tomorrow; tomorrow never comes.



F. R. O'CONNER,  
Alternate Div. No. 32.

J. W. Wooley, the agent at Cotter, who is sick and laying off, is being relieved by extra Dispatcher W. H. Huey.

Hurley has been opened as a non-telegraph station, and we understand that Battlefield will also be opened as a non-telegraph station in the near future.

Hollister, Mo., has been opened as a Western Union office only. The agent is a student from the Springfield Business College.

Mr. F. L. Moeller, who went from Yellville, Ark., to relieve J. W. Wooley at Cotter, was checked in but remained only a few days.

We understand that work is to be resumed on the new round-house at Crane immediately. It is rumored that the company has set aside five million dollars for improvements on the system this coming year.

Clean up your stations and offices and keep them neat and tidy. Give your superior officers

good service, and show them that we appreciate the kind treatment we are receiving on the White River Division. I believe we have the finest set of officials of any division on the Missouri Pacific Iron Mountain system.

Commercial Agent Jonte was a caller in Aurora in interest of the company's freight business on the evening of April 14th. CERT. 2226.

**St. Louis & San Francisco Ry.**

Wallace J. Haswell, the son of Bro. F. M. Haswell, of Division No. 32, is one of the champions of Drury College, of Springfield, Mo., in a debate against Washington University, of St. Louis, Mo.

The subject is stated, "Resolved, That the Boycott Is not a Legitimate Weapon of Organized Labor."

Drury College has the labor, or negative side of this question. Young Haswell is a junior in Drury. He is making his own way through college. Vacations he acts as relief agent and telegrapher for the Frisco.

**Baltimore & Ohio Ry.***Philadelphia Division—*

At a meeting of Baltimore Division No. 17, held March 17, 1909, the legislative committee of Maryland was re-organized.

Bro. F. F. Sullivan was again chosen chairman. Many compliments were paid him by the members of recognition of his earnest work, showing conclusively that the membership appreciates his services.

Doctor Sebastian, who will long be remembered for his invaluable assistance in securing the eight-hour law in Maryland, came in for his share of compliments.

The next meeting in Philadelphia will be held at 63d and Woodland Ave., Saturday night, May 15. A good attendance is requested and expected.

There is a growing demand for sick benefits in Division No. 33. This subject should be thoroughly discussed at meetings and some conclusion reached. Divisions with dues not as high as No. 33 pay both sick and death benefits.

The correspondent of the Wheeling Division, in the February number, makes a plea for a larger attendance at meetings, and suggests that all "kicks" be made in the lodge room, instead of at other places. He should come over to some of the meetings on the Philadelphia Division and see how well the boys turn out. It would do him good to see the big bunch we have. All grievances should be discussed in the lodge room, rather than in public places. CERT. 421.

*Monongah Division —*

As some of the boys have opened their hearts and sent me just a few items I will try to give this Division another little write-up. Our worthy local chairman, Bro. C. E. Hosler, and Bro. A. G. Youst, local chairman from the Wheeling Division, held a joint meeting on March 28, in Red Men's Hall, on Merchant street, Fairmount, W.

Va. The following brothers were present: Bros. C. E. Hosler, A. G. Youst, M. E. Price, F. M. Baker, H. F. Farlow, A. A. Eater, W. W. Satterfield, H. E. Heck, Chas. G. Pettit, C. F. Theiss, Ellis Wilson, A. E. Shingleton, L. B. Tennant, J. L. O'Dea, C. E. Miller, H. P. Robinson, R. E.



C. E. HOSLER,

Delegate Div. No. 33.

Smith, C. W. Satterfield,, T. A. Haggerty, R. C. Zimmerman, Marion Jones.

The meeting was called to order by Bro. C. E. Hosler at 11 a. m., and lasted until 1:20 p. m. Motion made by Bro. Hosler that the necessary funds be drawn from the general funds to purchase a floral offering for Mr. Thomas Fitzgerald, our deceased general manager, who died in Baltimore on the 27th of March. The motion was carried and Bro. Hosler wired Bro. Van Atta that it was satisfactory with the Monongah and Wheeling Divisions, and from what I can learn there was a very beautiful wreath presented to the family in Baltimore on Tuesday, the 29th, the day of the funeral. The family has the heartfelt sympathy of all the telegraphers on the Baltimore Ohio Railroad system.

Bro. E. L. Zimmerman, from "WD" tower, who got a six months' leave of absence, is now located on the Tonopah & Goldfield R. R. at Red Lick, Nev.

Bro. C. E. Ogden, at "D," Clarksburg, was off two days account of his wife being sick. Was relieved by Bro. Wrick.

Bro. Smith, second trick at "D," Clarksburg, was off one night, relieved by Bro. Cain, second trick from W. Va. & P. Jct. Bro. Cain was relieved by Bro. Wrick.

Bro. Stout, third trick man at W. Va. & P. Jct, is off for five or six weeks, to take a trip to Phoenix, Ariz.

Bro. Leatherman, third trick at Bridgeport, is off for a few nights, relieved by Telegrapher Snider.

There was a little mistake in the appointments. Bro. Nestor was appointed second trick at W. Va. & P. Jct. instead of Bryon. Bro. Nestor was off a couple of days, relieved by Bro. Wrick.

All the telegraphers around Clarksburg are up to date.

Business has picked up a little in the last few days.

I understand Telegrapher Minnick, who was discharged from the B. & O., a short while ago, is working in "DC," Western Union office at Clarksburg.

I understand Professor Buttingham, at Wilsonsburg, wanted to start another school at Buckhannon. The people of Buckhannon were very much opposed to it.

Bro. J. B. Glenn, second trick man at Wolf Summit, who has been off sick for some time, has resumed duty. His friends are all glad to see him back at the key again.

The brothers, at the meeting held at Fairmount on the 28th, donated the sum of \$5.00 for a floral offering for Bro. C. D. Carpenter, who died in the bathroom at a hotel in Denver, Colo. He was once a member of the Wheeling Division, and understand at the time of his death he was a member of the Grand Division, in good standing. Bro. M. E. Price was appointed to select the wreath,



E. N. VAN ATTA,

Delegate Div. No. 33.

which was a 14-inch wreath, with the letters "O. R. T." in gilt through the center, and on the card was inscribed the words, "Presented by the Telegraphers of the Wheeling and Monongah Division. Div. Cor.



*Chicago Division, West End—*

Bro. Fulkner, of Walkerton, who was off duty a couple of weeks, was relieved by Bro. Waddell, of McCools.

Bro. C. J. Fullmer, bid in the third trick at Albion on bulletin, but does not like the position.



W. J. CURRIE,  
Delegate Div. No. 33.

Bro. McMullen, of Wolf Lake yards, worked at Garrett, "G" office a couple of weeks this month. He was relieved by Bro. Todd Gary.

Some of the brothers have not paid dues for the present term. This should be attended to promptly; each brother should be able to show an up-to-date card at all times.

Bro. R. W. Clark, of Suman, third trick, was off duty a few days, visiting his parents at Kimmell.

Bro. A. C. Boomershin, of Kimmell, third trick, was off duty a few days recently, hunting ducks in the vicinity of Millers.

Bro. W. H. Baker, of Ripley, who took a leave of absence to sell lightning rods in Iowa, does not like the business, and will return in the near future.

Bro. Parent was sent to the Pittsburg Division for a couple of weeks, but has returned to the Chicago Division.

Bro. C. C. Otto, third trick at Albion, bid in Tiffin, third trick, and left for that city on February 20.

Bro. A. H. Fisher is working at Syracuse, second trick, during Bro. Shoults's absence.

On the morning of February 26, "VA" tower at Avilla was destroyed by fire. Mr. F. S. Yeiser, first trick telegrapher, lost about \$50.00 worth of personal property. Bro. C. R. Roth, the second trick man, lost a new typewriter and a sending machine. Mr. Hugh L. Stoneburner, third trick, who was on duty at that time, lost a coat and

hat and had a narrow escape. The office cat, "Sam," was badly singed. The company at once put in gates and a small shanty to operate the crossing until a new tower is erected. The new tower will be much larger and heated by steam.

Bro. W. S. Yeiser, of Albion, was off a few days, recently. He was called home on account of sickness. Relieved by Telegrapher Stickney, of Republic.

Agent Holderman, at Albion, was seriously injured last month. The second engine on train No. 16 struck the express truck which Mr. Holderman was handling. His lower jaw was broken in three places, nose broken and head badly cut. He was off duty a month, but has recovered sufficiently to resume work, with the aid of a clerk.

If anyone has news for next month, send to the local chairman, who will be glad to forward it to the journal. Div. Cor.

*Connellsville Division—*

R. C. Bowers was off a few days during the first part of March, on account of the sickness and death of his daughter, Margaret, which occurred on March 10th. He was also off duty several days in March, on account of the illness of his mother at Bedford. We understand that Mrs. Bowers is improving.

Bro. H. C. Smathers, a newcomer from B. R. & R., relieved Bowers.

Bro. Claude Gates, of Somerset, was recently called to his home at Bedford, Pa., on account of the serious sickness of his brother, Dale, who we are glad to state is convalescing.

Bro. M. K. Leutz was absent several days last month, attending the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Bowmaster, of Somerset.

Bro. Mull, the second trick man at "FO" tower, has resigned, and accepted a position with Western Maryland Railroad.

Bro. Stone, of Williams, was off a few days on account of having a boil on his neck.

Bro. J. S. Evans, who formerly held second trick at Williams, is now located at Hyndman, third trick. He was awarded this trick on last bulletin.

Bro. Rose was the successful bidder for "FO" tower, second trick.

Bro. H. J. Evans, of Williams, is off a few days looking after business affairs in and about Cumberland.

Bro. Elder, who is working at Philson, third trick, was off about a week at the beginning of the month on account of sickness.

Bro. Cronin, a recent arrival, is working extra out of Hyndman. At present he is holding the second trick at Williams.

Bro. J. E. Rush, the agent at Montana, W. Va., is at his home in Ohio Pyle, Pa., on account of the serious illness of his mother. We are happy to be able to say that she is now on the road to recovery, and we trust that the balance of Bro. Rush's stay will prove to be a pleasant vacation.

Mr. Frank Rafferty, of Ohio Pyle, Pa., is filling in the unexpired time of Bro. Merryman's six months' furlough at Yough tower.

Bro. Vincent was recently called to Columbus, O., on account of the death of his aunt.

The next meeting will be held on May 28th, at Rockwood, morning and evening sessions.

Bro. Lohr, of Jerome Junction, is taking a two weeks' vacation. Cor.

#### *New Castle Division—*

We have missed the New Castle Division news for the past few months.

The new block wire has been put into service between Warwick and Chicago Junction, and trains will soon be handled by signal indication, the same as they are now handled on the east end.

With the advent of the block wire "GR" tower at Big Four Crossing has been abandoned as a train order and block station. The sidings are now connected by 'phone with "MN" tower at Northern Ohio Crossing, which is the block station for Greenwich.

This relieves the Big Four telegraphers of considerable work.

The new electric interlocker at Sterling went into service on March 18th, and is one of the best on the B. & O. It contains eighty-six levers, and is manned by Bros. Perry, Adams, Gillety and Sweet, as telegraphers, in connection with two twelve-hour levermen.

Bro. C. F. Adams, who worked the third trick at "OD" tower, Lodi, launched out as a book agent, and later engaged in selling bath room supplies. Success to him.

Bro. McBride, third trick man at "MR" tower, is on sick leave, and expects to be off duty three weeks. He was relieved by Mr. J. C. Johnston.

Bro. Breneman, first trick telegrapher at "MN" tower, is batching for a few days, on account of his wife and daughter visiting in Cleveland.

Bro. Milburn, who works first trick at "OD" tower, was off duty nearly a month on account of the sickness of he and his wife. Bro. King relieved him.

Bro. Meagher, third trick at Nova, was recently called to Sandusky, on account of the death of his sister. He has the sympathy of the division.

Bro. Elson, the second trick man at "MR" tower, who is spending a few days with relatives in Cleveland, was relieved by Bro. King.

Bro. Burch, third trick at "MN" tower, made a trip to Cleveland recently, accompanied by his mother, who he placed in Lakeside Hospital for treatment. We hope she will return in much better health.

Bro. Brillhart, according to the April bulletin, has been assigned to the second trick at Bough-tonville. This leaves the agency at Middlefield open.

Bro. C. F. Adams, of "OD" tower at Lodi, is enjoying a few days' vacation; relieved by Bro. C. S. Fearer.

Bro. Gillety, the second trick man at Sterling, who has been sick for a couple of weeks, resumed duty on the 15th.

A new man, Mr. Lee, worked this trick during Bro. Gillety's absence, and is now working third trick temporarily, relieving Bro. Lee Sweet, who is visiting in Mansfield.

We could not get a line of any news from the east end or Lake Branch, so the foregoing are strictly west end items. CERT. 1892.

#### *Pittsburg Division, West End—*

The following appointments were made on bulletin No. 11 of April 5th: P. A. Slattery to split trick at Callery; Jerome Glancey to second trick at Downieville; Bro. E. L. Ayers to second trick at Elfinwild; Bro. W. M. Taylor to first trick at Mackin; T. H. Erwin to second trick at Ribolds.

Vacancies now exist at the following offices: Second trick at Ellwood City; first trick at Elfinwild; third trick at Goehring; second trick at Mackin.

Our last meeting, held on April 5th at Hotel Wilson, Pittsburg, was fairly well attended. An open meeting is contemplated at our regular meeting in June, which will be decided on at the



A. P. WEBSTER,  
Delegate Div. No. 33.

May meeting. Let each and every member make it a point to be on hand.

Bro. J. L. Lanning, the delegate-elect to the convention which is to be held in Atlanta, was not present at the meeting. He gave a very satisfactory explanation, and expressed his regrets

through Local Chairman Yeager. His two small children have the whooping cough, and he himself is feeling poorly. It was thought by Bro. Lanning, at one time, that it would be necessary to call on Alternate Bro. J. T. Williams, of Downieville, to prepare to go to Atlanta in his place, but it is earnestly hoped that Bro. Lanning will be able to be on hand at Atlanta when the gong sounds.

Bro. Elmer Ayres is now working at Elfinwild, second trick.

Bro. Hoeffell has been transferred to Ellwood City, second trick.

Bro. Miller, of Gibsonia, honored us with his presence at the last gathering.

Bro. J. R. Davis, second trick at Callery, is enjoying a two weeks' vacation. He expects to return to duty about April 5th; relieved by Telegrapher Rubell.



T. W. DUFFY,  
Delegate Div. No. 50.

Bro. C. D. Morehead bid in second trick at Hickman Run, and has taken charge.

Bro. Louie Schmidt has resumed duty as agent at Ribolds, after having been confined to his room on account of a severe case of mumps.

Bro. W. M. Taylor is in charge of the first trick at Mackin.

A base ball team is about to be organized on this end of the division in the near future. There is some great material on this end, so the river and Pike boys should beware.

The correspondent wishes each and every one to furnish a few items for these columns. It is impossible for one man to keep track of every move made on a division. Send all news to J.

Yeager, "Jr.," local chairman, Box 117, Callery, Pa.

Again we request all members to make a special effort to attend meetings. "SHORTSTOP."

#### *Pittsburg Division, Eastern District—*

Regular meeting held with the usual good attendance. Everyone enjoyed the box of cigars furnished by Local Chairman Bro. J. A. Yeager, of the P. & W. We can not afford to miss these interesting meetings, so do not overlook the date, and bring other members with you.

Bro. J. W. Smith, third trick at Lavenia, met with a serious accident on Monday night, March 19th, while on his way to work, in attempting to board an eastbound freight train at Layton, he lost his hand-hold and fell, the wheels passing over his left foot. He was taken to the Connellsville Hospital on No. 10, the same night, where his foot was found to be severely crushed, necessitating its amputation about the middle of the instep. Papers for his relief are now going over the division, and everyone is responding very liberally.

About one year ago one would imagine that this division was to be manned by "telegraph college graduates." Quite a number were sent along the road to "post." Some are still "posting." The rest, it seems, have given up all hope, and their opinion of the colleges is not worth mentioning. Stung!

The following appointments are shown on the bulletin, dated April 5th: Lavenia, third trick, J. W. Smith; Point Mills, days, A. Kayser; Reduction, third trick, P. C. Getz; Rand, third trick, F. B. Billups; Vista, third trick, C. L. Shugart; Versailles, first trick, W. S. Finnell; Versailles, second trick, S. J. Harper; Wheeling Junction, second trick, R. J. Carrier.

H. A. Milar is working first trick at Smithton.

Bro. Rankan, of Rand, spent Easter with relatives.

A few notes from the brothers on the "Pike" will be appreciated. CERT. 1687.

#### *Cleveland Division—*

As THE TELEGRAPHER goes to press early this month, we have had but little time to gather news, but will endeavor to have a good write-up next month.

Bro. G. H. McCoy will make the trip to Sunny Georgia, for the purpose of attending the convention at Atlanta.

Bro. F. X. Leñgs recently made a flying trip to Canton to take the color examination.

We trust the brothers signed the petition of Bro. E. F. Stenger, of C. H. & D. Ry. He hopes to be appointed "Secretary" of Ohio Railroad Commission. DIV. COR.

*West End Cumberland Division—*

Since our last write-up spring has returned, and the brothers who have not caught the spring fever are sitting along the mountain streams trying to entice the members of the finny tribe from the cool depths below.



H. H. CHAMBERS,  
Delegate Div. No. 33.

The company has a force of men at work remodeling the interlocking plant at Rowlesburg.

We are very sorry to have to chronicle the death of Mr. Patrick Moran, of Grafton. Mr. Moran was a well-known B. & O. engineer, and ran an engine over this division for many years, but owing to poor eyesight was retired a short time ago. His death was due to heart failure, from which he suddenly expired on the evening of March 31st. He was the father of Bro. D. S. Moran, of Piedmont, and Bro. Will Moran, of Flemington, both of whom have the sincere sympathy of the brothers of this division.

Bro. J. R. Murphy spent several days in Pittsburg visiting friends; relieved by Bro. F. J. Murphy, of Mt. Lake Park, who was relieved by Telegrapher Luthke.

Business is still rather dull on this division. We do not look for much improvement before the fall, as most of the coal business is going toward the Great Lakes at present, and will very likely continue to do so until early autumn, which is usually the case.

Our meeting of April 15th was very well attended, and quite an amount of business was transacted.

An effort will be made in the near future to hold daylight meetings at some convenient point on the division. When notice is received, do not fail to attend; also don't forget the meeting on the third Thursday of each month.

CERT. 113.

*East End, Cumberland Division—*

Bro. G. W. Chambers, first trick at Hancock tower, met with a very severe accident recently, while going down the tower steps his feet slipped, causing him to fall and fracture a bone in his leg; he is at present confined to his bed.

Bro. W. C. Fisher, first trick man at Sir Johns Run, is at present laying off in an endeavor to regain his health. The boys all wish him a speedy recovery.

Bro. I. B. Clark, who has been working third trick at Sir Johns Run for the past year, has secured a position on the C. V. R. R., and will move to his new location soon.

C. T. U. A. Bro. Metelits, of Green Spring, was a business visitor at the Village of Oldtown recently.

Quite a number of the telegraphers would be lonesome, indeed, were it not for the students they allow to handle switches and sometimes work wires. Do you not know that you are making conditions worse by allowing these students in your offices?



W. E. FRASHER,  
Delegate Div. No. 33.

Bro. C. P. Houck, from Hedgesville, worked a few nights at Green Spring last week.

Bro. J. D. Rockwell, second trick at Green Spring, spent his vacation around Sleepy Creek and Millers Hill this month.

A note from Bro. C. F. Starr, formerly second trick at Okonoko, states that he is comfortably located in Washington, D. C.

Bro. E. T. Van Gosen, first trick man at Okonoko, has been confined to his bed for the past three weeks with typhoid fever. We are glad to know that his condition is improving at this writing. Cor.

### Chicago & Eastern Illinois Ry.

#### Chicago Division—

Another month has rolled around, and no items have been received from any of the brothers, therefore, I will attempt to give what few changes have occurred. Why can not the members help out by sending us an item or two each month? Get them to me by the 20th, so that they will appear in the next month's journal.



J. F. RICHARDSON,  
Delegate Div. No. 33.

The first and second tricks at "WA," Watseka, are still on bulletin, and will probably be filled by the time this is in print.

Bro. F. R. Spurgen, the agent at Pittwood, who resigned to take a position with the C. M. & St. P. R. R., has decided not to leave, and has canceled his resignation.

Bro. H. S. Lottenville, second trick at "SA," St. Anne, has returned from his vacation and resumed work.

Telegrapher C. F. Prough' bid in "WA," Watseka, third trick, and will commence working that trick as soon as he is relieved from the first trick at that place.

Once more let me ask that you get busy, and send me some news. Cor.

#### Illinois Division—

Bro. H. R. Fogler, first trick at "SX" tower, has been elected local chairman of the Illinois Division; Bro. W. H. Wyckoff, representative, and Bro. E. W. Lacy, first trick at Villa Grove yard, alternate. We can not say at this time who has been elected general chairman, as we were unable to attend the meeting called for that purpose at Momence, Sunday, March 21st.

Now that we have a most excellent local chairman of this division, there is no excuse for another year of inactivity. However, do not depend on the local chairman to do all the work, but assist him in every way possible by soliciting new members, instead of making too many suggestions.

Bro. L. Finn, first trick at "SA" tower, has resigned, and is going back to Mother Nature, via the "Farmer's Line." Mr. F. J. Wheling is manipulating the levers, extra, until the position is bid in.

Bro. Goodall has bid in second trick at Thebes.

Bro. Gunn, second trick at Cypress, has resigned. He is being relieved temporarily by Mr. J. E. Hawker.

Bro. O. L. Neal is taking a few days' vacation, which he is spending with his folks near Odin, Ill.

Bro. W. S. Johnson has bid in third trick at "AH" tower.

Bro. M. L. Uhrich, third trick at Salem yard, is taking a few days' vacation. He is being relieved by Mr. F. J. Wheling.

Bros. Hobbs and Vincent, second and third tricks at Marion, have traded positions. Bro. Vincent is now working second, and Bro. Hobbs third trick.

Why not hold a meeting at Mt. Vernon in the near future? This would be a splendid place to hold meetings, and a number of the boys in that vicinity are in favor of meeting at that point. The train service is fairly good, and as there are many things of interest to discuss, we should have a large attendance. If this suits the reader, write local chairman Fogler to that effect, and "push."

The station at Holland has been closed; also the first trick telegrapher at Benton has been taken off. The second and third trick men are working nine hours each.

Bro. A. C. Tanner, who was formerly agent at Tamms, has bid in the agency at Ullin.

Bro. J. L. Johnson, the former cashier at Mt. Vernon, has bid in the Mode agency, relieving Mr. W. A. Butler. Mr. Butler relieved Bro. A. C. Tanner at Tamms.

The writer will endeavor to learn the names of all the nons on this division, and send them to the local chairman, and asks all the brothers to assist him by doing likewise.

Personal letters were written to quite a number of the members on this division, requesting that they send items for a write-up, but only one member responded. We thank him, and ask all the others to come in next month. CART. 54.

**Pennsylvania Ry.***New Jersey Division—*

An increase in membership is reported and the gradual growth which is being experienced at this time is the result of the nons awakening to the fact that what has been received up to the present



A. G. Youst,

Delegate Div. No. 33.

time is the fruit of organization. The only reason that we are not receiving more is that there has been in the past a lack of support, and, in the hope that good things are yet to come, appeals have been made to every eligible employe to become identified with the organization of his craft, the Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

There has been a reduction in the initiation fee; this has been made to enable those who have been hard pressed financially to get in at the least possible expense. The special rate expires at the end of the present six months' period. Telegraphers have often heard to state that they would like to belong to the organization, but that it costs too much to get in. Three and one-half cents per day pays a member's dues and carries an insurance of \$500, so that with the practice of self-denial to the extent of one cigar each day of the year membership can be carried in an organization which represents and legislates for the interests of the telegraph department. The Federal nine-hour law for telegraphers has been tried and found to be satisfactory, and the time is not far distant when an eight-hour law will be demanded for the agents and other employes coming under the jurisdiction of our organization. To bring this about it is necessary for each employe to become a member of the organization and bear his proportion of the expense. Let us establish a record by making every eligible employe a mem-

ber of the organization before the end of the period. Explain the benefits of organization to the non next to you, and endeavor to secure his application for membership.

PAL.

**Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.***New River District—*

A meeting of the membership of the New River and Alleghany Districts of Division No. 40, was held in the Big Four Building at Hinton, W. Va., April 15, with a very fair attendance from New River, everything considered. The meeting was opened at 10 o'clock p. m., with our worthy general chairman, Bro. L. E. Hicks, of Cralgville, Va., in the chair. Bro. Hicks gave us a very interesting talk, which was no doubt appreciated. Having had twelve years' experience as local chairman, he is exceptionally well qualified to serve as general chairman.

The nons should get in line; we do not want any more soft soap and hard luck stories. There are but few left, so let us endeavor to make C. & O. System, Division No. 40, solid from one end to the other. We have one of the best divisions on the system, and it is through hard work that it has been put in this condition.

If you are working with a non-member, go after him and do not stop until you secure his application.



J. B. MILLER,

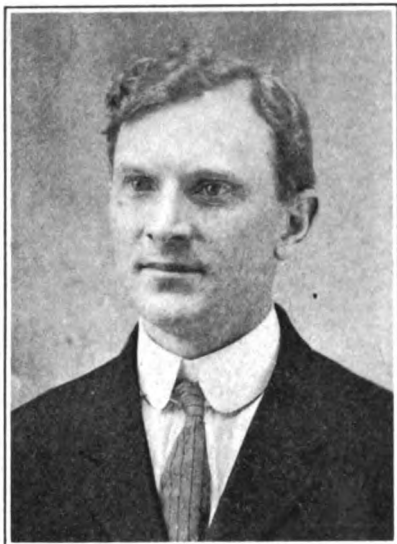
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We are very glad to again have Bro. M. L. Denning for local chairman. He is well known by the good work he did in the past, while chairman of Division No. 40.

Everything is moving along nicely. Bro. Hicks is of the opinion that we will be solid by June 30.

Delinquent members are paying up, and a number of applications are being received. This sounds good, and goes to show that the membership in general is well pleased with the present officers.

Some of the boys experience difficulty in obtaining rooms after meetings are over. They should



J. T. WILLIAMS,  
Alternate Div. No. 33.

follow Bro. Judy's plan and register at the Chesapeake on arrival at Hinton. The McCreary is very nice, also the Y. M. C. A. furnishes good beds at twenty-five cents, sufficiently good for Bro. Daniels and the writer, who know from experience. We should secure some rest in order to give good service the following day.

Any time that you have a grievance you can not adjust satisfactorily, Bro. Denning is willing to see you through. He, being located near Hinton, can handle matters personally with the division officials.

Our division was very poorly represented in THE TELEGRAPHER during the months of January, February and March. It is not for the want of news, nor for the lack of capable writers that our division does not occupy more space in THE TELEGRAPHER. The writer has been induced to try his hand and hopes this action will inspire others to do likewise.

CERT. 310.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, the Divine Ruler of the universe to take from our midst our esteemed brother, J. W. Graybill, who died at Clifton Forge, Va., on March 20, 1909; and

WHEREAS, In the death of Bro. Graybill his family has lost a true and loving member, and

Division No. 40, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers a worthy and faithful member, and one who was fearless in the discharge of his duty, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That we bow in humble submission to the will of the all-wise and divine Ruler who doeth all things for the best; be it further

*Resolved*, That the officers and members of C. & O. Division No. 40 extend to the bereaved family and relatives their heartfelt sympathy in this, their sad hour; be it further

*Resolved*, That, as a tribute of respect to our deceased brother, these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, a copy sent to the family, and a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

R. E. TYLER,  
C. A. SEAL,  
W. S. ACORD,

Committee.

#### Erie Ry.

The older members of this division were much pained to learn of the death of Bro. Wm. Clancy, which occurred at St. Louis, while he was participating in a parade, given by the Knights Templars, on Easter Sunday, of which order he was an honored member. We, the older members of Erie System Division No. 42, remember that it was Bro. Clancy who stood for us in the infancy of the Order, and who by his loyalty and devotion to the cause he believed to be just and right, accomplished his object that of bettering the condition of the telegraphers on the Erie Ry. I speak from a personal knowledge of affairs at the time when the telegraphers were smarting under many impositions, and working for a rate of wages barely enough to keep them alive. When Bro. Ellis (the first man sent here to organize) made his initial trip over the division, the first to respond was Bro. Clancy. He did all he could for the betterment of the craft at any and all times. No doubt but that all the old-time members appreciate his efforts, and I think I voice the sentiments of all who understood the situation, and the disadvantages under which Bro. Clancy was placed when he was made general chairman. He never faltered, but persevered until the desired results were obtained, and we trust that when he stands before the great judge he will hear these words: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over few things, I will make thee ruler over many."

J. S. COLLIER.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst, our esteemed and beloved Bro. Clancy, be it

*Resolved*, that we thus express our high appreciation of his long service as an officer and worker for our Order, and be it further

*Resolved*, That the heartfelt sympathy of each loyal brother of Erie System Division No. 42 be extended to his family in this their hours of desolation and sadness, at the loss of their loved one, and be it further

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our meeting, and treasured in the archives of the lodge room to the memory of a worthy departed brother, also a copy be transmitted to the family of our deceased brother, and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

O. W. UPLINGER,  
J. W. BRINGOLF,  
J. S. COLLIER,

*Committee.*

#### *Susquehanna Division—*

Everything along the division is very quiet, and items are scarce.

Bro. W. J. Malone has resigned to accept a position with the "Elmira Advertiser." While we are sorry to lose Bro. Malone, we are glad to see him better his condition.

Bro. P. Shaughnessy, third trick at Bingham station, was off one night; relieved by Mr. Mose-son.

Bro. M. J. Derrig has secured the third trick at Wellsburg.

Bro. Tim Ryan is off duty a few days; relieved by Mr. Pitt.

Bro. H. M. King has been assigned to the agency at Hickory Grove.

Telegrapher L. A. King has been working second trick at Painted Post.

Bro. Barkalow bid in the second trick at Canisteo. We are indebted to him for west end items.

Bro. M. R. Hollands, of Erwin, was assigned to second trick at "Magees," but later Mr. A. R. Taylor relieved him.

The new time table, which goes into effect May 2d, will be a boon to the traveling public. Two N. Y. and Chicago trains are to be added.

It is expected that the Elmira & Waverly trolley will be rushed through to Elmira and that cars will be running into that city before the summer is over.

The date of the next meeting will be made known in due time; come out and you will hear something that will be of interest to you.

Div. Cor.

#### *Mahoning Division—*

The third trick at "OB," superintendent's office, was bid in by W. T. Williams.

The first trick at Niles, which at the present time is advertised, is being held down by Geo. Hemple until regularly assigned.

E. B. Bundy, the third trick man at De Forest tower, has left the service, and the third trick at the present time is being held down by H. A. Kirby.

In order to insure insertion in the convention number, it is necessary to mail these items a week earlier than usual, and on that account your correspondent does not get the benefit of the regular monthly meeting at Warren, at which to gather the news.

Remember that the meeting in May is to be on the fourth Saturday night, instead of the third Saturday night, on account of the convention in Atlanta. The meeting will be held in the same place, corner Park Ave. and Market St., over Union National Bank Hall, on the third floor.

Div. Cor.

#### **Canadian Northern Ry.**

##### *Dauphin and Prince Albert Section—*

It is so seldom that these columns contain any reference to this system, particularly this district, that I feel constrained to pen a few words in relation thereto; and hope that some of the boys on this and other districts decide to break into the journal's space more frequently.

What do you think of the financial statement for 1908, which has just been received? It looks pretty fair doesn't it? To my mind the most pleasing feature of it is that we have the old C. N. practically solid O. R. T. For this, great credit is due our efficient general chairman, secretary treasurer and those members who have assisted them in lining up the nons.



D. H. MORIARTY,

Alternat Div. No. 33.

Our old acquaintance Bro. Hughes has lately been moved from Neepawa to Prince Albert, much to the regret of the people of the former place.

Kinistino's genial agent, Mr. McRoble, was presented with a son and heir last week.



Bro. C. S. Chard recently moved from Mafeking to Crooked River, vice Bro. Wheaton, who has been transferred to Rossburn agency.

Bro. McMann has been appointed agent at Hudson Bay Junction, in place of Mr. Demochell, who is no longer in the company's service.



OSCAR J. RASH,  
Alternate Div. No. 33.

Bro. Armstrong has returned to Erwood after a brief vacation, during which time he was relieved by Night Telegrapher Salter from Swan River.

Let us make an effort to get the remaining nons into line; there are but a few of them. They offer no excuse but what can be torn to shreds in a minute. They draw the increased salary, get their express and telegraph commissions, work under a schedule which guarantees them shorter hours, adequate compensation for overtime, and numerous other advantages; all of which benefits were secured by the Order, and for which they pay nothing.

Do not lay your journal aside and wait for someone else to contribute next month. Write a few lines for the Fraternal Column, and get it in for the next and the following issues.

A great many of us are so situated that it is almost impossible to arrange regular meetings or attend them, and practically our only means of intercourse is through the journal (the wire excepted), so let us get busy and take a lesson from other divisions. Fraternize as it were through the department which is reserved in the journal for this purpose. In this manner we can keep in closer touch with each other, one district will know what the other is doing and vice-versa, and we can keep track of "what's doing" all over the many scattered and rapidly growing lines of the system. "MISTAKEN."

#### Fourth District—

Times are rather quiet up our way while old man Winter is at the bat, but now that spring has arrived and summer will soon be having his innings, you ought to be able to brush up a bit and send your correspondent a few notes each month. No matter how small or insignificant they may seem to you, send them along, and when all the notes are "amalgamated," they may prove of interest to the most of us on this division.

Many changes have taken place on the line since this district was last represented in THE TELEGRAPHER, but as I can not recollect them all, will only mention a few of the more recent.

Our late Local Chairman, Bro. Litster, of Langham, bid in the agency at South Battleford. Bro. Douglas, from Warman, securing Langham.

Bro. Woods, the day telegrapher at Warman, secured the agency at that place. We hear that Bro. Bethune is now on the day shift at Warman.

Bro. Dan Bigham, of Lavoy, with his family, is at present visiting Manitoba and points East.

Bro. Waterfield is taking a spring "rest-up," and is being relieved by Bro. H. McGill.

Relief Dispatcher Bro. Fallow bid in the agency at Vermilion, lately vacated by Bro. Hinsberger.

Bro. Harry Moore, the Fourth District "wire wizard," is now in "FD" office, at N. Battleford.



B. A. MILLER,  
Alternate Div. No. 33.

Bro. Lane, of Veregin, is taking a few holidays at present, and is being relieved by Mr. McCully, late of Bruno.

In closing, let me impress upon the members that it is their duty to handle the business of the company in a business-like manner. Make

the officials realize that we are working for their interests as well as our own. It will be to our advantage in the long run.

Send any notes you have to your correspondent, as early in the month as possible, as they must be in St. Louis by the 28th to insure insertion in the following month's TELEGRAPHER.

"PRO TEM."

### Central of Georgia Ry.

#### Chattanooga Division—

At a meeting of the general committee, held in Macon, several weeks since, Bros. Livzey and Travls were re-elected general chairman and secretary and treasurer for another term, so we may rest assured that our affairs will be properly taken care of. While these brothers are competent, they need the assistance of each individual member to keep every eligible man lined up. Let's all do our duty in this respect.

Mr. St. Clair, copier in the dispatcher's office, was off duty a few days recently; relieved by Bro. Bolton, from yard office, Chattanooga. Bro. Bolton was relieved by Bro. Housch.

Mr. B. A. Powell, who has been out of the service for a number of years is on the extra list, and relieved Bro. Dunaway at Chickamauga, a few days.

We understand that Rossville agency is up for bid, and that the bidding is pretty lively. Don't know where Bro. Brantley intends to go.

CERT. 265.

#### Savannah Division—

Mr. J. M. Eden has been transferred from Machen to Mansfield agency, vice Mr. O. Z. Ozburn.

Mr. G. L. Mills' position as warehouseman at Tennille has been abolished and he is now working extra. He relieved Mr. Shumpit at Millen and Mr. C. T. Vaughn at Gordon, a few days each.

Meldrim third trick, held by Mr. J. R. Pope, has been abolished, leaving Mr. Pope in the field.

Dover second trick has been abolished, Bro. H. E. Holland bidding in third trick at Gordon over Mr. Jones, who is a younger man in the service.

The general committee met at Macon, Saturday, March 29, for the purpose of auditing the books of the secretary and treasurer, and electing both secretary and treasurer and a general chairman. Bros. Travis and Livzey were re-elected to their respective offices. The books of the secretary and treasurer were found to be in excellent condition.

To avoid any disappointment to the members when looking over the journal, would request that all changes made during the month be reported to the correspondent. One man can't keep track of the changes on an entire division.

CERT. 3.

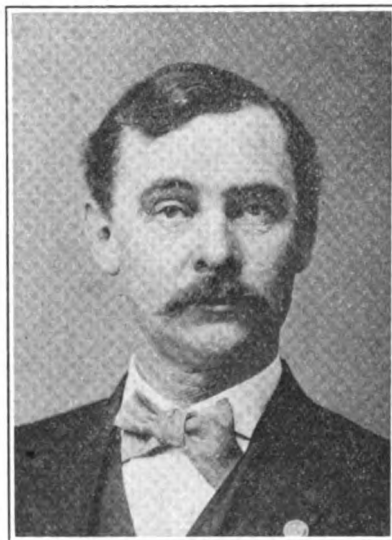
### Ann Arbor Ry.

The third tricks at Hallet and Clare are open for bid. Bro. Lanham, of Hallet, bid in the Vernon agency, and Telegrapher Nevison has left the service.

Election is over and Bro. L. R. Taylor, of Mt. Pleasant, has been declared elected to the position of local chairman of the Ann Arbor Ry.

Bro. D. Campbell, third vice-president, was with us at Owasso, Friday evening, March 19. On account of the short notice there were but four members at the meeting. Look out for another date in near future and be sure to be present.

Mr. D. J. O'Hara is again at work on the Ann Arbor, after having been out of the service for some time.



JNO. V. PHILLIPS,  
Delegate Div. No. 34.

Bro. Kerwin is at Durand, working third trick; Bro. Mattis has gone to Lakeland days.

Bro. Manor, of Ann Arbor, took a trip to the northern part of the State a few weeks ago, and reports having had a good time.

The ice harvest is about over with, and business beginning to drop off. Lake George, Cadillac and Beulah have been the principal leading points and several hundred cars have been shipped from each place.

Telegraphers Carr, of Shepherd, and Briggs, of Mt. Pleasant, have traded positions. This brings Carr to Mt. Pleasant, which is his home.

Bro. Roof, formerly third trick at Clare, has taken the first trick, which was made vacant by the resignation of Telegrapher Nevison, who has left the service.

Bro. Mills, of Division No. 39, has been working at Lake George, for some time.

If anyone is working with a brother belonging to another division, secure his certificate and division number and advise your local chairman, who will arrange to have him transferred to Division No. 48. This is in accordance with the constitution.

Can you not spare the amount of one month's increase, secured during the negotiations of two years ago, to wipe out the indebtedness of the division? Think it over and decide in the affirmative.

It is rumored that a change in management of the Ann Arbor is contemplated. We have heard that the C. P. R. has secured control. Time will tell.

An examination on sight and hearing was held recently. So far we have heard of no one in



E. W. LACY,  
Alternate Div. No. 34.

the telegraph service who was unable to pass, but understand that there were a few in the train and motive department who failed.

Div. Cor.

### Bessemer & Lake Erie Ry.

Bro. J. M. Cochran, first trick at Sumnerville, took a few days' vacation, recently. Relieved by Telegrapher Keep.

Bro. R. W. Ferry, first trick at Wallace Jct. for the Nickel Plate, enjoyed a short vacation recently. Unable to say as to relief.

Bro. H. B. Long, second trick at "XB," North Bessemer, enjoyed a vacation last month. Mr. A. E. Hedeon, the third trick man, worked second, and Telegrapher R. S. Keep worked third trick.

Bro. C. A. Rood bid in the first trick at Kremis. Mr. F. J. Clavin worked at Queen Jct. until "MY" was bid in by Bro. C. W. McDowell.

Mr. D. W. Tait, the agent at Fredonia, who took a leave of absence and toured the Western States, has returned.

Bro. H. B. Smith resumed duty first trick, Mr. T. R. O'Brien went to second trick at Coolspring, Mr. H. L. Hicks taking third.

Mr. W. E. Wright, agent at Platea, has taken a leave of absence, and Bro. E. W. Hoover, a telegrapher from the New York Central, has been checked in.

Mr. F. B. Campbell, an extra telegrapher, is working at Hartnett, first trick, until this position is assigned.

Mr. T. W. Cosgrove, third trick man at Pittsburg Jct., had the misfortune to fall in the engine pit at Butler transfer. He received some severe bruises. Bro. J. H. Brooks, second trick at "JC," worked third and Mr. C. W. Rimer worked second. Mr. E. F. Redfoote relieved Mr. Rimer at Culmerville.

Engineer S. R. Miles died at his home in Albion, March 28. The remains were taken to Punxsutawney for burial. Mr. Miles had many friends among the fraternity, who were sorry to hear of his death.

A serious wreck occurred at Houston Jct. in which Engineer Clarence Gordineer was killed and Conductor Titus badly scalded. The market train hit the rear end of the "nigger" local, damaging one of the new engines and delaying traffic.

The meeting held in Grove City, March 24, was well attended and everyone seemed pleased with the change. Unless No. 44 is pulled off it is our intention to hold more meetings at that point. Meetings are held in Odd Fellows' Hall, third floor of building corner Broad and Blair streets, opposite the station.

From all indications it is evident that a larger amount of business than ever will be handled by the Bessemer this season. Eighteen new engines have been added to the motive power and a large amount of work on double tracks is being done.

Bro. J. C. Simmons was on the sick list last month. He was relieved by Bro. C. A. Callahan.

Bro. R. P. Kebert was off duty one trick on April 5. Mr. C. E. McGuire filled his place.

The general committee met the officials of the B. & L. E. Ry. at the general manager's office in Pittsburg, Pa., April 19, to adjust a few grievances and negotiate for a revision of the schedule. Results will be announced later.

CERT. 134.

### Southern Pacific Ry.

#### Shasta Division—

The future Alaska-Yukon Exposition is causing a gradual increase of business in passenger traffic, as well as freight. It is understood that four more passenger trains will be added to the card about the seventh of May, two of which are old 11 and 12, and the other two strictly first-class passengers, making very few stops between Portland and San Francisco.

We regret to say that Representative F. E. Walters will be unable to attend the convention. Bro. Walters, our re-elected local chairman, is doing excellent work and in a very short time this division will be solid, with the exception of a few hopeless cases.



R. A. BROWN,  
Delegate Div. No. 35.

Bro. A. C. Shutt has been assigned to the position of telegrapher at Smithson.

Bro. A. Bundy is still working the second trick at Red Bluff, and Sister E. J. Bundy is relieving Bro. G. J. Rudolph, the third trick telegrapher.

Telegrapher K. W. Jones, the regular third trick man at Hornbrook, is relieving Telegrapher R. P. Flynn, at Dunsmuir for a short time.

Bro. A. D. Henning, first trick telegrapher at Sisson, is taking a few weeks' vacation; relieved by Bro. J. N. Nixon, regular third trick man. Bro. Nixon was relieved by Mr. L. Loyd.

Bro. F. A. Reiser of Montague, has just returned from Southern California, where he enjoyed a few weeks' vacation. Bro. N. N. West has been assigned to the third trick at Montague.

Bro. Geo. L. Corby has been assigned to the first trick at Kennet.

Bro. M. P. Jarvis was appointed agent at Hilt on last bulletin.

Mr. L. R. Wilson, a new man on the division, is working as second trick telegrapher at Redding. The second trick is bulletined; applicant must understand the sale of Eastern tickets.

A new man is relieving at Coram.

Relief Telegrapher F. E. Edwards is relieving Bro. U. L. Hakes at Hornbrook. Bro. Hakes is relieving S. J. Smith, the agent, and Bro. H. Wilson is working in the place of K. W. Jones, the night man.

Bro. A. F. Howard has been assigned to the agency at Macdoel.

The following vacancies are shown on Bulletin No. 11:

Agent at Mt. Hebron.

Telegrapher and clerk at Coram.

Telegrapher and clerk at Dunsmuir Freight House.

Second Telegrapher and Clerk at Redding.

As usual, we are unable to get news from branch. Boys, get busy and send me a few notes occasionally, you can't expect me to do it all. Address letters to Siskiyou.

Div. Cor.

"BD," General Telegraph Office, San Francisco—

Vacation time is here once more, and the way the old-timers in the office are going after relief is no joke.

Bro. E. C. Smith is off for sixty days, beginning March 1. It is reported that Smithy is making a sort of summer resort out of his ranch near Glenn, Calif. He has been occupying most of his time building a swell bungalow.

Mr. W. H. McKinney, who keeps things going on the Omaha Dux, is off for thirty days, April 1.

Mr. C. L. Balliet, late night chief, is spending thirty days in Southern California and Arizona. He has been experiencing poor health the last two years.

Bro. Glensor, who is winning distinction in law circles, will leave for thirty or sixty days the first of May.



DAVID M. CALLIS,  
Delegate Div. No. 35.

Bro. Otto Harelson is acting as late night chief during the absence of Mr. Balliet.

Bro. Abbott, from "OW," Oakland Pier, is filling in one of the vacation reliefs.

Mr. Carl Cogdon, recently from Chicago, and Mr. W. A. Warrensford, an old-timer in the telegraph business, are also filling in during vacations.

Bros. Holladay and Segur leave for an extended vacation the first of May. They will endeavor to discover the precious yellow metal in the desert of Nevada.

Business continues to be nothing more than fair and it is the earnest wish of everyone in the office that things would liven up, as they were three years ago.

On April 6 "NG" office and "H" office in Los Angeles were taken away from us. "NG" office, which, for many years has been the relay office for Southern California, has been made more of a terminal office, while "H" office, General Agent Graham's uptown office, has been abandoned. All



OLIVER T. TOADVINE,  
Alternate Div. No. 35.

the relay work will be handled at "HU," General Superintendent Platt's uptown office, with the following temporary force to handle it: Mr. H. H. Cooper, manager; Mr. L. C. McIntosh, assistant manager and wire chief; Mr. Tom Gray and Bros. Hage and Steere. Mr. Cooper has been in "HU" office for many years, and it is hoped that the new arrangement will lighten his burden. Bro. Segur, who handles the first Los Angeles Dux, will, no doubt, be more appreciative of the new arrangement than any one else.

Bro. Brown Pogue recently moved his residence from Oakland to South Berkeley.

We take this opportunity to say that it would be manifesting the proper spirit, if a few of the relay offices on the Pacific System would show signs of life. At numerous division relay offices the membership is very limited. There is no better talent in the telegraph service than that on the

Pacific System, and it seems to us that there are no acceptable excuses for the men not lining up. A word to the wise should be sufficient.

CICERO MUTT.

#### *Sacramento District—*

Local Chairman J. E. Blackford has just returned from his trip over the Sacramento District, and reports everything in a very favorable condition. Only one non-member, without good or sufficient reason has refused to take out a card. There still remains a few non-members, but all have promised to come in before June 30. All members are in good standing, what few delinquents were in the district have been paid up, thus showing that our schedule is appreciated. There is certainly no good reason why we should have any non-members; however, we always find some who are willing to let the other man pay for what he receives.

Bro. C. S. Greene, first trick at Reno, has taken a vacation on account of sickness. Bro. Fogelson is relieving him. Mr. Radcliffe, an old-time dispatcher, is working second trick. Mr. Jepson is working third trick. Bro. I. A. Hartwick has given up third trick and accepted position as ticket agent. We are sorry to lose him as a telegrapher, but pleased to see him obtain a promotion.

Bro. Geo. Yeager, agent at Boca, is on a vacation taking a trip through the East. He is relieved by Bro. H. L. Bruce.

Bro. R. H. Loban third telegrapher at Boca, has gone to Floriston, relieving Mr. S. J. Bailey, who has been assigned to the agency at Corning. Bro. J. J. Woodbury has taken third trick at Boca.

Bro. C. C. Stroupe, third trick at Spruce is taking a vacation, he being relieved by one of the Los Angeles students.

Bro. E. F. Stewart has returned from a trip to Santa Cruz.

Bro. C. A. Bailey, agent at Towle, has been on leave of absence account sickness. Bro. Bailey's father died recently in Auburn. Sacramento District extends its sympathy in his great loss. Bro. C. E. Schoonover, second trick at Caporn, has taken charge at Towle during Bro. Bailey's absence.

Bro. W. H. Gorton has gone to Wheatland to accept position as clerk, temporarily, his position as third trick at Gold Run being filled by Bro. P. B. Bell.

Bro. A. T. Johnston is relieving Bro. Schoonover, second trick at Caporn.

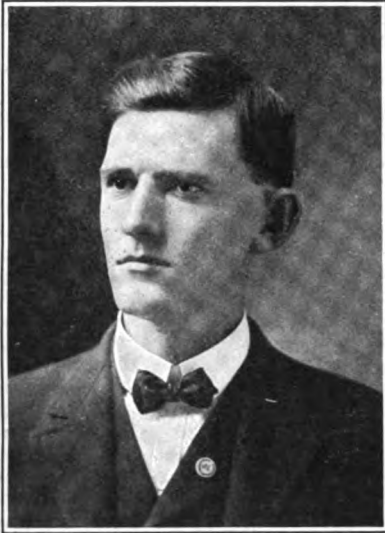
Bro. J. F. Casey, first trick at Colfax, is going East, soon. He has been sick for some time, and we trust that his vacation will improve his health. We find the force at Colfax solid, Bro. Lobne as agent, Bro. Thomas, first trick during Bro. Casey's absence, Bro. Flynn second trick and Bro. McCloud third trick.

Mr. H. Van Fleet, at Auburn, third trick, relieved by Bro. H. C. Troth. Bro. Troth is to take the agency at Williams soon. Mr. Van Fleet is

an old-timer, and we are assured that he will soon take out a card. Auburn office will then be solid.

Bro. W. E. Rogers, at New Castle, has an excellent opportunity to do some missionary work at that point.

Bro. Mathers, of Penryn, and Bro. Aymar, of Loomis are getting their working clothes out for the busy fruit season, which soon begins.



O. A. NETHERCUTT,  
Delegate Div. No. 36.

Bro. L. L. Brewer has accepted the agency at Roseville, temporarily.

Lincoln agency will be on the next bulletin, as we understand Mr. A. C. Fleming is going out of the business. First trick is now filled by H. C. Ernst, whom, we understand, is a member of another division. His wife, also a member of another division, is filling position as clerk.

Bro. R. V. Moore has filed on the agency at Emigrant Gap and will go there within a few days.

Bro. C. A. Nelson, agent at Corning, will take the agency at Towles when relieved by Mr. Bailey, of Floriston.

Mr. D. C. Pelton, of Fruto, is on a vacation, relieved by Bro. M. H. Church.

Bro. F. M. Goff, of the E. P. & S.-W., is relieving Bro. Locey at Colusa Jct., whom we understand is taking a vacation.

Bro. L. F. Pinder, of the C. & A., is relieving clerk at Williams.

Bro. C. E. Heidrick, of Zamora, has returned to work. He has not fully recovered as yet from his gunshot wound, but is improving rapidly.

Bro. G. W. Whybark has recently purchased a new Ford automobile. He can be seen every evening speeding on the fine roads around Yolo.

Following is the new local board for Sacramento District: J. E. Blackford, chairman, Towle, Calif.; H. H. Houston, secretary, No. 2020 "S" St., Sacramento, Calif.; H. M. Baxter, committeeman. Truckee, Calif.

The new seniority list is now in hands of the printer and will, no doubt, be distributed soon. In case there should be an error in the dating of any brother, the matter should be taken up with the local chairman at once and date will be corrected promptly.

CERT. 2453.

#### *Western Division—*

Bro. J. W. Beardsley, from Avon, is taking a trip in the East, visiting relatives, he having resigned the position at Avon account of his daughter's health.

Bro. L. Dyer, second trick from Davis, bid in Avon. Bro. J. McMichael relieved Bro. Dyer.

Bro. P. M. Quien, extra, bid in the assistant agency at Vallejo Jct.

Bro. E. H. Roe, after visiting relatives in the East, has returned, and is doing his share at Elmira.

Bro. E. Weidner has returned to his position at Livermore, after relieving Mr. Groves at Bay Point for several weeks, while the latter was visiting in Oregon.

Bro. R. Hebard, from Mt. Eden, bid in the agency at Bethany, Bro. H. L. Tompkins having resigned same to accept another position.



T. J. GALLAGHER,  
Delegate Div. No. 37.

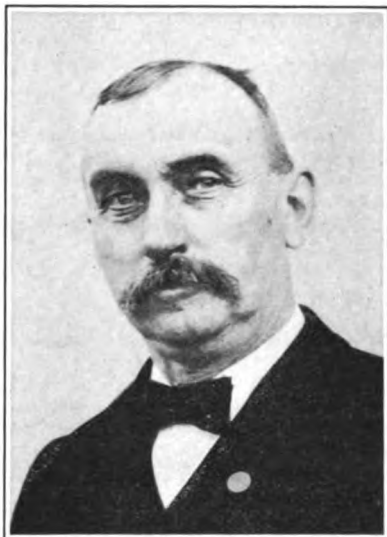
Understand Bro. W. R. Burns, assistant at Pinole, has resigned and accepted a position with the Union Oil Co. at Oleum.

Bro. C. B. Ballard is doing the relief act at Guinda for awhile.

Bro. G. A. Rusterholtz, the night owl at Bay Point, is taking a vacation, and visiting relatives in Chicago. Relieved by J. C. Clay.

Bro. L. G. Eby, agent Suisun, bid in the agency at Napa Jct.

It is hoped that members will keep me fully informed on matters they wish published in THE



E. B. CLAY,  
Alternate Div. No. 37.

TELEGRAPHER and have same reach me not later than the twentieth of the month in order to have them appear in the following issue as they have to be in the editor's hands by the twenty-eighth.

Now that we have a dispensation for April and May, it should be a great inducement for the members to secure the application of the nons, and not let them rest until you have lined them up.

Am in hopes of having a better write-up next issue, as will expect to be better posted on the changes by the members where the changes are made, although will see that this division is represented in each issue.

Div. Cor.

### Northern Pacific Ry.

#### Minnesota Division—

This is to inform the members of the Minnesota Division that I have been elected local chairman, and shall do everything in my power to better conditions.

The following are a few of the changes:

Bro. Anderson has been transferred to Frazee Station, relieving Mr. Waller, who has gone to Milnor, on the branch. We understand Mr. Stokley, former agent at Milnor, has left the service.

Mr. Mahar, second trick at Glyndon, is taking a short vacation. His place is being filled by Mr.

Ringstad, who was formerly located at Grand Forks.

Mr. Owston, who formerly worked at Fertile, landed the Grafton agency and Mr. Johnson was transferred from Voss to Fertile. It is understood that a new man by the name of Weston is holding Voss station.

Fraternally,  
H. E. OLSEN,  
Local Chairman.

#### Lake Superior Division—

This month's write-up will be short, as I have not much material and less time.

I am glad to say that some of the members take an interest in our fraternal column. I received notes from a couple of brothers. They will please "come again," as every little helps.

Spring has really arrived, and there are signs of returning activity along the line. We now have at least two work trains at the Barnum pit, and another pit will be opened a short distance west of Carlton, on the Second District this week. I understand the company intends to surface the line from Hinckley to Wyoming soon.

Telegrapher O'Brien has been at Aitkin, third trick, for about two weeks. He was relieved the 18th and came home (Pine City) for a few days' rest, before going to the new pit job at Carlton.

We understand that Carlson and Jacksie, who were relieved at Carlton a short time ago, are again in the service. Jacksie is now second trick man at Barnum, another man having been put on here on account of work trains. Carlson relieved O'Brien at Aitkin.

Bro. D. C. Gray, of Pine City, went up to Duluth, recently, with the High School debaters, and was the guest of Telegrapher Lansworth, of the dispatcher's office.

And it's a good thing for the boys, when they get the chance, to drop in and get acquainted with our dispatchers, as it tends to promote good fellowship.

Bro. O'Sullivan was down from Hinckley the 14th, and gave us a call. He is beginning to prepare for the trip to Atlanta in May.

Div. Cor.

#### Idaho Division—

Bro. Cox, second trick man at Hauser, is taking a thirty-day lay-off, and looking over the situation around Portland. He was relieved by Bro. Wheelless, from the Illinois Central, who stayed but two days. Telegrapher Galvin, a commercial man, relieved Wheelless.

Bro. Arndt is back on first trick at Ramsey. Bro. Lukanitsch is working second and Telegrapher Hackett third.

Agent Smith, of Hauser, is spending a sixty-day vacation at his old home in Michigan. Bro. Seward is holding down the agency at Hauser during his absence. Telegrapher Pampau relieved Bro. Seward at Trent.

Mr. Brown is holding down Kootenai, vice Telegrapher Barrett. He comes from the Montana

Division, where he has held an exclusive agency for several years.

We understand that Bro. Colwell, of Cabinet, was married, recently, but we were unable to learn the particulars.

Telegrapher Seaman is contemplating a visit East, and will leave as soon as he can get relief.

Bro. Bob Horn goes to Farmington as agent.

We hear that Bro. Scott has left Granite, but we are unable to learn where he went. Bro. Suydam is now working the second trick there and Bro. Paula third.

Telegrapher Edgar Hall relieved Bro. Mueller on the owl trick at Kendrick.

Mr. Joy, former agent at Lewiston, who was recently reinstated, has been assigned to Creston.

At this writing Bro. Cottingham, of Algoma, is waiting for relief. He will spend a short vacation in Western Washington.

Telegrapher Caples, who has been holding down the third trick at Sand Point, has gone to Pasco to work in a drug store. He was relieved by Telegrapher Chalupsky, from third trick at Hope. Telegrapher Doles, from Trout Creek, goes to third trick at Hope.

Telegrapher Cain, from second trick at Athol, takes the agency at Lenore, vice Mr. Ormsby.

Bro. Burton is now on second at Athol, and Telegrapher Befeke third.

Bro. Frost accepted the agency at Volmer, and took charge the last of March. Bro. Mueller is working first trick at Cocolalla, Telegrapher Owen second, and Bro. R. E. Donahue, from the Pasco Division, third.

There has been considerable dissatisfaction among the boys on account of no bulletins appearing on this division. Most of the other divisions seem to be getting bulletin service and we see no reason why we should not. Bro. Seward is endeavoring to do something for us along this line.

We asked one of the brothers the other evening if the third trick man had a card. He didn't know. Don't be afraid to ask a newcomer if he carries a card. If your office isn't solid, get busy and find out why. Don't leave it all for your local chairman.

Some of these items may be a bit ancient by the time the journal is out, but as there was no write-up last month, it was deemed best to cover as much ground as possible.

Div. Cor.

#### *Montana Division, Butte Line—*

Bro. J. D. Rollins, of Division 34, relieved Bro. Nott at Hoppers.

G. N. Larson and Sam Reynolds are the new men in Livingston office.

R. E. Lovejoy relieved Bro. Millikln at Muir.

Bro. H. W. Jessee, at Sappington, contracted the "Panama bug," and left the service.

Agent Cook, at Columbus, is ranching. He was relieved by Bro. Logan.

Bro. Riley, of Greycliff, and Bro. Jones, of Merrill, attended an April Fool party at Chestnut.

Bro. Shipton has been transferred from Belgrade to the agency at Three Forks.

Bro. J. C. Robinson, formerly of the R. M. Division, relieved Bro. Meadows at Laurel. Bro. Meadows left the service.

Telegrapher Reynolds transferred from Livingston to "BG" office at Billings.

Bro. Leech is the new man on second trick at Mission.

Bro. Guernsey, of Belgrade, is on the sick list; relieved by Bro. E. C. White.

Telegrapher Jeffers has been transferred from Chestnut to Manhattan. Bro. Little gets second trick, and Mr. C. A. Reichardt, from the Burlington, third trick at Chestnut.

Bro. N. K. Strunk has been transferred to third trick at Butte, relieving Bro. C. Whitelock, who is on a short vacation, looking after business interests near Chicago.

We understand that Bro. Strunk is to take a vacation and go East on Bro. Whitelock's return to Butte.

Bro. Carr, of Welch, resigned and was relieved by Bro. H. W. Jessee, who was later bumped by Bro. King, of Sappington. Bro. Jessee accepted the position of night man at Sappington, but later left the service. He was relieved by Bro. A. C. Parks, lately with the Milwaukee at Sappington tower.

Bro. Carr is doing the third trick stunt on the R. M. Division at Silver Bow.



JOHN J. POWERS,  
Delegate Div. No. 38.

Quite a number of changes have taken place at Whitehall in the last few months. Mr. M. W. Gardner returned to his home in Michigan. Bro. L. G. Graham was transferred to M. U. Transfer, relieved at Whitehall by Bro. W. H. Earp, just



returned from a leave of absence. Mr. M. Conrad, off the Wabash at Pittsburg, is now on third.

Late news from Mr. R. R. Brown, who was formerly located at Welch and Lombard, informs us that he is now throwing levers for the C. & N.-W. at Mechanicsville, Iowa.

The local chairman wishes to thank Bros. Earp and Oberg for the items contributed this month.

CERT. 1079.

#### *Yellowstone Division—*

Bro. Anderson was called home the fore part of March on account of his mother's sickness, returned to work at Hodges, the first week of April, his mother's condition being much improved.

Bro. Amundson, who relieved Bro. Anderson at Hodges, has returned to third trick at Rosebud.



C. I. MEAD,  
Delegate Div. No. 39.

Bro. Mennell, of Terry, moved his family on the farm, which is eight miles from town, and spent a few days with them, working on the place.

Bro. Peck, at Medora, lost one day, recently, on account of sickness. Telegrapher Weatherly, who relieved him, is now relieving Bro. Sullivan, at Hoyt.

Sister Minton, second trick at Sims, took a few days' vacation, recently, visiting her parents and friends in Glendive. She was relieved by Telegrapher Dietz, a new man on the division. Later he relieved Bro. Vreeland, at Big Horn, who went East on a vacation.

Bro. John Paul has accepted the agency at Fallon for a couple of weeks.

Bro. Gough spent a night in Mandan the first of the month.

Bro. Kerlin was called home by the receipt of a message stating that his mother was seriously ill with pneumonia. He left Glendive on No. 4 the 11th inst., but before he reached St. Paul another message was received, conveying the sad news that she had passed away. Bro. Kerlin has the sympathy of the entire division.

Chief Dispatcher Johnson has resumed duty, after spending a couple of weeks in St. Paul.

The local chairman made a short, quick visit to Mandan the last Sunday in March, leaving Glendive on No. 6, and returning on No. 5. He was accompanied from Dickinson by Bro. Tompkins, and had the pleasure of seeing a few of the brothers while on the road, but did not have much opportunity to talk with them.

Don't neglect to furnish Bros. Miller and Gough with material for the next two issues of the journal. In order to do our division justice, they must have assistance.

CERT. 456.

#### *Pacific Division, First District—*

I shall begin this article with an extract from a letter received from Bro. Baker, which I hope all concerned will read and consider carefully:

"The delinquent list shows several brothers and sisters who should see the error of dropping behind. I doubt if they will remain out of the Order long. If any of them see this, I hope they will take a few minutes and think the matter over and see if they can find out where they will be gaining anything by dropping out. I have studied this matter quite a bit and have decided that the Order would not die of heart disease if I dropped out, while, on the other hand, I would lose the insurance protection, the benefit of a card, the good will of all brother telegraphers and my own self-respect. It is a mistake to think that dropping your membership is going to benefit you or injure the Order. The Order will live and so will you, but you will not feel in your heart that you are doing your full duty to yourself, or to your brother craftsmen."

Telegrapher W. J. Owens, third at Thorp, is laying off. Relieved by Telegrapher C. A. Barry, late of the G. N.

Bristol—Bro. E. L. Carr bid in second trick at Rldgefield, on Second District. Vacancy filled temporarily by Bro. V. O. Brunner, and permanently by Bro. G. W. Milton, from Castle Rock.

Nelsons—Bro. W. H. McKiddy bid in Lemolo; relieved by Mr. G. W. Wood.

Easton—Glad to report that Bro. U. G. Calvert is out of the hospital and again on first trick. Bros. Brimberry and Moore are on the other tricks.

Upham—Bro. F. C. Fischer is taking a thirty-day lay-off; relieved by Bro. F. H. Rowan.

Martin—Mr. Spencer is laying off; relieved by Bro. V. O. Brunner.

Lester—Telegrapher Peterson is back at the key after a severe spell of sickness. Telegrapher E. A. Johnson is laying off. Bro. E. G. Mathews is

on second. Bro. E. Best, of Division No. 53, is working third.

Lemolo—Telegrapher H. V. LaDow bid in the Covington agency.

Covington—Bro. J. G. Greybeal bid in the Bucoda agency.

No double-track news, except that Mr. Gress, who has been working nights at Kalama, is now third trick man at Meeker. Bro. J. L. Miller, from third at Meeker, to a ticket and clerical job at Olympia.

South Prairie—Bro. T. E. Kennedy resigned, and has been relieved by Mrs. Wingfield.

Dispatcher's Office, Tacoma—A. M. Costello, from The Dalles, Oregon, has been employed. Vacations have commenced. Dispatcher Flynn, who has been relieved of trick work, is on the local examining board. K. C.

#### *Fargo Division—*

Having had the honor to be elected local chairman of the Fargo Division, I will do all in my power to make this the banner division of the road.

I desire that each member send me items of interest in order that they may be forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication, also the names of nons coming to this division, so that I may send them application papers.

Bro. E. C. Murray, of Bloom, has just enjoyed a six weeks' leave of absence; relieved by Bro. F. J. Trinwith.

Bro. H. G. Larson, the third trick man at Bloom, has been transferred to Sanborn third trick, being relieved by Bro. C. A. Kleman, of St. Paul Division. Bro. Kleman, in turn, was relieved by Bro. Trinwith, who goes on third and Bro. Kleman goes to Spiritwood, relieving Bro. E. H. Nelson. Bro. Nelson goes on second trick, relieving W. M. Wilson, who is off on a thirty-days' leave of absence.

Bro. Larson, of Sanborn, third trick, has been transferred to second trick at Oriska; relieved by Bro. N. F. Julius.

Bro. R. C. Pravitz is away on vacation; relieved by Bro. Mannes, from Cooperstown, who also relieved V. F. Nelson while he was absent getting married. CERT. 1619.

#### *Dakota and Fargo Divisions—*

If each member who is working with a non would talk O. R. T. to him and keep at him until he came in, it would be but a short time until we would be solid. We all understand the benefits to be derived from holding membership in the Order, and why a person should hesitate to join is more of a problem than I am able to solve.

Bro. Case has been transferred from Steele to Dawson, relieving Bro. Peterson, who went to Steele, third trick.

Bro. Carr, a new man on the division, is relieving Mr. Boyle, at Bismarck, for a few days.

Bro. Strand relieved Bro. Yosti, at Windsor, for a week. Bro. Yosti is laying off to "prove up" on a claim.

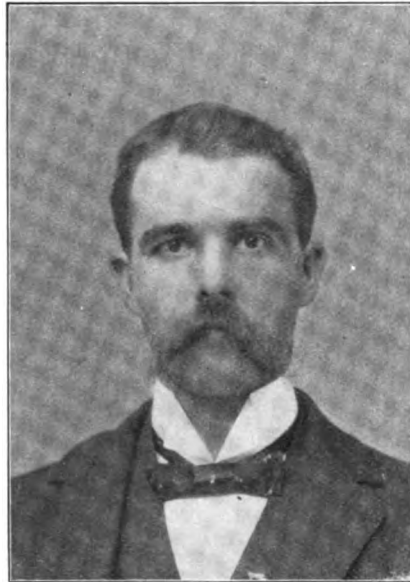
Bro. Norman, at Brinsmade, has resigned, and, we understand, has gone into the implement business with his brother-in-law, at some point in Minnesota.

Mr. Rich relieved Bro. Norman at Brinsmade. Mr. Adams, from "J," Jamestown, relieved Mr. Rich at Oberon.

Mr. Adams was relieved by Mr. Papron at "J," Jamestown. Mr. Capron has since resigned, and has been relieved by Bro. Christensen, from "JY," Jamestown. Bro. Strand is now doing the second stunt at the yard.

Anyone having anything of interest send it in, so we can have a little write-up in the journal each month. Yours fraternally,

P. A. ELBERT,  
Local Chairman.



L. E. Hicks,  
Delegate Div. No. 40.

#### **Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry.**

##### *Wheeling Division—*

The regular monthly meeting at Navarre was fairly well attended, there being some nine or ten brothers present. It has been decided to hold all meetings in the future at Navarre, instead of Massillon, as it is more convenient for Cleveland, Wheeling and W. P. T. & W. S. B. members to attend. Meeting is held on the third Saturday evening of each month.

After the regular meeting the new general committee met and elected the following officers for the next two years: General chairman, Bro. R. E. Hamilton, Mogadore, O.; general secretary and Treasurer, C. R. Guthrie, Jewett, O.

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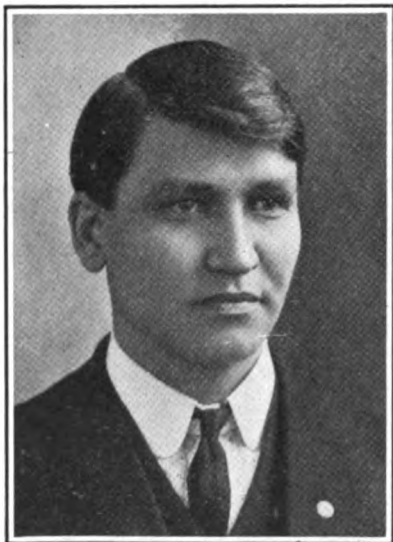
To All Members of Division No. 55:

Dues for term ending December 31, 1909, are due on July 1st. Remittances for dues should be made direct to me, instead of to Bro. L. W. Quick, which will save time and trouble, as cards will not be issued until my report, showing the members as having paid dues, reaches St. Louis. Dues, per term, in Division No. 55 are \$4.00.

Remit assessments in the Mutual Benefit Department to Bro. L. W. Quick, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, St. Louis Mo.

Yours fraternally,

C. R. GUTHRIE, G. S. and T.



G. F. WILLIS,

Alternat Div. No. 40.

## NOTICE OF MEETING.

JEWETT, O., March 27, 1909.

To All Members of Division No. 55:

In the future regular monthly meetings will be held at Navarre, instead of Massillon, on the third Saturday evening of each month. All members are requested to attend.

C. R. GUTHRIE, G. S. and T.

## West End—

Bro. Ricketts, the agent at Williston, has accepted an agency on the W. P. T. Ry.

Telegrapher C. H. Kintner has left the service and is located at Wooster.

Bro. R. H. Fields, third trick at Lodi, will take second trick in the near future. Mr. Johnson, night telegrapher at Pryor, landed third trick.

Bro. B. W. Tuttle, agent at Brighton, is laying off on account of sickness. He is being relieved by Bro. France.

Bro. Mismanger was the only one present from the west end, at the meeting held at Navarre, Saturday evening, March 20th. Wake up and attend meetings, as they are a benefit in more ways than one. A meeting will be held at Norwalk some time during the later part of April, at which Bro. Hamilton, our new general chairman, will be present. We would like to have a large attendance, and a good meeting.

DUTCH.

## Georgia Southern &amp; Florida Ry.

## IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Almighty in His supreme wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved Bro. J. U. Sineath, and

WHEREAS, We realize that in the death of our late brother we have lost an honored member, and the parents a dutiful son, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the G. S. & F. Division of The Order of Telegraphers extend to the bereaved family its sincere sympathy in their hour of affliction, and most earnestly commend them to our Heavenly Father for consolation and comfort, ever remembering that He doeth all things wisely, and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy spread upon our minutes.

W. O. WILSON,  
P. C. GRIFFIN,  
L. F. SINEATH,  
J. M. WOOTEN,  
O. H. WATSON,  
General Committee.  
E. M. WEEKS,  
L. D. HAMILTON.

## Southern Ry.

Words are indeed inadequate to express my profound interest in the meetings to be held in Rome, and as I am unable to attend, I hereby make a feeble effort to express my sentiments in a way that may be helpful to some brother less interested.

I am requested by one of the efficient members of our Order to mention these facts for the benefit of some listless brother who may be aroused to a sense of duty.

Our most important aim at present is "Thorough Organization." When we have accomplished this we can manifest our power for the good of our profession. This, I think, should be forcibly impressed on the minds of members, and its importance demonstrated so clearly that they will realize their situation. "There is fighting all along the line," and each member has an equal share of responsibility, and no effort should be spared to arouse him to a true sense of duty.

Our achievement depends entirely upon individual effort, and we should therefore put forth unflinching energy; surmounting difficulties until we

have at last attained the royal heights of success. Is this possible? Certainly it is if we can but realize our duty and acquire the determination to discharge it. Don't be a "Drone" in this busy field of labor. Let's resolve that our future efforts will be exerted in disseminating a grand



J. A. SEWELL,  
Alternate Div. No. 40.

and glorious cause. Visit the nons, and endeavor to show them the real situation. Explain the necessity of their assistance as well as the critical condition confronting them. Show them how they will be serving their best interests in aiding the persistent throng that is laboring so hard for their financial welfare. Emphasize these facts and the results are sure to be gratifying.

Another injustice we are suffering, is the failure of our superior officers to bulletin vacancies. This is not in accordance with our contract and should be rectified. "Seniority" seems to have lost its prominence on this division. Since we lost our esteemed Bro. Moss, our members have apparently forfeited their interest in our noble fraternity, and given sway to approaching conditions which threaten to captivate and enslave us; however, we are grateful for the interest now arising and hope renewed energy and enthusiasm may engulf each member and crown his efforts with a bountiful harvest.

Your highest aspirations should be for the upbuilding of your financial welfare, and that of your brother workers; and if each individual member will follow these earnest suggestions to maturity, as he is respectfully requested to do, it will be but a short time until we can easily command the consideration and respect of our superior officers, and look forward to a brighter future.

CERT. 157.

#### Atlanta Division, North End—

A very interesting meeting was held in Rome, Ga., March 28th. The meeting was well attended, there being seventeen present. The object of this meeting was to make arrangements for regular monthly meetings.

The next meeting will be held April 25th, and a larger attendance is expected. Mrs. E. B. Smith, of the Dixie Twin Order Club, will be with us, and also the Hon. Jerome Jones, of the American Federation of Labor, and a hearty welcome will be given them.

Now, ladies and gentlemen, brothers and sisters, you must come to these meetings in Rome, and wake up, take part in them. They will be held every fourth Sunday in each month, and there should be no excuse to stay away. Get your passes in time and be with us.

One of our members gave us a letter to read at the meeting, and we hope to see it reproduced in the columns of the journal. We hope it will be the means of waking up some listless member or bring a non across.

Sister McCoy, from Lawrence, Ala., was with us at our last meeting and will be at the next one.

We are very sorry to say that Mr. G. D. Hanna, first trick dispatcher, is in very bad health, and is off duty for about thirty days. He will



H. S. SHUEY,  
Alternate Div. No. 40.

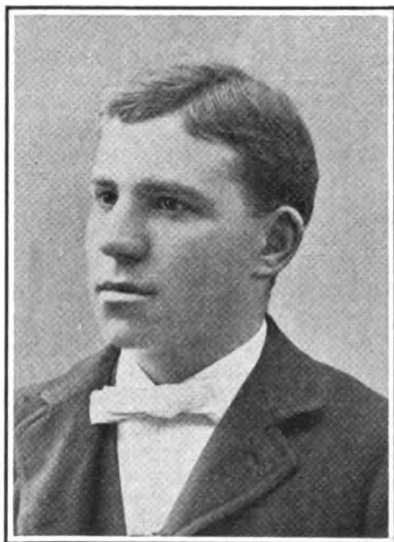
go to the country, in the neighborhood of Varnell, and stay two or three weeks.

Mr. C. S. Bosworth left Plainville, and has gone back to his old place, second trick at Varnell. Relieved by Mr. A. M. White, from Seney.

We understand that Bro. D. M. Butler, second trick at Shannon, will quit the service in the near future, and go in the grocery business with his brother.

Bro. Silvernail, of Silver Creek, has a very sick daughter in the hospital at Rome.

ASST. DIV. COR.



J. B. BODE,  
Delegate Div. No. 41.

*Atlanta Division, South End—*

Bro. Kenney, of Jackson, our local chairman, was recently relieved by Telegrapher Weems. We hope to have Bro. Kenney with us again soon.

Mrs. Scott has secured third trick at Holton, permanently.

Bro. Tucker, of Cork, spent a few days last week with his mother at Holton.

Bro. Goodwin spent Sunday last at Juliette.

Bro. Chancellor, the third trick man at Virgin, is off for a few days; relieved by Telegrapher Jackson, of Stockbridge.

We extend to Bro. Scott, of Holton, our sympathy in his bereavement, caused by the loss of his mother.

Mr. G. W. Adams, third trick dispatcher at Atlanta, has returned from Hot Springs, Ark., where he has been for his health.

Let us hear from the brothers of this division. We want to know what is going on. We can not get around to see you all. Get busy and let's get a solid line.

Div. Cor.

*St. Louis Division, West End—*

The second trick man at Bartleso, Mr. Byerly, is spending a few days' vacation at Georgetown.

Bro. Chapman, of Mt. Carmel, paid his parents a visit last week.

Regular first trick Dispatcher Devney worked second trick a few nights last week. Dispatcher Gilley working first trick.

But few items were received from the boys this month, hence this communication is necessarily brief.

CERT. 2377.

**Queen & Crescent Ry. (North).**

*Cincinnati Division—*

The meeting at Danville on the 12th was a grand success. Immediately upon arrival of No. 27, the members of this division, together with a number of those present from the Chattanooga Division, repaired to the I. O. O. F. Hall, where the remainder of the Chattanooga Division men were in waiting, they having arrived previously on No. 2.

As a preliminary to this meeting, Mr. R. C. Reld, Chief Dispatcher of the Chattanooga Division, gave us an interesting talk on the duties of the men relative to the business of the company, which was very instructive, and which was appreciated by the members.

After this, the meeting was called to order. A local division was organized and a regular meeting place agreed upon. The following brothers were elected as officers of the new local: H. S. Griffiths, chief telegrapher; K. C. Gardner, secretary; J. E. Bishop, first vice-telegrapher; J. W. Bailey, second vice-telegrapher; W. B. Compton,



J. A. TUCK,  
Alternate Div. No. 41.

past chief telegrapher; B. P. Shewmaker, marshal; M. Williams, inside sentinel.

It is hoped that the members will make a special effort to attend these meetings, which will be held subject to the call of the chief telegrapher.

It was, indeed, a great disappointment to Bro. Gardner and the writer that the Cincinnati Division was not better represented. We believe a greater number from the Cincinnati Division could have been present had they made an effort.

The men from the Chattanooga Division, seventeen in number were very enthusiastic, and took a lively interest in the proceedings.

Bro. A. B. Willison has been elected delegate to the convention to be held in Atlanta in May.

The following were elected local chairmen of Division No. 62: Bro. B. D. Stone, A. G. S. Division, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Bro. M. B. Dungan, Chattanooga Division, Science Hill, Ky.; Bro. E. H. Boutwell, Cincinnati Division, Williamstown, Ky.

Bro. A. B. Willison, of Science Hill, Ky., was re-elected general chairman, and Bro. K. C. Gardner, of Williamstown, Ky., general secretary and treasurer.

Bros. A. H. Harper, of Chattanooga, M. J. Kelly and E. H. Boutwell, of Williamstown, were appointed tellers and counted the votes at Williamstown on the first of March.

Bro. G. G. Davis relieved Bro. L. M. Triplette at "QA" office, Cincinnati, Bro. Triplette bid in third trick at Nicholasville.

Bro. M. J. McGuirke, "DI" office, Cincinnati, has been sick at his home at Erlanger, for some time. He has almost recovered and has resumed duty. Mr. Holder relieved him.

Mr. Hurt, formerly of Richmond, has accepted the agency at Walton, temporarily, vice Mr. Walsh, who is expected to return to his agency soon. Bro. Nelson relieved Mr. Hurt at Richmond.

Bro. H. A. Wise, who held the Walton agency for some time is now agent at some point on the Chattanooga Division.

Mr. Kirby, who has been at Blanchet for some time, disappeared about the 20th, an extra man filling his place until the position is bulletined.

We are pleased to again see Bro. Arnold at Corlith.

Bro. Witt, third trick at Sadieville, is working second trick at Lexington, in Bro. DeCorr's place. We understand that Bro. DeCorr has accepted a position as dispatcher on some Western road. We wish him success.

We are glad to see Bro. J. F. Jones again at work with the C. S. He is ticket agent at Georgetown. Bro. Brooks, former ticket agent, has accepted a clerk's desk in the freight house.

Bro. McCowan, of High Bridge, has resumed duty after a protracted illness. Mr. Frye relieved him.

Bro. Conway, who has been working at "DV" office, Danville, has returned to his old position, third trick "D" office, same town.

Mr. Frye is relieving Bro. J. V. Hall at "GT" tower, Georgetown.

We should demand the union label on everything we buy. Articles manufactured by union houses are just as good or better in quality than non-union products; just as easy to obtain, and

in buying them we show a union spirit. If we would favor union labor and show that we are thorough union men, we must patronize its products. The union label is a guarantee that it is made by union men, under union conditions.

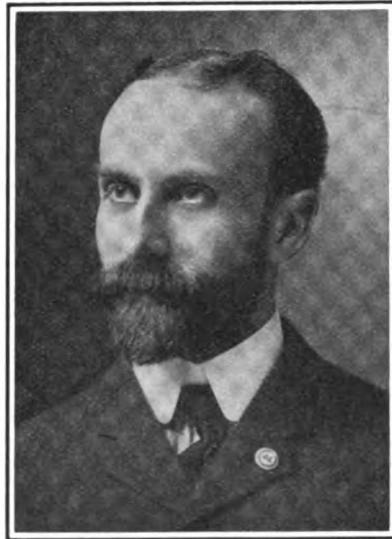
SKYGACK (FROM MARS).

Telegrapher E. P. Allen, who has been extra man at Glen Mary for some time, is working extra at Flat Rock. Mr. McKnight has been assigned to Glen Mary permanently.

Bro. McCartt was off duty a few days this month, and enjoyed a trip to Florida. He was relieved by Mr. McKnight.

Bro. Joe Davison was off one day this month, and was relieved by Telegrapher Hudson, an extra man.

Waynesburg agency has been assigned to Bro. Reed; second trick at McKinney to Bro. Dumas;



F. N. HALL,  
Delegate Div. No. 42.

third trick at Oneida to Bro. Strunk, and "GF" tower to Bro. Rogers.

It is rumored that Robbins will soon be opened as a night office.

Bro. Carlton, of Emory Gap, was off several days during March; relieved by Telegrapher Hudson.

Bro. Lewis, second at Helenwood, has been sick, but cannot say whether he has returned to work.

The first trick at Moreland was bid in by Bro. Compton, and the second by Bro. Singleton.

Mr. Ishmale has quit the service and gone to parts unknown.

Bro. Philipps, first at Oneida, took a lay-off of ten days in March and got married.

We were all glad to see Bro. Burgoon reinstated at Nemo. He was out of service about 27 days, and was relieved by Telegrapher Hudson.

Bro. Hall returned from the West and relieved Mr. McCarty, the night man at Pine Knot.



E. J. SHIRM,  
Delegate Div. No. 42.

Telegrapher Hudson was off duty several days recently on account of ill health. We understand he spent his time in the West.

Bro. Hall, from Pine Knott, recently spent a few days in Courteville and Chattanooga.

Business is light on Q. & C. at present, but we hope to see it improve as soon as strawberries come in. Let us suggest that a division correspondent be appointed, that our division may be represented each month.

"A SILENT COMMITTEE."

### Queen & Crescent Ry. (South).

There have been numerous changes since the last issue of our journal. Several new positions have been created and men assigned to them.

Bro. Hyde, the former agent at Poplarville, is now handling the agency at Lumberton. Mr. Boyett, agent from Enterprise, succeeded Bro. Hyde at Poplarville. Bro. J. C. Fields, who was formerly agent at Pachuta, relieved Mr. Boyett at Enterprise, and is now agent at that place, while Bro. McKinnon, from McNeil agency, relieved Bro. Fields at Pachuta, and is now the regular agent. Mr. E. L. Bishop, the day telegrapher at Ellisville, has been installed as agent at McNeil, relieving Bro. McKinnon.

Bro. C. Moody, the second trick man at Enterprise, was off duty a few days, and while absent was relieved by Mr. McDonald.

Bro. Price has also been on a short vacation, and was relieved by Bro. McConnell.

We learn that Bro. J. C. Bostick has resigned as third, trick man at Q. & C. shops, Meridian, but we have not heard who relieved him.

An old-time telegrapher named Bruner relieved Mr. Bishop as day man at Ellisville.

Bro. Morris, agent at Moselle, happened in bad luck a few nights ago; some one broke into his office, taking all his belongings.

Mr. Crane, formerly a member of Division No. 69, has returned and secured a position as third trick tower man at Terminal Junction, New Orleans.

Mr. E. Moody, the first trick man at Hattiesburg, was on the sick list for some time. After spending a while at Staffords Mineral Springs, Vossburg, Miss., he returned, and is again on duty.

It has been learned that Bro. Dyess, the third trick man at Laurel, will succeed Bro. Bostick when the latter is transferred. Bro. Dyess has been third trick telegrapher and night ticket clerk at Laurel for several months.

There is a new set of men at Eastabuchie, and also at Slidell, but we have not learned their names.

Bro. Punch, from Picayune, third trick, will relieve Bro. Dyess, third trick man at Laurel. We have not heard who relieved Bro. Punch at Picayune.

"UNCLE JAKE."

### Great Northern Ry.

#### Minor Division—

P. M. Waters, agent at Pleasant Lake, has been transferred to Stampede, as agent, Bro. M. J. Waters taking the agency at Pleasant Lake.

Bro. G. K. Farr, agent at White Earth, has left the service; relieved by M. B. Mathews.

Bro. D. E. Peterson, agent at Tioga, was on vacation during February.

Mr. H. J. Holland transferred from agency at Bisbee to telegrapher at Ray.

Mr. R. M. Russell transferred from Perth to Upham as agent.

Mr. R. H. Boettcher transferred from Upham to Perth as agent.

Mr. T. J. Clifford, agent at Berwick, has resigned; relieved by E. E. McVicker.

Mr. E. E. McVicker relieved as agent at Landa by Mr. Hanson, from the Soo Line.

The depot at York was destroyed by fire January 19, and as a result Bro. James Dupuis and wife are working second and third tricks in a box car.

Mr. C. E. Sanford was relieved as agent at Dunseith by Bro. E. C. Rotramel.

Bro. N. A. George, agent at Glenburn, has left the service to engage in the furniture business, being relieved by Mr. N. L. Greer.

All third trick men on this division have been notified of a reduction in salary of \$15.00 per month, to take effect on March 21st.

Bro. A. D. Hagenstein was off duty several weeks on account of sickness, during which time

he took a trip to Seattle. He was relieved by Mr. F. J. Falvey from Minot yard office, who has left the service and gone to the Soo Line.

Bro. A. D. Hagenstein has resigned to engage in business in Minot. He was relieved by Bro. W. Post, relief agent.

Bro. R. R. Patterson, third trick at Rugby, is on the sick list; understand it is a case of scarlet fever; relieved by M. Hartman.

Bro. W. J. Kelley, second trick at Rugby, is out of the service; relieved by Mr. M. N. Cavanaugh.

Mr. F. W. Larson, third trick at Williston, is out of the service; relieved by Mr. Millard.

Mr. M. W. Cousineau, agent at Barton, has been transferred to the agency at Bisbee. He was relieved by Mr. E. H. Roberts, from Bisbee.

Bro. G. M. Wedge, agent at Denbigh, is out of the service temporarily; relieved by Mr. M. B. Mathews from White Earth. Bro. C. V. Vance is now agent at White Earth.

The telephones have been installed on this division, and are ready for business. The dispatchers have been to Willmar to inform themselves on the handling of same. They will be put in operation March 21st.

All of the small stations on the branch have been made non-telegraph offices, and the salaries of the agents reduced \$15.00 per month.

Several of the boys on the west end have resigned, and a number on the east end will leave the service in the near future on account of reduction in salary. CERT. 61.

#### *Cascade Division—*

The writer, who has assumed the responsibilities of division correspondent, will endeavor to have the Cascade Division represented in the journal each month. He will do his share, and shall expect the members to do theirs, by furnishing all available items.

Let us get the Cascade Division lined up solid.

Each member should be able to secure at least one convert, but do not stop at that, get as many as possible. Talk O. R. T. to every non you meet, explain the benefits of organization and keep after him until success crowns your efforts. I have no application blanks at present, but will have a supply in a few days, and anyone wishing them will kindly drop me a card.

Bros. E. T. and H. F. Hegan were in Seattle last Thursday.

New 90-pound steel for double track is being laid between Meturn and Mosher; the 68-pound steel in the old single track will be replaced by 90-pound steel. It is expected that it will be finished in time for the A. Y. P. Exposition, which begins June 1st in Seattle.

Telegrapher Wolfe, who at one time was leverman at North Portal, recently sailed to Japan on the S. S. Minnesota, to accept a position as wireless telegrapher.

The new Blaine cut-off was put into service a few days ago. Two new offices, White Rock

and Olivers, "BC," were opened, and Cloverdale, on the old main line, was closed.

It is understood that we will have service every hour between Everett and Seattle during the fair. Address all correspondence to

H. F. REAGAN,  
Box 77, Richmond Beach, Wash.

#### *Butte Division, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Districts—*

F. C. Paul, who carries a C. T. U. of A. card, was put to work on this Division April 1st.

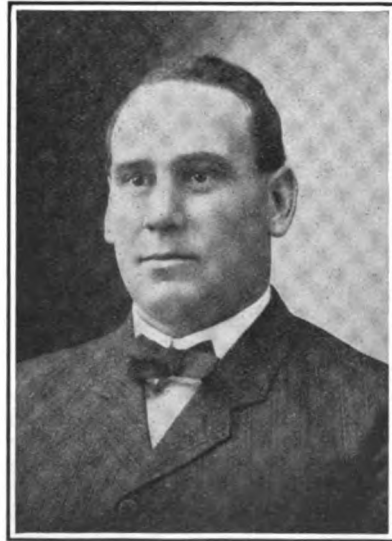
Bro. E. L. Rightmire, of Division No. 130, visited the local chairman a few days last month.

F. K. Barrett, who recently resigned second trick at Spion Kop, and went to the main line, has returned and will probably go to work at Judith Gap. Barrett was relieved at Spion Kop by H. A. Loesch.

J. E. Reeves, Judith Gap, third trick, has left the service. Relieved by Harry Spencer.

This road recently opened the gravel pits at Mitchell, Wicks, Portage and Brady, which gave employment to several telegraphers.

We understand that Bro. Percy, who has served as local chairman for some time, contemplates leaving the service. He will probably be relieved by relief agent Warner, who has been spending most of his time at Stockett, since the company



W. H. HUSTED,  
Delegate Div. No. 42.

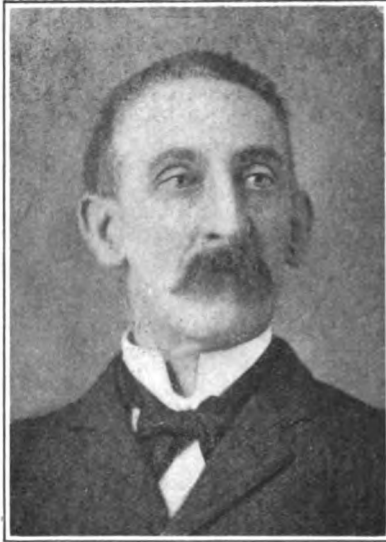
is unable to keep a regular man at that point on account of insufficiency of salary.

There are now three men at Vaughn, Mr. J. M. Atwood, first trick; Harry Howe, second, and Victor Sather, third.



Bro. J. W. Smith, first trick at Spion Kop, was the only member who sent in items this month. We appreciate the interest he is taking in the Order, and thank him for his assistance.

I would like to ask each telegrapher on the Butte Division to send me items about the



F. W. COLEMAN,  
Delegate Div. No. 42.

fifteenth of each month. I have lately been appointed postmaster at Cushman, Mont., and have opened a new office here, so please remember the address, and show a willingness to assist the cause that has done so much for each and every one of us. No doubt it is apparent to all that it is impossible to secure news from six districts by wire, and, of course, we all like to read items from the Butte Division. Having but recently been elected chairman, I do not know who the members are, and I would ask that each one drop me a line, giving Cert. number. If a member of another division, so state, and I will arrange to have you transferred. Let us endeavor to accomplish something on the Butte Division this year. I can not do it alone, but I am willing to do all in my power. If each member will do as much, we will be able to note a great change in the membership of the Butte Division, and within a short time. We have an extra good set of officials, and if we handle our affairs in an intelligent manner we will be able to gain more recognition than otherwise. Let us work faithfully together, striving hard to better working conditions, at the same time giving good service,

Yours fraternally,

E. C. SKINNER,  
Local Chairman.

## B. & O. S. W. Ry.

### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, God in his wisdom has called to His everlasting home our worthy Bro. J. W. Tate; and

WHEREAS, It is but a just tribute to the memory of the departed to state that in his removal from our midst, we lose one who was in every way worthy of our respect and regard. That in his death our Order has suffered a material loss, our country a true citizen, and his family a devoted husband and father. Be it therefore

*Resolved*, That we sincerely condole with the family of the deceased in its great bereavement, and commend the members thereof to Him who orders all things for the best for consolation. Be it further

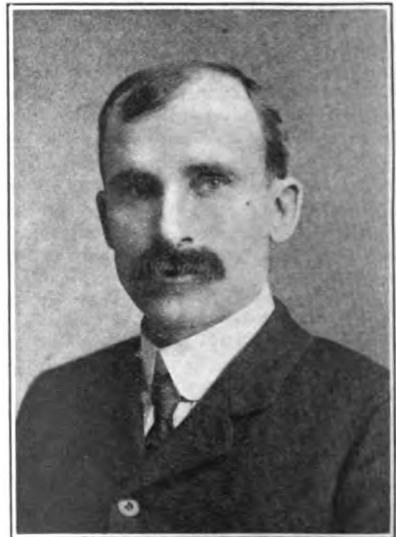
*Resolved*, That this token of sympathy and sorrow be sent to the relatives of our departed brother by the secretary, a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy spread upon the minutes of Division No. 74.

Signed: J. W. N. PECK,  
BEN F. RUSSELL,  
G. L. CONNER,  
*Committee on Resolutions.*

## C. & N. W. Ry.

The Air Line is holding its own, as usual, with a good, strong membership in evidence.

Bro. W. I. Oyler, the third trick man at Jackson, has resigned and left for the State of Washington. He was relieved by Mr. Mike Beck.

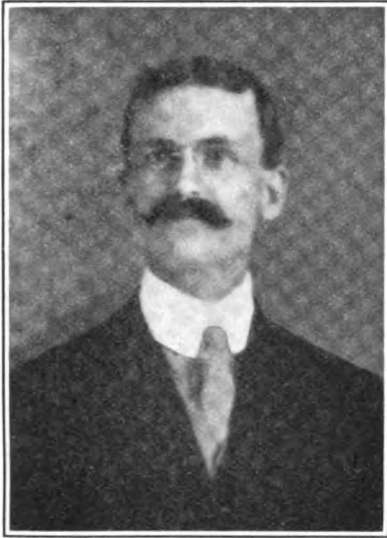


C. N. ALDRICH,  
Delegate Div. No. 42.

Our local chairman was recently instructed to get out a circular letter to the membership relative to the monthly assessment, but could not do

so on account of not being able to obtain a mailing list. Bro. Kempke's office was closed, he being absent to undergo an operation for appendicitis. We all hope for his speedy recovery.

We hope that the members will all pay the small monthly local dues promptly, as we can not afford



E. J. HESSER,  
Delegate Div. No. 42.

to write notices asking them to pay up. The best way is to pay for several months at a time. That will save the expense of buying money orders.

A new office has been opened at Milwaukee called Chase Yards. We have not heard who is in charge.

Bro. Heinzelman, from Rockfield, spent Sunday, evening, April 4, with the local chairman.

Bro. F. J. Rehorst, from Eden, called on our local chairman one day last month for a friendly chat.

Our members should bear in mind that grievances are to be taken up with the local chairman, accompanied by the facts in the case, so that he can take the matter up with the proper officials. Some of the boys have a habit of communicating with the general chairman before they mention it to the local chairman. This procedure is improper, as the papers will have to be returned to be taken up with the division superintendent.

Div. Cor.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

Myself and family join in tendering thanks to the members of the O. R. T. for their kind assistance and the beautiful floral offering we received on the occasion of the death of our little daughter, Helen. Our best wishes will ever be with you.

Sincerely yours,

O. HOUSER, Cert. 538, Div. 76.

#### Sioux City Division—

Bro. E. J. Johnson, agent at Kiron, drew Modale station on bulletin. Did not hear who goes to Kiron.

Bro. R. L. Ells, the agent at Schleswig, relieved by Mr. Thomassen, who has been agent at Lawton.

Bro. W. I. Grush, agent at Blencoe, was off duty for a few days recently, being relieved by R. C. Amos, who is now working at Mondamin as telegrapher.

Mr. A. C. Gibson relieved Mr. Amos at Mondamin, while he was at Blencoe.

Mr. B. I. Fenn, the agent at Onawa, is laying off a few weeks; relieved by Mr. V. E. Wendell, who has been acting night ticket agent at Sioux City during the absence of Mr. L. W. Hill. Mr. Hill has resumed duty.

Bro. G. A. Swanstrom has returned from Canada, where he has been for a few weeks.

Will some of the brothers please send items once in a while? I am indebted to Bro. T. M. Noe for most of these items. Everyone should lend assistance in order that we may have a good write-up each month. CERT. 231.

#### Minnesota Division—

T. F. Carroll bumped G. W. Cotton, who was working the second trick in the dispatcher's office. Mr. Cotton resumed second at St. Peter Jct., "CK," on the first of April. G. B. Zepp took third and C. D. Roach went to third trick at Owatonna.



J. F. KARL,  
Alternate Div. No. 42.

G. B. Zepp is laying off and is being relieved by his brother, A. P. Zepp.

F. A. Grant, who has been agent at Vesta for some years, has resigned and returned to his

home division at Larsen, Wis. This move was made on account of the health of his wife. M. F. Goodman, from Springfield, held this station down until bulletin expired, V. F. Pfeiffer getting it.

A. L. Taylor, the agent at Essig, was off duty a few days this month, relieved by I. V. Furry,



A. A. DONNELLY,  
Alternat Div. No. 42.

A. P. Zepp relieving Furry, second trick at Stockton.

A. McDonald, third trick at Waseca, was off a few days recently, being relieved by H. J. Johnson, an extra telegrapher.

C. D. Roach relieved T. C. Ferris as third telegrapher at Owatonna, while Ferris was relieving Agent Porter for a week or so.

A new man by the name of P. L. Tork is working at Lamberton.

M. J. Manchester, the agent at Plainview, is taking an extended vacation; relieved by B. Lahey, cashier at Rochester.

A new man by the name of R. A. Foard worked a few nights at Mankato, relieving H. J. Johnson, who went to New Ulm to fill in. Upon F. W. Mosher's return, he resumed work at Mankato Jct.

Telegrapher T. Lowery is working second while Richardson takes a week's lay-off.

J. L. Keegan, day telegrapher at Redwood Falls, is taking a three months' lay-off on account of ill health; relieved by some Redwood Falls man.

Telegrapher Whelan, who has been holding second at Watertown, has been transferred to the Wisconsin Division.

R. A. Pfefferlee, the third trick man at Sleepy Eye, is taking a few days' vacation this month, being relieved by Extra Telegrapher T. Lowery.

T. A. Woodruff was sick about two weeks at Chatfield, an old-timer by the name of Addy relieving him.

F. A. Biersdorf, first trick at New Ulm, was off a few days this month, looking after his ranch in Dakota, G. P. Skeels doing the necessary while he was away.

N. Paulson, Centerville, S. D., was elected delegate and J. J. Klein, of Sanborn, Minn., alternate from this district.

M. M. Zeches drew Eyota, third trick, A. C. Boomer Watertown, second and the position as agent and telegrapher at Porter is now on the slow board. Paul L. Tork gets Lamberton, third trick.

The double tracking of the River Division of the C. M. & St. P. Ry., from Wabasha to Richmond, which was to have been completed through here this summer, has been laid on the table for another year in order to rush the completion of their coast extension. G. W. C., Div. Cor.

#### Madison Division--

Mr. P. J. O'Brien, our superintendent, is away on his annual vacation.

Mr. H. R. Koch, of the dispatcher's force, who spent a few days' vacation with friends and relatives at different points, has resumed duty.

Mr. Glen Cole is laying off a few days, visiting friends and relatives.



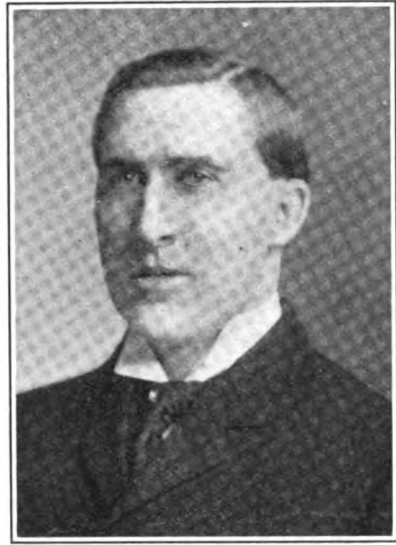
J. E. SHEEHAN,  
Alternat Div. No. 42.

Mr. G. J. Adams and Bro. C. Willis have left the service and their positions have been filled temporarily by extra men.

Bro. E. L. Canney is working Bro. Fred Tomlin's shift at Elroy at the present time.



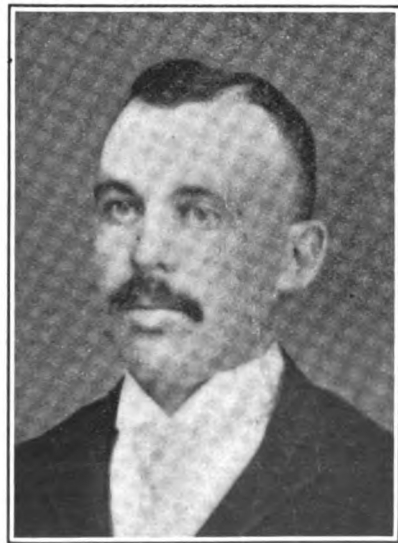
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D. H. O'BRIEN,  
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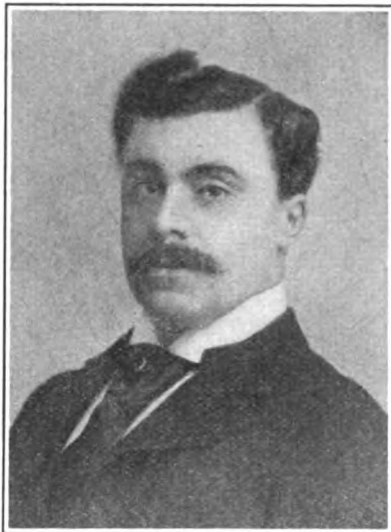
E. G. SKELDING,  
Delegate Div. No. 43.



F. J. BELLEAU,  
Delegate Div. No. 43.

Bro. W. O. Ebert, the agent at Lavallo, is enjoying a vacation. He was relieved by Bro. J. A. Kucher.

Bro. Chas. Bennett has taken a six-months' leave of absence, and is now engaged in farming near Lancaster.



L. J. FURUIS,  
Alternate Div. No. 43.

Bro. Duprey is holding down the telegraph job at West Allis, vice Bro. Bennett, and Mr. Gaylord is relieving Bro. Duprey, third trick at Oregon.

Bro. H. J. Ralph bid in Cobb station, and took charge March 24. Bro. Cottingham, who was working at Cobb extra, went to Ridgeway as agent until the position is assigned permanently.

Mr. J. S. Lewis, who is relieving C. B. Adams at Caledonia, has moved to that point. Mr. Adams is working in the dispatcher's office.

Bro. F. S. Cain, second trick at Oregon, was off duty a few days recently. Mr. Gaylord relieved him.

Mr. N. A. Browne is working second trick at Dane, vice Mr. M. Hendrickson, who has gone to Beloit.

Mr. C. F. Hanger is holding down second trick at Leyden. Leyden and Fellows are both telephone positions.

Mr. E. Phinney, son of Conductor Phinney, has charge of the first trick at Fellows, vice Mr. Will Holden, who resigned to engage in farming.

Mr. Kreglow, who formerly held down second trick (phone) at Brooklyn, worked a few days at Fellows, and, later, went to Norwalk, to work third trick. Mr. J. B. Reilly relieved him at Brooklyn.

Mr. Ted Thompson has been appointed agent at Magnolia, vice Ray Andrews, who has resigned.

Mr. B. F. Edwards, who was on the sick list for some time, has resumed duty at Wales, and

Bro. Elsner, who was relieving him, has gone to West Allis as telegrapher. Bro. J. A. Duprey took charge of his regular job, third trick at Oregon.

Telegrapher Gaylord and R. J. Starry took turns working second trick at Wonewoc while Bro. Kucher was at Lavallo. The second trick at Wonewoc is now a telephone position.

Mr. C. B. Adams, of the dispatcher's force, was recently a visitor at Milwaukee.

The meeting Saturday evening, April 17 at Madison, was a success. Apparently the boys need a storm to bring them out, as, in spite of the heavy thunder storm, a large crowd was present. Railroad affairs were pretty well discussed, and the exchanging of views was certainly helpful. Meetings of this character are a direct benefit to the railroad company as well as the men, therefore, let us hold them as often as possible.

Bro. L. F. Schneider, our local chairman, appointed a committee consisting of Bros. E. W. White, C. R. Fisher and M. H. Hansen to audit the accounts of Bro. C. E. T. Hansen, our local secretary and treasurer. The accounts were found to be in first-class shape, and the books to correspond with the statement mailed to the members in January by Bro. Hansen. All expenditures were covered by vouchers and the bills were properly signed.

After Bro. Schneider had thanked the members for the honor conferred upon him in electing him local chairman and delegate to the convention,



J. E. SHIELDS,  
Delegate Div. No. 44.

and assuring them that his efforts would be exerted in their behalf, the meeting adjourned.

Bro. Schneider stated that another meeting would be called after he returned from the convention.  
Drv. Cor.



C. B. VAN NOSTRAND,  
Delegate Div. No. 44.



A. R. LINN,  
Alternate Div. No. 44.



E. L. EVANS,  
Delegate Div. No. 45.



B. C. BERRY,  
Alternate Div. No. 45.

*Wisconsin Division—*

We were well pleased to note the liberal attendance at the meeting held at Waukegan March 27th. Important business was disposed of, including the election of a local secretary and treasurer and a division correspondent. We thank



C. H. LIVEZEY,  
Delegate Div. No. 46.

the few brothers from the Gal. Division, also those from the Mad. Division for their presence. Bro. Livezey treated to fruit and cigars, which assisted those present to pass an enjoyable evening. The next meeting will be held at Harvard, after which meetings will be held alternately every month at Waukegan and Harvard. This will give the brothers from all points an opportunity to attend.

Several changes have recently taken place on our division. The boys seem to be floating around considerably of late.

During the illness of Bro. Houser's daughter, Telegrapher Dunham relieved at Chemung.

Bro. Stevenson, of Capron, was off a few days recently and while absent was relieved by Telegrapher Schonhoff. Bro. Regan is working second at Capron and Bro. Cameron is filling his vacancy at Shopiere until third trick there is bulletined.

Bro. Paull, of Hebron, is enjoying a vacation of three weeks, being relieved by Telegrapher Woodbury, of Crystal Lake.

Telegrapher Herman Schallenger is working second trick at Crystal Lake in place of Telegrapher Woodbury.

Bro. Geo. Stewart has taken first trick at Crystal Lake on bulletin.

Mr. Earle Hyde, who works second trick at "GA" tower, Genoa Junction, was off duty a week on account of sickness. He was relieved by Telegrapher Louis Jackman.

Bro. Vail, formerly on first trick at Sharon, received third trick at Kenosha on bulletin.

Mr. Cunningham, a new man on this division, is working first trick at Sharon until the same is disposed of by bulletin.

Bro. W. C. Argonbright, also a new man on this division, is holding down Harvard, third trick, until the same is bulletined.

Mr. Geo. Gaffney is working first trick at South Janesville, which position will soon be on bulletin.

The second trick at Chemung, recently created, was assigned to Telegrapher Dunham.

Mr. H. E. Evans, for several years agent at Capron, was recently pensioned, owing to disability caused by a stroke of paralysis.

Telegrapher T. F. Nolan, of Woodstock, received the agency at Capron on bulletin.

Telegrapher Marr is filling the vacancy at Woodstock until it is bulletined.

Telegrapher Hartwick, who worked second at Capron, has resigned and gone to farming.

If you have a grievance, don't kick to the public about it, but take it up with the proper official, which is your local chairman. Div. Cor.

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#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Almighty to bear to that eternal home the beloved wife and only child of Bro. Earl Gore; be it hereby

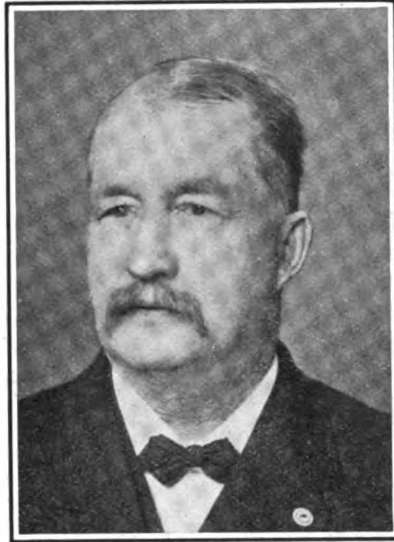


D. MONTGOMERY,  
Alternate Div. No. 47.

*Resolved*, That C. & N. W. Division, No. 76, O. R. T., extend to the bereaved brother our most heartfelt sympathy in this his hour of sorrow; and be it further



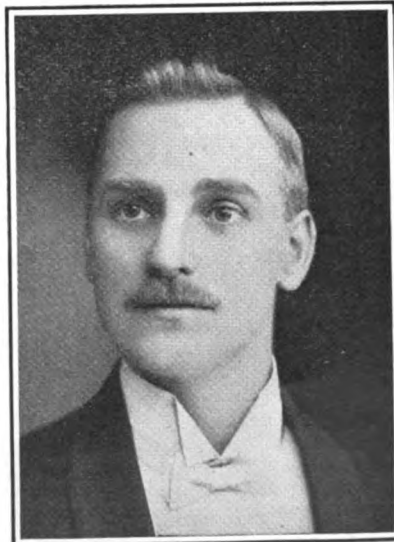
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F. J. TRUESDELL,  
Delegate Div. No. 51.



JNO. KIGER,  
Delegate Div. No. 52.

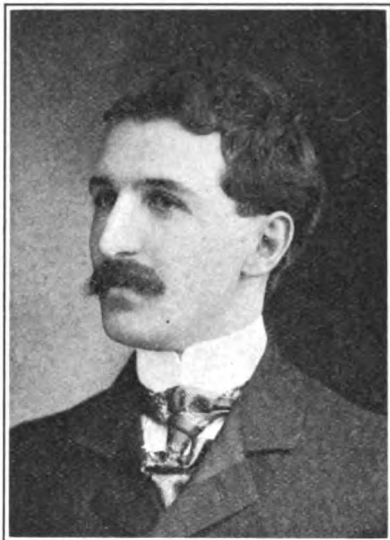


H. A. ROBERTS,  
Delegate Div. No. 52.



*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be placed on our minutes, a copy sent to the bereaved brother, and a copy submitted to our official organ for publication.

CHARLES F. O'CONNOR,  
A. B. CURTIS,  
C. R. WIGHTMAN,  
*Committee.*



C. C. CAMPBELL,  
Alternate Div. No. 52.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to take from this earth the beloved daughter of our worthy brother, O. Houser, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the members of Wisconsin Division, No. 76, extend to Bro. Houser our heartfelt sympathy in this his hour of affliction; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be placed on our minutes, a copy sent to the bereaved family, and a copy submitted to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

W. P. LIVEZEY,  
ROY L. HERRICK,  
CHARLES REGAN,  
*Committee.*

#### Ash Division, South End—

When you read this the convention will no doubt be in session at Atlanta. It goes without saying that the O. R. T. delegates will be royally welcomed by the warm-hearted and hospitable people of the South during their short stay in Atlanta.

The agents and telegraphers have not materially advanced during the past year or so in that we have secured no revision of the schedule, but we can pat ourselves on the back and truthfully say

that we have met with no reverses and have retained intact every former concession, which assertion means much when we take into consideration the recent financial depression. Furthermore, our treasury was never in better condition nor our organization in better shape.

From the foregoing, we do not want our members to get the impression that our numerical strength is all it should be, for there is room for improvement in that respect, especially on this division. For this reason we ask that every exertion be made to secure the applications of non-members.

We were sorry to hear of the illness of our ever faithful secretary and treasurer, Bro. Kempkes and trust that he has fully recovered by this time.

The banquet which was to have been given at Antigo during the latter part of April was postponed until some time in the month of June on the advice of our superintendent, Mr. Quigley, as it was thought by that time we would have better train service. No doubt some of the Sunday summer trains will be put on by June.

Bro. H. A. Sechrist, who formerly worked on the Lake Shore Division, died of tuberculosis at his home in Glen Rock, Pa., March 22d, after a lingering illness. We extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved parents.



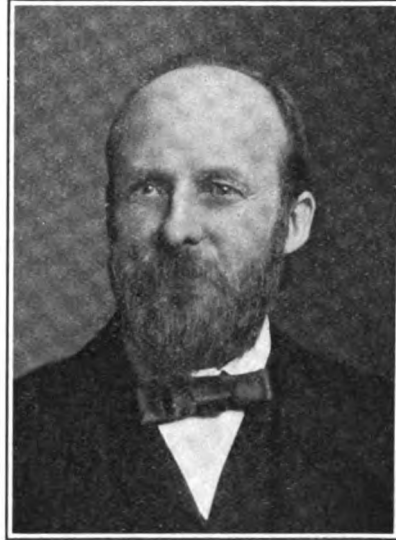
T. H. ALEXANDER,  
Alternate Div. No. 52.

Bro. W. F. Van Gilder, now with the C. M. & St. P., at Tomahawk, spent Easter Sunday with relatives at Wittenberg.

Bro. Seyler, of Pelican, received the agency at Birnamwood on bulletin. Pelican is now open for bids.



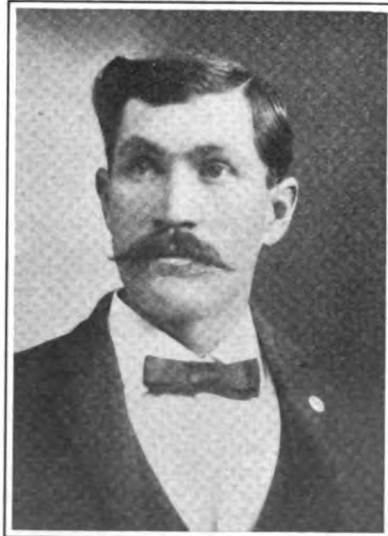
R. K. DALRYMPLE,  
Delegate Div. No. 52.



J. J. STANDLEY,  
Alternate Div. No. 52.



FRED. SHAVER,  
Delegate Div. No. 53.



S. A. THOMPSON,  
Delegate Div. No. 53.

*North End—*

Bro. Paull and family were called to Ohio on March 25th by the serious illness of Bro. Paull's father.

Bro. Matz, from Lac Du Flambeau, to Saxon, is relieving while Bro. Paull is away.



O. KILPATRICK,  
Delegate Div. No. 53.

Most of the new large capacity steel ore cars have arrived at Ironwood. Everything points to a busy summer between Ironwood and Ashland during the ore season.

Kimball and Birch will be opened, each with two telegraphers, which will give work to four more men on the north end. COR.

*Northern Wisconsin Division—*

The election passed off rather quietly. Bro. Hackbert was re-elected local chairman without opposition, this being his third successive term in office. He was also elected delegate to the convention at Atlanta for the Northern Wisconsin and Lake Shore Divisions.

Bro. J. B. Stark is working at Eden, on the Wisconsin Division.

Bro. Heinzelmann is taking a few days off; relieved by Bro. Fisher, of Jefferson.

Bro. Rummel, of Milton Junction, has accepted a position with the North Western Mfg. Co., at Ft. Atkinson; relieved by Bro. Lemmler, who has passed the civil service examination and has been assigned to a position at Washington, D. C., in the U. S. treasury.

There are several stations on the South and east ends where a great deal of missionary work could be done by the near-by brothers. For instance, Plymouth, Malone, Oakfield, Oak Center, Chester, Minnesota Junction, Juneau and John-

son's Creek. Get after them and assist the local chairman in thoroughly organizing our division before our committee convenes.

The headquarters of the Grand Division will be at the Piedmont Hotel, Atlanta, should any of the brothers wish to communicate with Bro. Hackbert during the convention.

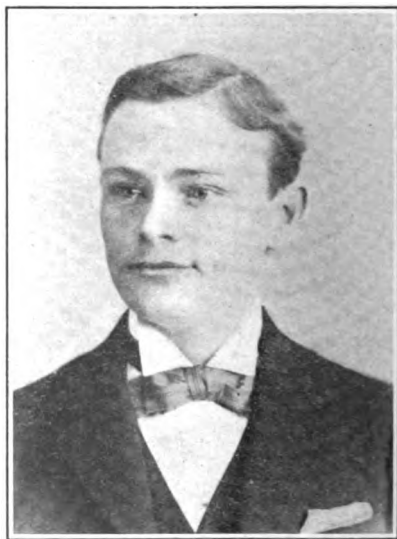
Remember, brothers, that all agents located at railway stations are eligible to membership in our organization as well as telephone men doing blocking, regardless of whether they are telegraphers or not. We have several who are eligible and should be induced to join.

Bro. Hildebrand secured Plymouth on the recent bulletin, but did not accept it. He is farming at Thorpe, on the W. C.

Mr. W. D. Krebs has gone to Plymouth as agent. CERT. 100.

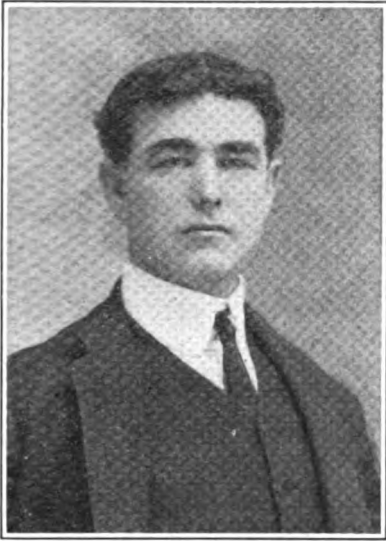
*To the Members of Northern Wisconsin Division:*

Having been elected local chairman of your division for the third time, I wish to thank the members for the confidence placed in me, and I hope to successfully represent them in the future as I have in the past. All I ask is the hearty co-operation of the membership and assistance in bringing in new members. Give the company the best possible service at all times. In so doing the grievances will be reduced to a minimum and the company will be more inclined to great concessions. Attend all meetings and endeavor to assist



G. H. MCCOY,  
Delegate Div. No. 53.

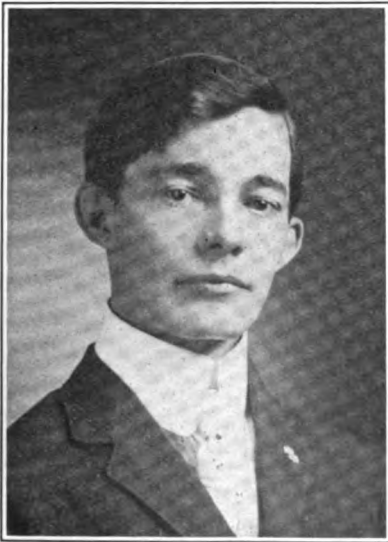
in the upbuilding of the Order. I assure you I shall represent the division to the best of my ability at the coming convention. If you have any suggestions to offer in regard to the work of



C. Q. LESLEY,  
Delegate Div. No. 53.



T. M. BOYD,  
Delegate Div. No. 53.



R. E. PETROSS,  
Alternate Div. No. 53.



H. H. HOUSTON,  
Alternate Div. No. 53.

the organization, I shall be glad to hear them and do all in my power to accomplish the best results.

Yours truly,

P. L. HACKBERT, L. C.



SAM JOHNSON,

Delegate Div. No. 54.

*Northern Iowa Division—*

Bro. C. M. Keck, who is a member of Division No. 8, spent a short time at Jewell Jct., resigning to accept a position with the Great Northern.

Dispatcher Welch fell under the ax when the force was reduced. He returned to his regular trick at Jewell Jct.

Bro. "Jim" Troy was sight-seeing over this division recently.

Toledo Station has been bulletined temporarily, and Dakota City permanently.

Dispatcher Shanor recently spent a few days in Chicago, and, incidentally, took in the Gotch Mahmout mill; relieved by Mr. Welch.

Mr. Coleman, of Boone, is the new master mechanic of the Northern Iowa. Mr. Quimby was transferred to Pierre, S. D.

We are advised that the Great Western agent at Eagle Grove is conducting a school for the purpose of putting the finishing touches on the products of a Kentucky "ham factory."

Mr. Paul Braden, now of the Huron dispatcher's office, spent a few days with friends and relatives in these parts.

Verne McIntyre, a brakeman on the Northern Iowa Division, and one of the lucky ones in the Rosebud land lottery, has decided that "decorating" 160 acres of his own is preferable to doing "stunts" on a C. & N.-W. box car.

Three inches of snow on April 10 was a surprise to everyone.

The night office at Hubbard has been closed, and Telegrapher Bushmell is working extra at present.

Bro. E. E. Carder, who works the night trick at Gifford, is laying off on account of sickness.

Bro. Perry, at Gladbrook, is taking a fifteen-day vacation, being relieved by Relief Agent Rising.

Drv. Cor.

**C., St. P., M. & O. Ry.**

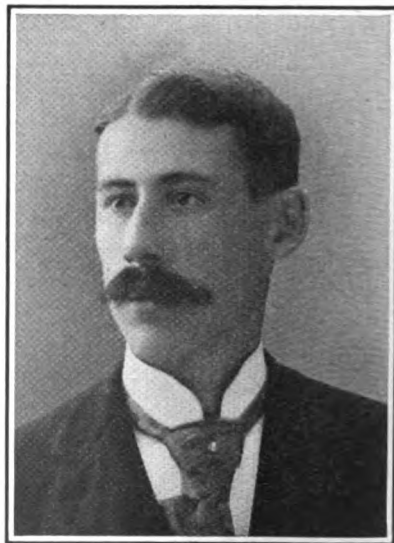
*Wisconsin Division, Eastern District—*

We regret very much to record the fact that Dispatcher Bert Stubbs was forced to undergo a very serious operation in Minneapolis recently. At this time we are pleased to hear that he is getting along nicely and the prospects are bright for a speedy recovery.

Bro. Van Meter has resigned at Hudson and accepted a position as train auditor. He has already assumed the duties of his new position.

Bro. Kvoool is acting as agent at Humbird pending the bulletin. The telephoners are coming in nicely and it is only a question of a short time until they are solid on the Omaha. There is plenty of room for improvement in the wage and working conditions of the phoners and nothing but organization will bring this about.

Once more we wish to beg of the members on the Omaha to put forth every effort to complete thorough organization on this line. A few of



I. N. HOLMES,

Delegate Div. No. 54.

our members are working nobly on the few remaining nons and they manage to keep their immediate neighborhood solid, but the indifferent members offset the work of their energetic brothers by allowing nons to work with them and alongside them without trying to secure their applica-



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M. A. SMOOT,  
Delegate Div. No. 54.

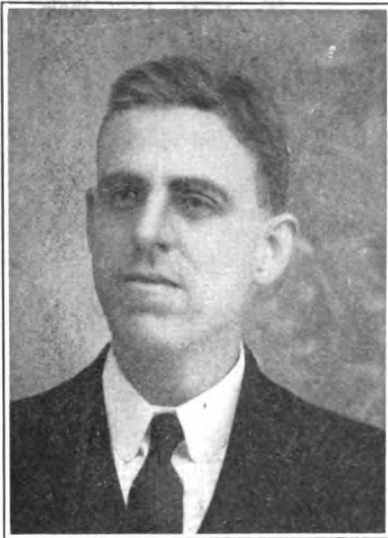


A. J. DUBOIS,  
Delegate Div. No. 54.



E. M. POOL,  
Alternate Div. No. 54.

tions. This is a matter of vital interest to each and every one of us. The conditions under which we work depend upon the strength or weakness of our organization and to those who were here before the first schedule was secured it is not



J. O. PEOPLES,  
Delegate Div. No. 55.

necessary to say anything about working without an agreement. They have been through the mill. They have worked fourteen, sixteen, eighteen hours per day and even longer for \$45.00, \$50.00 and \$55.00 per month and no overtime. Six years ago \$55.00 per month was the highest salary drawn by a night telegrapher on this division, and only four positions paid that amount. Today \$55.00 is but one step above the minimum and the salaries range up to \$75.00 and \$80.00 for nine hours' work. This is only one of the many phases of the benefits secured by the telegraphers on this railway through organized effort. We could fill several pages telling of the switch lights, dinner hour, pay for calls, seniority, bulletin rule, travel pay, protection, adjustment of grievances, etc., but what's the use? Every man on this road knows it and those who don't admit it are generally the ones who will not concede anything for fear it will cost them something. The continuance of these benefits are in our own hands. Do we wish to keep them, and secure more, or are we willing to go back to where we were six years ago? If we choose the latter, all that is necessary to do is to sit back and let the nons increase and thereby weaken the organization that is striving to better our condition.

That was rather a hard jolt handed out by the Northern District correspondent last month to the party who is trying to tear down what his fellow-workers have built up. However, from what we can learn, it was justified. The position referred to pays \$65.00 per month for nine hours'

work. When the first schedule was secured the job paid \$50.00 per month and the telegrapher worked as many hours as the dispatcher felt called upon to hold him, but never less than twelve hours. Every penny of increase and every minute cut off the day's work was secured by the work of this organization. From this distance it seems that the occupant of that position should be an organizer instead of a disorganizer.

The following are the assignments on the March bulletin:

Valley Junction, third trick, S. F. Haskell.  
New Richmond, third trick, W. B. Campbell.  
Cumberland, second trick, W. E. Steiner.  
Itasca, third trick, A. C. Dimock.  
Cameron, third trick, P. S. Peterson.

Div. Cor.

#### *Minnesota and Iowa Division—*

Bro. Beyer has returned from Nevada, Iowa, where he assisted in checking the books of Division No. 76.

Bro. A. M. Kehrer has resigned his position at Mankato, and, we understand, has moved his family to Minneapolis.

We learn that Bro. I. R. Kempkes, general secretary and treasurer of Division No. 76, has undergone an operation for appendicitis. We are pleased to be able to state that he is rapidly recovering.

Bro. A. P. Jamieson is still working sidewire at St. James, while our friend Fairfield is in the hos-



O. H. WATSON,  
Delegate Div. No. 56.

pital at Heron Lake. We are all pleased to hear that his condition is gradually improving.

Mr. H. M. Helenaick, of Pipestone, is covering the division, checking up tariffs. He expects to



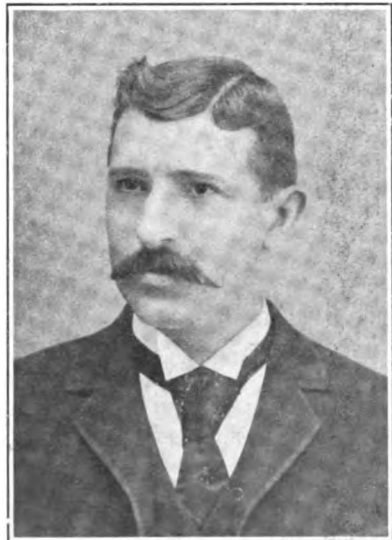
**P. C. GRIFFIN,**  
Alternate Div. No. 56.



**W. J. BURKE,**  
Delegate Div. No. 57.



**J. A. MCKEE,**  
Alternate Div. No. 57.

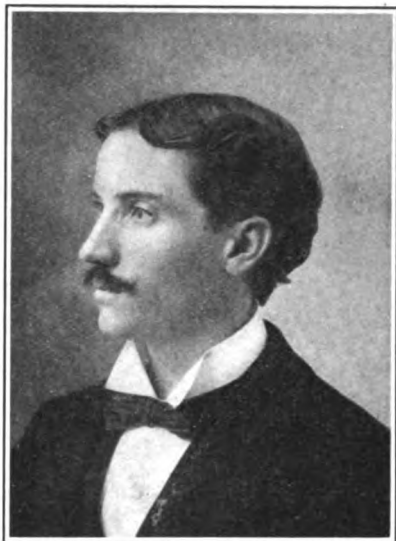


**F. C. MELVIN,**  
Delegate Div. No. 58.



be through about the first of May. Bro. E. E. Stolte is relieving him.

Bro. B. J. Funk has been working the first trick at Mankato since the resignation of Bro. Kehrer.



L. E. CRANDALL,  
Delegate Div. No. 59.

Notices are out announcing the promotion of Mr. Geo. Boyce to superintendent of telegraph and signals, vice Mr. H. C. Hope, deceased.

Bro. F. H. Spatgen, second trick telegrapher at Merriam, is taking in the sights at the Twin Cities and visiting friends (?) at Worthington. He is being relieved by Mr. R. L. Hart, of Savage.

Mr. Hart was relieved by Mr. G. F. Stucke, who drew the third position at Savage on the March bulletin.

Bro. W. C. Hamilton, of Belle Plaine, who has been on the sick list for a few days, has resumed duty. Bro. C. A. Hendricks relieved Bro. Hamilton during his illness, and Mr. J. H. Johnson performed the night duty. Mr. Johnson went to Lake Wilson upon the return of Bro. Hamilton.

Bro. W. B. Martin, of Carnes, has given up his position at that place, and was relieved by Mr. O. J. Smith. Bro. Martin was sent to Sioux Falls.

Bro. Jerry Mock has returned from his South Dakota claim, and will stay with us a short time. This afforded Bro. Martins an opportunity to take a short lay-off, and upon his return Bro. Mock will again go to his claim.

Bro. Wm. Cosgrove, who is employed on the C. G. W. near Sycamore, Ill., recently visited relatives at Bigelow.

Word comes to us of the death of little Charley Baxter, of Windom, a nephew of Local Chairman

Tenny. He was the child of Bro. Tenny's sister. Death was caused by pneumonia. The family has the sympathy of the telegraphers.

Bro. Watson, of Fairmont, relieved Bro. C. H. Cooper, at Currie, a few days. Bro. Cooper returned from Storm Lake with a new Reo auto. Bro. Watson was relieved at Fairmont by Bro. C. R. Williams.

Bro. Hamilton, of Belle Plaine, was recently called away on account of the death of a relative, but we are unable to learn particulars; he was relieved by Bro. C. N. Williams, of Bingham Lake.

Mr. R. A. Slaker, of the general office at St. Paul, spent Sunday, the 11th inst., with his parents at St. James.

Bro. Wagner, of Garden City, has been somewhat under the weather with la grippe during the past few days.

Bro. Alvord, of Mountain Lake, visited with his wife's relatives in the Twin Cities a few days since. He was relieved by Bro. C. N. Williams.

Several of the boys have bid on the Mankato vacancy this month. It remains to be seen who the lucky aspirant is. On account of the editor requesting that items be in his hands by the 18th, we are unable to give you the benefit of the assignments, in this month's journal.



WADE H. CORD,  
Delegate Div. No. 59.

Bro. G. E. Price, of LeSueur, was called to Amherst, Wis., March 13, to attend the funeral of his grandfather, who died at the age of 89 years, 3 months and 12 days. Bro. Price was relieved by Mr. J. Williams. CONT. 251.



**A. I. SHEELY,**  
Delegate Div. No. 59.



**J. W. BURGESS,**  
Delegate Div. No. 59.



**W. N. THORNTON,**  
Alternate Div. No. 59.



**W. R. LITTLE,**  
Alternate Div. No. 59.

**Bangor & Aroostook Ry.***Northern Division—*

Since my last letter I have been looking for some kind-hearted brother to come to the front with a few choice morsels of news, but it is the same old story, and now, with barely time to get my letter in before the 20th, I realize that



JAKE VAUGHN,  
Alternate Div. No. 59.

if I keep on looking, the division will be left out of the fraternal columns for another month.

Quite a number of changes on this division have been reported lately. A number of good positions are up for bid, and many of the boys are taking advantage of the opportunities afforded for advancement.

Bro. E. Bartlett bid in a position on the Southern Division.

Mr. W. C. Bowley secured the position of excess clerk and telegrapher at Houlton on bulletin.

Bro. Sutherland bid in a position on the Southern Division and later bid in his old position as agent at Jemtland.

Mr. Campbell, nights at Caribou, has resigned. Relieved by Mr. Fanning, the assistant at Ft. Fairfield Jct.

Bro. Johnson is relieving at Monticello. Bro. Tompkins is off duty for two months, on account of having his eyes treated.

Mr. H. A. Austin has resumed work at Ashland Jct. after several weeks' illness.

Bro. Libby is relieving at Robinsons, until the position is bid in.

Bro. F. V. Tapley, Robinsons, and Bro. E. N. Tapley have resigned and gone West.

Bro. Sherburne, of New Sweden, bid in Limestone. New Sweden is up for bid.

Corrigan is the new man at Ashland Jct., nights, temporarily. The position is now up for bid.

Div. Cor.

*Southern Division—*

Bro. Thorpe has been transferred from the South Le Grange agency to Millinoiket, second trick, and Bro. Eli Bartlett from "HF" office, Houlton, to third trick at West Sebois.

Bro. Wilson has accepted Rand Cove agency temporarily, until the position is bid in. He has been working the second trick at West Sebois.

Bro. Reynolds, who recently relieved at Stacyville, is off duty on account of sickness. He is being relieved by Bro. Hamilton, from Patten.

Bro. Reynolds relieved at Crystal recently, Bro. Faulkner being absent on account of sickness.

We understand that Bro. Marshall, at Brownville Jct., is laying off for six months, and is being relieved by Bro. Babbirk.

Bro. Dumont has resigned and intends to return to his home in Quebec.

Bro. Sutherland has been transferred from Jemtland agency to Bradford agency, which he drew on bulletin.

We are ignorant of what is occurring on the Greenville branch, as no one contributes items. Anyone having notes should forward them to the correspondent, which will lighten his burden and insure a good representation in the journal each month.

CERT. 90.

**Illinois Central Ry.***Chicago Division—*

The meeting held at Kankakee was called to order by Bro. Walters with the following officers in their places: Bro. Cailey, first vice-chief tele-



B. D. FLOURNOY,  
Alternate Div. No. 59.

rapher; Bro. Searel, second vice-chief telegrapher; and Bro. Hersher, sentinel. After the usual routine of business the newly-elected officers for the ensuing year were duly installed.



W. H. ANDERSON, JR.,  
Alternate Div. No. 59.



W. J. SOUTHWORTH,  
Delegate Div. No. 60.



J. W. HOWARD,  
Delegate Div. No. 61.



A. B. WILLISON,  
Delegate Div. No. 62.

In order to provide a fund to be used to assist worthy needy brothers in case of sickness and to defray miscellaneous expenses, it was moved and seconded that, beginning with the second quarter, each member of the Chicago Division be requested to pay into the treasury, quarterly, the sum of



K. C. GARDNER,  
Alternat Div. No. 62.

twenty-five cents, the same to be paid at any time during the quarter. Please take notice and assist in this worthy cause.

Bro. Morrison was called to Memphis, March 24, to attend a meeting of the general committee.

We are informed that all the general officers were re-elected by a unanimous vote to fill their respective stations for the ensuing year. This, we feel, will be gratifying to a large majority of the members.

Mr. Wood relieved Bro. Morrison while he attended the general committee meeting in Memphis.

Bro. Crannell, of Tolono, relieved Mr. Gerbel, third trick at Champaign. Mr. Gerbel is working as extra dispatcher at Kankakee.

Mr. Billingsby relieved Bro. Crannell.

Bro. C. T. Hupp, of Ashkum, is off duty for three weeks, visiting in Nebraska; relieved by Bro. H. J. Phelps.

Bro. Scheniderjohn, second trick at Rantoul, is off duty a few days; relieved by Bro. Fitzpatrick.

Will the brothers who lay off kindly drop me a card, giving full particulars? This will enable me to make a report of it in the journal. We have not received a single note from the worthy assistants, much to our surprise and disappointment. Remember, my address is Thawville, Ill., and it only costs one cent to let me hear from you. I shall expect some assistance next month.

J. F. C.

#### Louisiana Division—

Business seems to have reached its normal stage on this portion of the I. C. The lumber mills are doing a good business; the strawberry and vegetable output will be very large this season and the banana movement out of New Orleans is larger than ever. Altogether, we are doing a splendid business, and we think as soon as the tariff question is settled, business all over the country will improve wonderfully. The idle telegraphers have disappeared and men are beginning to get scarce.

Our general committee convened in Memphis, Tenn., March 24, and adjourned March 26. Bro. C. A. Mulhall was re-elected general chairman; Bro. R. L. Shannon, general secretary and treasurer; Bro. W. P. Moore, general chairman for the Y. & M. V. lines, and Bro. G. E. Chance assistant general chairman for the I. C. lines. The following were elected members of the sub-committee for schedule negotiations, etc.: General Chairman C. A. Mulhall, General Secretary and Treasurer R. L. Shannon, General Chairman Moore, of the Y. & M. V., Assistant General Chairman Chance, C. D. Clements, of the Indianapolis Southern, E. W. Hill, of the Western lines, and J. W. Miller, of the Southern lines. The sub-committee will probably convene about June 1.

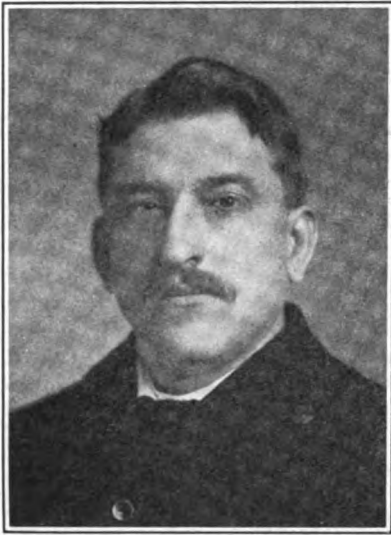
Our regular monthly meeting held at McComb, Miss., Sunday night, April 11, was well attended



A. DROW,  
Alternat Div. No. 64.

and several important questions were disposed of. A special meeting will be held at Jackson, Miss., April 25, for the benefit of the Y. & M. V. boys.

The new telephone, for the handling of trains, was put into operation April 8 from McComb to



C. R. CHAPMAN,  
Delegate Div. No. 65.



H. L. JONES,  
Alternate Div. No. 65.



W. E. SIMMONS,  
Delegate Div. No. 66.



R. A. BELYEA,  
Alternate Div. No. 66.

Canton and from McComb to New Orleans. The new innovation has its advantages and its disadvantages. The dispatcher does not lose so much time calling; just as soon as the bell rings the boys answer promptly, but there is no question of the telegraph being more reliable and safer. Several

a mining expedition for Peru. He at one time worked at Durant.

Bro. Stevens visited relatives on the Grenada District a few days this month.

Bro. A. Kennard, Cashier at Grenada, made a trip to Okolona recently.

Bro. O. H. Cowen recently made a flying trip to Memphis, where he visited friends.

Bro. Geo. Franklin narrowly escaped serious injury or worse on the 6th inst., when the depot at Aberdeen was destroyed by a cyclone. Mr. Ike Franklin, the cashier was in the wreck, but crawled out through a window, and was at his post the next day. We are certainly glad the boys escaped injury.

The company is installing phones on the main stem, and also on the Grenada Dist.

Bro. Bowers was off duty a few days this month on account of illness, but we are glad to note that he is again at his post.

Mr. R. W. Hansell, of Frisco, is working extra on this division.

We hope the boys will have a fine time at the convention in Atlanta and that much good will be accomplished. CENT. 1658.

#### *Peoria Division—*

Bro. Gallagher, the second trick man at Olney, was off a few days in April, viewing the sights in Chicago. He was relieved by Bro. Caster, from the extra board.



J. A. SHIELDS,  
Alternate Div. No. 69.

special schedule orders have been bulled in transmission, but, fortunately, the dispatcher caught the errors while the orders were being repeated. Another disadvantage, it is slower than the telegraph, especially in putting out special schedules and repeating them.

Bro. E. A. Robert, late of the E. P. & N.-E., is working extra at Kenner Jct., but will soon leave for Atlanta to attend the convention.

Sister Edna Rheams, agent at Kenner, La., was painfully hurt, recently, by being thrown from a motor car, but she is OK again.

Bro. G. B. Muller, extra telegrapher at "BD," New Orleans, has accepted a position with the Western Union.

Bro. Chas. Galvani, who was agent at Manchac, La., continues in a critical condition at his home in Magnolia, Miss. The physicians hold out no hopes for his recovery.

The following bulletins just out: Agency at Kenner, La.; first, second and third tricks at Kenner Jct., La., and agency at Roseland, La.

Among the late arrivals who are working extra are Bros. J. S. Scott and W. H. Thornton, late of the Rock Island. Div. Cor.

#### *Mississippi Division—*

There are several new men on the division.

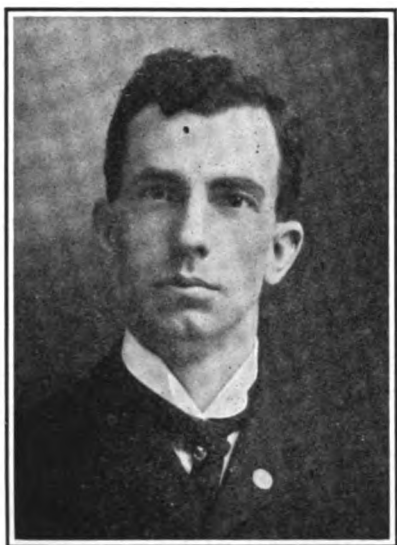
Bro. F. R. Kern, who has been in the employ of the Panama R. R. in the Canal Zone, has joined



P. M. ABBOTT,  
Delegate Div. No. 70.

Bro. F. A. McGinnis is off on leave of absence on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. Ben Knight.

Bro. Jones, from the St. Louis Division, of the Big Four, while in Newton, Sunday, April 4, made the boys a pleasant call.



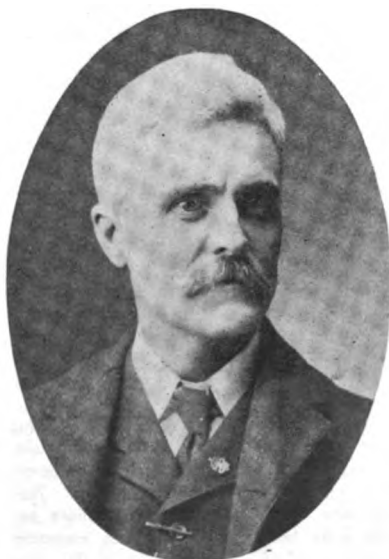
O. L. DAVIS,  
Delegate Div. No. 71.



W. A. FULLER,  
Alternate Div. No. 71.



L. F. SCHNEIDER,  
Delegate Div. No. 76.



E. H. WEBSTER  
Delegate Div. No. 76.



Bro. Young, the agent at Griffin, is off duty twenty days, visiting his parents in Jefferson City, Mo. Bro. Caster is relieving him.

Bro. Short has been enjoying a thirty-days' leave of absence; relieved by Bro. Knight, from the extra board.



JAS. TROY,

Delegate Div. No. 76.

Bro. Hoffman relieved Bro. Leeds at Emden, a few days, on account of Bro. Leeds having a bad case of toothache and not able for duty.

Bro. Wilson, our extra man, is relieving Telegrapher Perry for two months. We understand that Perry is soon to return.

Bro. Endicott, who is on extra board, is holding down the helper's job at New Harmony until more extra work shows up.

We understand that the Quad will soon be put back into service at Mattoon office.

Bro. Greenfield and wife, of Grayville, and Bro. Hoffman and wife, of Linton, spent Sunday, April 18, with L. A. Richards and family, of Newton.

CERT. 1315.

#### *New Orleans Division—*

Through inadvertence the death of Bro. Jenkins has not been reported. On January 20, last, at Touro Infirmary, New Orleans, La., the immortal soul of our beloved Brother John S. Jenkins entered into eternal rest, and on January 22 his remains were laid away in the city cemetery at his home in Gloster, Miss. The burial services were conducted under the auspices of the local camp, Woodmen of the World, of which he was a member. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. I. W. Reed, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Gloster, in which Bro. Jenkins held

membership. Rev. O'Brien, of Slaughter, La. assisted Rev. Reed, and delivered an eulogy on the life and character of our deceased brother, testifying to his moral worth and high character. A delegation from the Order of Railroad Telegraphers acted as pallbearers. Among the many beautiful floral offerings was a lovely design, consisting of a wreath encircling the letters "O. R. T., Division No. 93," presented by his brothers and co-workers of the New Orleans Division, Y. & M. V. R. R., to whom the grief-stricken family request their thanks be extended. The writer has been intimately associated with Bro. Jenkins for more than eight years, in the capacity of fellow-employee, brother and friend, and has known him to be always faithful, loyal and true. His family has lost a noble son, brother and husband, and their loss now seems irreparable, but He who doeth all things well can and will comfort the sorrowing hearts and heal the aching wounds caused by the loss of their loved one. Bro. Jenkins was peculiarly devoted to our Order and the principles represented by it. We will miss him, because we have lost a faithful and loyal brother and an earnest co-worker. His country has lost an honorable and upright citizen. John Silas Jenkins' example is well worthy of emulation.

Bro. F. C. Hardesty, who is working first trick at Baton Rouge, was laid up for about ten days with chicken pox, but is again on duty. He was relieved by Bro. Henry Graves, of Roxie.

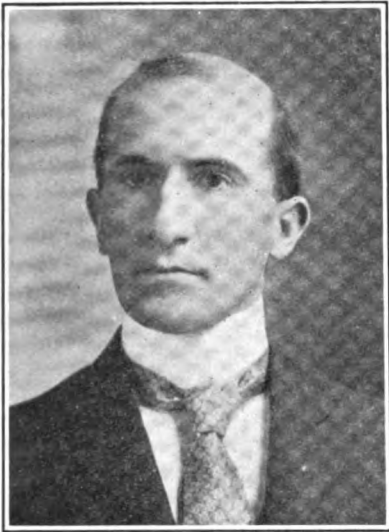


I. R. KEMPKES,

Delegate Div. No. 76.

Bro. Graves also relieved Bro. P. E. Bond, of Harrison, who has been enjoying a short vacation, spent at home.

Bro. H. F. Mingledorf, third at Baton Rouge, made a flying trip to Nashville and Memphis.



C. M. WURZBACHER,  
Delegate Div. No. 76.



I. B. HAYMOND,  
Delegate Div. No. 76.



L. D. MARQUETTE,  
Delegate Div. No. 76.



D. R. HICKOK,  
Alternate Div. No. 76.

Tenn., visiting relatives, and, incidentally, taking in Mardi Gras.

Mr. J. P. Norris, ticket agent at Baton Rouge, is laying off with the mumps, and is being relieved by Bro. C. Purtell, days at Litcher, La. Mr. Norris should remember the many good things



J. H. GILBERT,

Alternate Div. No. 76.

of which he has been the recipient at our hands in the past and also in the present, and come across the chasm. There is no stigma attached to the name of a railroad telegrapher that bears such odium as the word "non," written before the name of a man who partakes of the bounty derived from the earnest and persistent efforts of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and yet refuses to bear his share of the burden.

It is the very incarnation of ingratitude; the acme of moral turpitude, and degrading alike to the individual and the calling he follows. Get on the right side; do as you would be done by; be fair with the rest of the craft; and, if after pay day you have but one dollar left after paying your dues you will be possessed of the supreme satisfaction of knowing that it is wholly your own, an honest dollar, part of which has not been filched from your comrades, who have contributed their time, their brains and their money, in making your position and its surroundings what they are. How small a "non" must feel, with what withering contempt is he regarded by his fellows, as he sneaks into the pay car and pockets his fifty, sixty, seventy or hundred dollar check, which was forty-five dollars formerly, and would be at present were it not for the united efforts of his organized fellow-employees. The blood of a true man or true woman boils with righteous indignation to even think of having to call him fellow-employee.

Bro. W. A. Anderson bid in Garyville, days, Bro. B. L. Harper relieving him on third trick at Gloster.

Bro. J. S. Wilson got Wilson agency on bulletin, and was relieved at Centerville, days, by Mr. Warren Price.

Bro. G. J. Bryan, days at Natchez depot ticket office, has been enjoying a vacation, and was relieved by Bro. Purtell.

Bro. Montgomery has returned from a meeting of the general committee held at Memphis. He also attended a meeting of the Memphis Division boys at Clarksdale on the 18th.

There will be a joint meeting of the Louisiana and New Orleans Divisions at Jackson, Miss., Sunday, the 5th inst., which, we hope, will be a good one.

Brothers C. E. Badgley, Port Gibson; M. N. Furr, Stampley; Blount Burke, Red Lick; W. W. Williams, Carlisle, and F. J. Szulinski, Myles, are the latest additions to the family circle of the New Orleans Division, and right welcome do we make them. The Natchez District is again the banner district of the division—not a darn non.

Div. Coa.

### Chicago Great Western Ry.

#### Northwest Division—

A great many changes have taken place and the boys all seem willing to assist in recording them.



FRED. P. GOSS,

Alternate Div. No. 76.

Bro. Duvall, who has been working as agent at Coates, has decided to return to the second trick at Rich Valley.

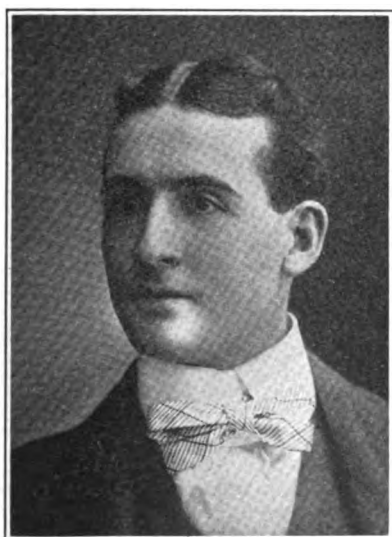
Telegrapher J. F. Burns, who for some time has been working second trick at Coates, has quit the business and accepted a position on the *Cleveland Leader* as cartoonist.



R. F. BIGGAR,  
Alternate Div. No. 76.



W. P. LIVEZEY,  
Alternate Div. No. 76.



J. E. AGNEW,  
Alternate Div. No. 76.



B. G. LYMAN,  
Alternate Div. No. 76.

Bro. J. Donovan, second trick at South St. Paul, has returned to work after another siege of illness.

After working at Dodge Center for a few weeks, Telegrapher Vermillion has resigned and left the road.



A. D. JONES,  
Alternate Div. No. 76.

Bro. Cain, second trick at Rich Valley, has taken the agency at Coates, relieving Bro. Duvall. Telegrapher C. E. Maxfield is relieving Bro. Whitcraft, agent at Taopi.

Telegrapher B. C. Jenkins is relieving Telegrapher Maxfield on second trick, while Telegrapher E. J. Luscomb is relieving Telegrapher Jenkins on third trick.

Mr. Anderson, a new man on the C. G. W., is relieving Telegrapher Wallace, second trick at West Concord. We understand that Mr. Wallace met with a severe accident.

Dispatcher A. L. Wilhelm has resumed duty after a month's illness.

Bro. B. A. Mills, the agent at Renova, was off duty a few days; relieved by Bro. Holmes. Bro. Holmes was in turn relieved by Bro. J. C. McCall, a new man on the C. G. W.

Bro. J. W. Beresford is now working second trick at Hayfield.

Telegrapher Armstrong has vacated the position of second trick man at Hayfield and Bro. C. B. Leach, of Division No. 70, is relieving him.

Telegrapher L. J. Green, second trick at Skyburg, is taking a vacation, being relieved by Bro. J. C. McCall.

Bro. P. Stenstrom, the second trick man at Randolph, is at present working first trick at that point. Mr. Theo. Hamlin, a member of the Train Dispatchers' Union, is working second trick.

Telegrapher Ira Short, who has been working second trick at Vlasaty for some time, bid in and secured the third trick at Coates. Mr. Short was relieved at Vlasaty by Mr. Adams.

We understand that Bro. Leach, of Hayfield, is laying off, and Bro. McElrath (who was at one time third trick telegrapher at Randolph) is relieving him.

Be sure and read the account of the meeting with the officials, and the work accomplished by the general committee while in St. Paul.

The correspondent wishes to thank all those who contributed to this write-up. There is no better way to show your interest in the Order and your brother workmen than to assist in making the journal interesting and instructive. Let us strive to make it a magazine that we can all read and enjoy after our tiresome shift is ended.

Div. Cor.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God In His infinite wisdom and divine power to remove from this life the beloved mother of our Bro. A. Whitcraft; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That Division No. 96, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, tender the bereaved relatives its sympathy in this sad hour; be it further



GUY A. JOHNSON,  
Delegate Div. No. 78.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be entered upon the records of this division, a copy sent to the bereaved son, and a copy forwarded to the editor for publication in THE TELEGRAPHER.

C. H. KINNE,  
J. E. JENNY,  
C. E. MORRIS,  
*Committee.*

*Ft. Dodge Division—*

Mr. Powell has been transferred to the Waverley agency.

A Mr. Dowling, of Waverley, bid in the Lohrville agency.

Bro. M. H. Murphy, recently of Austin, bid in the second trick at Carroll.

Bro. W. F. Curran, of Chicago, drew third trick at Carroll.

Bro. P. D. Beegle has been transferred from second trick at Harlan to second trick at Somers.

April 12th. Bro. F. L. Mortimer and wife, of Moorland, were at Somers, Sunday, April 11th, to pay a farewell visit to Bro. Butler and wife before their departure.

Mr. Jolley took second trick at Somers, but was bumped by Bro. P. D. Beegle, from second trick at Harlan.

The writer wishes to thank several of the brothers for the news sent him, and he hopes that they will do the same next month.

CERT. 200.



J. O. BOLTON,  
Delegate Div. No. 79.

Telegrapher Wm. Quirk, formerly second trick man at Carroll, but later on the extra list, has resigned. We understand he intends to engage in other business. He leaves for his home in Dubuque for an extended visit shortly.

Telegrapher Simon, third trick at Manning, has resigned, and we understand he contemplates leaving the service.

Bro. E. E. Butler, second trick at Somers, bid in second trick at Harlan, taking effect Monday,

*Des Moines Division—*

Having been appointed assistant local chairman of this division, it is up to me to see that our division is represented in THE TELEGRAPHER. If the brothers will assist me we will have a write-up in the journal every month. Send all the news, especially the changes.

Bro. Leroy Royce, formerly third trick telegrapher at So. Des Moines, is working for the C. R. I. & P. Ry. at Liberal Kan.

Eros. Judd, of Marshalltown, and Reed, of Gladbrook, contemplate going to Canada to buy land.

Bro. M. Gee, agent at Valeria, drew the position of cashier at Waterloo, on bulletin No. 47. Mr. J. R. Wright relieved Bro. Gee, and Miss McIlhon is working second trick.



W. C. LONGMIRE,  
Delegate Div. No. 80.

A. C. Crabtree drew Berlin agency.

Bro. I. H. Latimer got third trick at Baxter.

H. F. King, formerly of the Wabash, secured third trick at Cummings.

Bro. Scarborough, relief agent at Berlin, was assigned to third trick at Peru, which place is near his home.

H. L. Coggins is now working third trick at Parnell.

U. G. Simons secured third trick at Conception.

Bro. J. V. Goin, who was for several years agent at Afton Junction, got third trick at Rea.

Mr. L. G. Nuseum is working first trick at Gladbrook, relieving Bro. Reed. Bro. H. H. Hilgiger, from Conception, is holding second trick, and Mr. McColl, third trick.

Bro. Harry Hunter, first trick man at So. Des Moines, visited his home near Faribault, Minn., the first of the month.

We haven't had a chance to visit the boys, but will try and make a trip over the division soon.

Now, brothers, it is up to you to help me, so let's see if we can not have a solid division by July 1st.

ASST. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

## Seaboard Air Line Ry.

### Fifth Division—

The meeting held at Americus, March 28th, was characterized by a good attendance, and considerable enthusiasm was displayed.

Local Chairman Tidwell was on hand. He seems to have the interest of the membership constantly in mind. He requests that Fifth Division members work unremittingly for the elimination of the non, and it is believed that renewed effort along this line will result in quite a number of telegraphers on our division becoming up-to-date.

Several new features will distinguish our meetings in the future, and it is expected that the attendance will increase on that account. Those who make no effort to attend, and who are seldom present at our meetings are bound to fall behind the procession, so if you belong to that class, wake up and come out occasionally.

It is expected that two high officials will address the April meeting, which will be held in Savannah, and those who fail to attend will have ample cause to regret their absence.

Mr. B. G. Tippins, formerly general chairman of Division No. 97, is riding in a brand new auto.

Bro. D. F. Rush and wife recently visited relatives in South Carolina.

Mrs. W. L. Tidwell and little daughter, Jewel, recently returned from a visit with relatives at Columbus.

CERT. 147.

### Second Division—

A splendid meeting was held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, at Hamlet, Saturday night, Bro. W. L. Moore, local chairman, presiding. There was a good crowd from the R. & A.



J. L. LESTER,  
Alternate Div. No. 80.

We now have a splendid division, which should inspire us to give the local chairman our earnest support, and endeavor to keep it up to the standard.

Telegrapher Livister, who worked at Raleigh block, is no longer in the service. He was re-



C. E. MARKER,  
Alternate Div. No. 82.



F. J. CROZIER,  
Delegate Div. No. 83.



A. W. SHERBURNE,  
Alternate Div. No. 83.



L. A. PAGE,  
Delegate Div. No. 84.



lieved by Telegrapher Allison, who hails from the N. & S. Ry.

Bros. Guess and Glass, of Method, were off duty for a few days recently. They were relieved by Telegrapher Wrenn.

Bro. Baucom, of Cary, is off a few days; relieved by Bro. Hughes, from the A. C. L.

Bro. Wrenn is now working third trick at Apex.

Bro. Firrall holds second trick at Merry Oaks.



R. PARKER,

Alternate Div. No. 85.

We regret very much to hear of the death of Bro. Kimball's wife. He has the sympathy of the entire division in his bereavement.

Bro. Causey is again at his post at Lemon Springs.

Bro. Tally, of Cameron, visited Raleigh on a pleasure trip.

Bro. Herring has been stationed at Cognac.

The results of the election is that Bro. W. L. Moore will be our local chairman, and Bros. Benn and Cumming, both from the First Division, will represent us as delegates to the convention.

The boys along the line will assist the correspondent by sending him notices of changes taking place, and other items of interest. This in order that mention of them may be made when sending items to THE TELEGRAPHER. It is difficult to find out what is going on north of Sanford.

Business is brisk. Never before has the Seaboard done as much business as is being done at present.

R. & A. Cor.

#### D. S. S. & A. Ry.

##### Western Division—

Bros. Huberty and Malloy, from Cusson and Iron River, respectively, were out to last meeting.

Bro. L. G. Stuesser, of Bruces Crossing, was elected justice of the peace at a recent election.

Bro. M. J. Clossey, of Trout Creek, is laying off twenty days, taking in the sights in lower Michigan. He was relieved by regular relief agent.

The logging business from the Baltimore branch has been discontinued for this year and the extra crew pulled off.

"MC."

##### Houghton Division and M. R. Railway—

Business seems to be about normal on this division, and as soon as navigation opens up we expect to see everything on the boom.

Bro. Danielson, after spending six months in the West, has returned and resumed duty as agent at Chassell.

Mr. J. D. Porter has been checked in as agent at Alston, temporarily, relieving Bro. D. J. Lewis, who, I understand, is leaving the service.

It is rumored that Mr. W. H. Boylan, agent at Mills, has bid in the agency at Alston, and that transfer is to be made soon.

The manner in which the contributions to the fraternal department have been coming in is very gratifying, and I wish to thank all who have assisted me in the work. I trust they will continue to furnish items.

Let every brother make it a point to say a few good words to the nons, using every effort to land them. Don't wait for someone else to make a move, but get busy yourself.

Div. Cor.



N. T. BRYSON,

Delegate Div. No. 85.

##### Mackinaw Division—

Business seems to be pretty good on this division, and we see no reason for any "hard times" cry on our end of the line.

Bro. Ed. Stuesser, the agent at Seney, has resigned to accept a position as ticket agent on



M. M. O'MARA,  
Delegate Div. No. 86.



J. L. FRANKS,  
Alternate Div. No. 86.

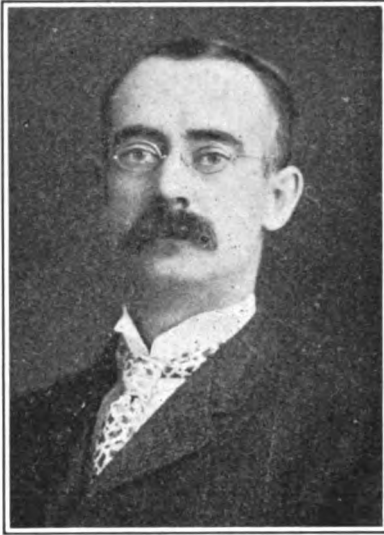


LEONARD J. ROSS,  
Delegate Div. No. 89.



A. E. McCULLOUGH,  
Alternate Div. No. 91.

the Munising Ry., at Munising. He succeeds our former secretary and treasurer, Bro. Kemp, who goes to Gwinn, on the Munising Ry., to act as agent. Bro. Stuesser is succeeded at Seney by Mr. M. M. Stillman, formerly of Chassell.



**H. R. CHILDS,**  
Delegate Div. No. 92.

There is a new man at Fiborn Jct., by the name of Wubben. We are unable to learn where he came from.

Several changes have been made at St. Mary's Transfer of late, and we now have three new men there. We understand that Bro. Starrine, formerly of that office, has gone West to seek his fortune.

There are some of the boys along the line who are in arrears for last half of 1908, and some for the first half of 1909. We would like to see them in good standing, as we all know that "In union there is strength."

If anyone would like to assist by furnishing items for THE TELEGRAPHER, we would be glad to receive them. Send them to your local chairman, who will see that they are sent to the correspondent.

W. R. G.

#### **Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry.**

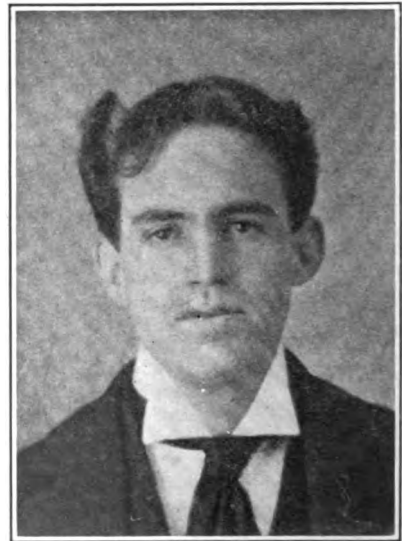
##### *Winnipeg Division—*

After having called a meeting during the winter which we were forced to abandon on account of the stormy weather, we succeeded in holding one at Thief River Falls, Sunday, March 28, at which eighteen members were present. We are of the opinion that there should have been a better representation, as we are unable to find any excuse for the absence of the men on the Wheat Line between Thief River Falls and Adams. This being

an open meeting from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. we were favored with the presence of Mr. Wyman, superintendent's chief clerk; Mr. Gillick, chief dispatcher, and two of the trick dispatchers, Mr. Langlois and Mr. Boyce. Our superintendent, Mr. Michaels, was invited, but on account of the fact that his presence was required in Minneapolis, at the general offices, he was unable to attend. He assured us that he would be pleased to meet with us at some future time.

The object in holding these open meetings and having our division officers meet with us, is to give them an opportunity to point out the many ways in which we, as employees, can better the service. We expect to hold more meetings of this kind during the summer and would suggest that all employees who can possibly arrange to do so be present, as they will have a chance to learn something to their benefit.

The afternoon session was a closed meeting and was called to order at 2 p. m., by Local Chairman Allison. There were some very interesting topics discussed, and, under the head of "good of the order," every member present had a chance to express himself and most of them took advantage of the opportunity to do so. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p. m., and everyone present expressed himself as having had a good time. At the close of the open meeting, which was presided over by Bro. Allison, Mr. Wyman invited us over to the Commercial Club rooms and turned them over to us during our stay in the city. We feel



**L. P. O'BRIEN,**  
Alternate Div. No. 92.

under many obligations for the hospitality shown us while in their beautiful city, and hope to return in the near future.

Bro. Smith, of Vergas, missed his first meeting on account of five of his children being sick with



**ROBT. L. MONTGOMERY,**  
Delegate Div. No. 93.



**G. E. CHANCE,**  
Delegate Div. No. 93.



**R. P. WALT,**  
Delegate Div. No. 93.



**R. C. EISNER,**  
Delegate Div. No. 93.

the scarlet fever. We missed him very much and know that it is only cases of this kind that keeps him away from our meetings. We are pleased to state that his children are on the road to recovery at this writing.



FRANK E. REHORST,  
Delegate Div. No. 93.

Bro. Wilson, of Mahanomen, was present, this being his first appearance at our meetings.

CERT. 212.

#### Minnesota Division—

Bro. Martin, who formerly worked nights at Hoffman, has left the service. We are unable to state who relieved him.

We understand that Bro. E. H. Carpenter, formerly of Glenwood, is now in Kansas City, in the employ of the W. U. Telegraph Co..

Bro. W. F. Smith is relieving at Glenwood a few days.

Bro. T. O. Davis, from M. & St. L., is working the third trick at Glenwood, permanently.

Bro. V. Starrine, from D. S. & A., is working second trick at Glenwood.

Bro. Taylor, who has been at the Soo for the winter, is with us again and has gladdened the hearts of the night men by accepting Enderlin, nights.

Mr. Rit, who formerly worked at Enderlin, has gone to the city, and probably will not return.

We understand that there is soon to be a meeting held at some point on the main line. Let us all turn out and make it the best on record.

Drv. Cor.

#### C., R. I. & P. Ry.

##### Iowa Division—

Bro. J. B. Smith, of Marengo, was recently called to Indiana, on account of the death of his father. He has our sincere sympathy.

Bro. Ralph E. Douglas is working second trick at Newton.

Bro. W. B. Fryberger, agent at Exira, has resigned, and gone to his farm in Canada.

Bro. E. E. Fisher, of Valley Junction, has left the service to go to his farm in the Elberta country.

Bro. C. A. Barton secured Walnut, on bulletin.

We understand that Bro. G. B. Ohle, former agent at Walnut, has left the service.

Bro. H. S. Clow has returned from the Isle of Pines, and resumed duty.

Bro. A. M. Huston is visiting in Tennessee. We can not say when he will return.

Agent Read, at Newton, has just returned from Idaho. Bro. F. C. Walker relieved him while away.

Bro. C. W. Plumley, agent at Marengo, is off duty for a few days, and is on a business trip to Topeka, Kan. Bro. Smith is holding down the agency, and Bro. Whitehead doing the first trick while he is away.

Agent White, Kellogg, is off duty to take unto himself a better half, and enjoy an extended trip



C. A. MULHALL,  
Delegate Div. No. 93.

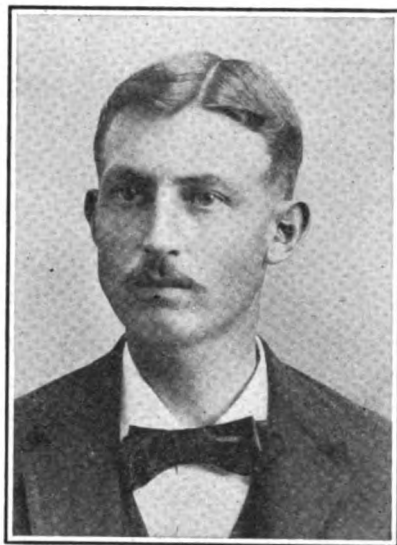
through the West. Bro. Barrett is holding down the agency, with Mr. Teeters, second trick, and Mr. Burns, third trick, while White is away.

The Atalissa night office has been closed.

G. H. M.



W. H. MORRISON,  
Delegate Div. No. 93.



E. L. MATHIS,  
Delegate Div. No. 93.



F. B. FOX,  
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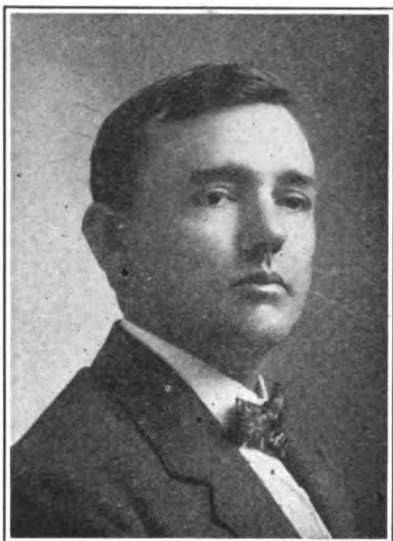


J. H. WELLS,  
Delegate Div. No. 93.

*Arkansas Division—*

Mr. W. R. Pratt, agent at Lonoke, has been relieved permanently by Mr. J. D. Turner, from Enid, Okla.

Bro. L. R. Cotney is laying off this month. We wish him a pleasant time.



J. E. BULL,  
Delegate Div. No. 93.

Our meeting at Little Rock, March 22d, was not the success that we had hoped for. This was no fault of the local chairman, who gave plenty of notice. We are advised by the members all along the line that requests for passes were ignored. This matter will be taken up as a grievance, and handled in the regular way.

The agents and telegraphers on this division should get busy, and not expect the local chairman to do all the work. He receives no pay for his services, and it is your duty to assist him. Conditions are what we make them.

CORRESPONDENT.

*Minnesota Division—*

Bro. E. L. Stowe, agent at Rockford, is enjoying a vacation of thirty days, and making an extended trip through the Western States. Bro. Homer Hull is acting agent during his absence. Bro. W. T. Posey is on second trick, and a Mr. C. A. Dickenson on third.

Bro. J. L. Berschens, who has been off duty several weeks on account of a broken ankle, has returned to work. He visited relatives in Illinois and Wisconsin during the time he was incapacitated. Mr. Mills Agner, from Cedar Rapids, relieved Bro. Berschens.

S. E. Severson has been appointed agent at Albert Lea, vice W. C. Smith, resigned.

Bro. H. D. Haase was recently appointed agent at Greene, vice Bro. E. L. Stowe, who was transferred to Rockford. J. H. Hemphill, of Rockford, resigned.

After April 16th, Kensett and Gordonsville will be opened as night offices. It is reported that these will be split tricks.

It seems strange that with the special rate now in effect we are not receiving more applications. The members should be more aggressive. The rate for this month is only \$6.25.

Mr. Mills Agner, an extra telegrapher, is working third trick at Iowa Falls. This position is still up for bid.

After thoroughly investigating, I find that there are too many nons on this division. Do you know what this means to us? Can we ever expect better working conditions when there are so many nons here? Now that you have a complete list of all members, and nons, on the division, I can see no reason for you not pulling some of the nons on the right side. There are several of them on the fence. Get busy and see what you can do. When you get through with your journal give it to some non, instead of ditching it.

Mr. L. A. Hardfield, extra operator and agent, has come into the fold.

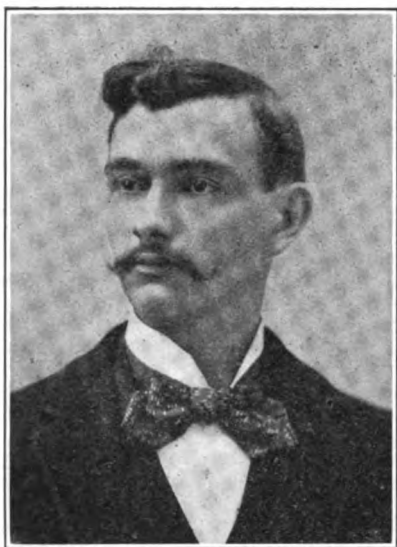
Our assistant local chairman J. W. Kennedy, of Robertson, was off duty a couple of weeks in April. Relieved by P. R. Frost.

E. J. McDermott has quit third trick at Gundy Center. Unable to say where he has gone.

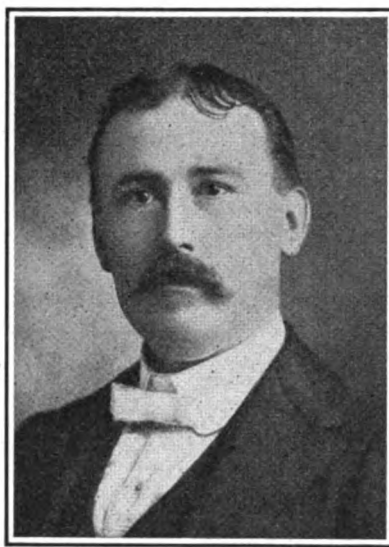


C. J. WALKER,  
Delegate Div. No. 93.

P. R. Frost, from off C. G. W., gets new trick at Gordonsville. Father and son now have control of this station, and both nons. It is time to do some freezing around there.



C. O. STONE,  
Alternate Div. No. 93.



W. E. DAUGHERTY,  
Alternate Div. No. 93.



HOWELL R. WESTON,  
Alternate Div. No. 93.

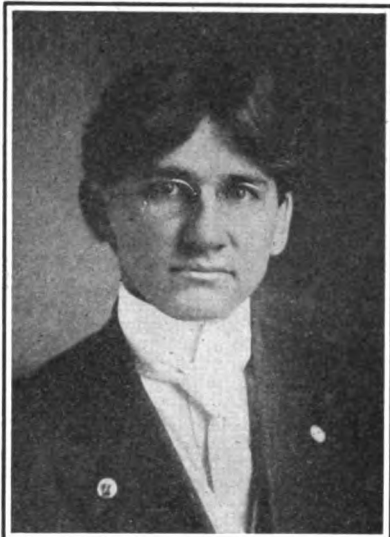


L. J. BARTLE,  
Alternate Div. No. 93.



Bro. B. W. Hinnan gets Kensett, new trick on bulletin.

E. Scholof, second trick, Tower Grove, transferred to dispatcher's office at Cedar Rapids. Bro. A. Grift, from C. H. & D., is working this trick.



R. L. SHANNON,  
Alternate Div. No. 93.

X. L. Jones gets second trick at Polo on bulletin, vice B. A. Curel appointed agent Ottosen, vice E. O. Hanson, resigned.

Bro. J. D. Harris was appointed agent at Washburn, vice Bro. O. A. Schreiber transferred to Wellsburg. Bro. Harris is from Wellsburg.

G. M. Agner is the new third trick man at Iowa Falls. He is too young to belong to the Order, but promises to line up as soon as possible.

Bro. Frankburg, of Division No. 16, held second trick at Grundy Center and was succeeded by Bro. T. Jaden.

Div. Cor.

I wish to thank the members of the Minnesota Division for the trust reposed in me, which they manifested by placing me in the responsible position of local chairman. With the aid of my assistants, Bros. W. H. Morris and J. W. Kennedy, I will endeavor to carry on the affairs of my office in a manner to reflect credit on the members of the Minnesota Division. Thanking you, I am

Yours fraternally,

W. N. STALEY,  
Local Chairman.

#### El Paso Division—

Bro. J. W. Livesey has been transferred from McPherson to the third trick at Durham.

Telegrapher H. W. Paine has resumed work at McPherson, after taking a sixty-day vacation.

The Rock Island-Frisco depot at Medora is being remodeled. Understand the four O. R. T.

brothers there will have a much better office to work in, when completed.

Can you not get two or three new members before May 31st? It's to your interest to do this. Try it and see.

Bro. T. J. Farrell, first trick at Pratt, is spending a few days at his home in Peru, Ind. He contemplates taking a station up on his return.

Bro. E. S. Davis, of Mo. Pac., Division, No. 31, is working in the Pratt office during the absence of Bro. Farrell.

The chief dispatcher's office at Pratt has been abolished for the present. The train dispatchers have been moved to Dalhart, and, together with the telegraphers of the entire division, are under Chief Dispatcher E. P. Ryan.

Bro. Walter Campbell is working third trick at Meade.

Bro. Leroy Rice, of Liberal, is off duty on account of sickness; relieved by Mr. John Sauer.

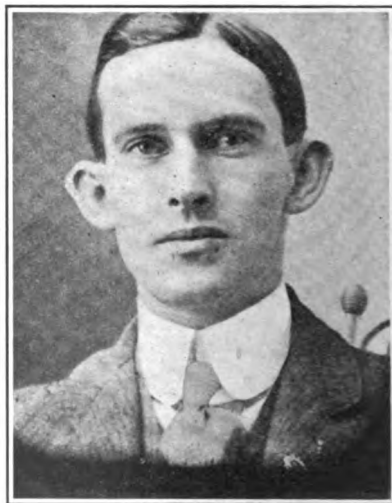
Mr. Lucero is working days at Dalhart. We cannot say where he hails from.

Members should make more use of our motto, "No Card, No Favors." If they were to do so, more of the nons would see the necessity of becoming members.

Bro. E. L. Merrill, of Logan, is enjoying a sixty-day vacation, during which time he will attend the convention at Atlanta, as representative of the Panhandle, Amarilla and El Paso Divisions. Bro. Merrill is being relieved by Bro. R. E. Minnis.

Telegrapher C. P. Fleming is working second trick at "DS," on the west end, while Dispatcher Rice is away on a vacation.

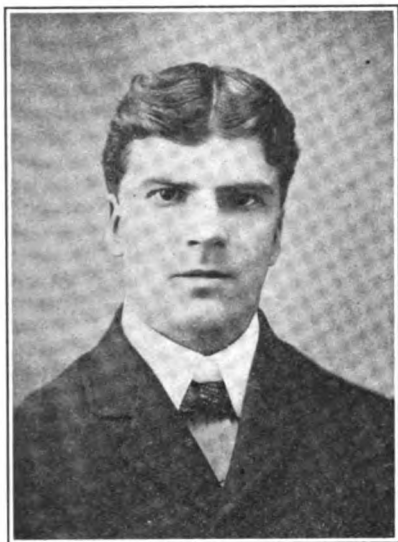
L. C.



R. L. PULLIAM,  
Alternate Div. No. 93.

#### Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Dists. Missouri Div.—

Bro. L. L. Stewart has gone from Udell, nights, to Donovan, days. He was relieved at Udell by Mrs. Underwood, wife of the former agent at Unionville.



B. W. PIERSON,  
Alternate Div. No. 93.



S. MESSINGER,  
Alternate Div. No. 93.



A. L. PRYOR,  
Delegate Div. No. 95.



A. L. COLEMAN,  
Delegate Div. No. 96.

Bro. A. B. Waits, who has been working at Laddsville, nights, has been promoted to agent at County Line.

Mr. A. L. Haines, first trick at Seymour, is off duty a few days and is in Chicago on business. Relieved by third trick telegrapher, Bro. S. E. Miller, who was relieved on third trick by Extra Telegrapher J. A. Milbourne.



F. O. CUMMING,  
Delegate Div. No. 97.

Udell, nights, and Nahant, third trick, are on bulletin.

Bro. J. E. McColloch, of Nahant, is off duty on account of sickness, and is being relieved by Telegrapher J. S. Stewart.

Bro. C. F. Fisher, the agent at County Line, has resigned. He was relieved by Bro. A. B. Waits.

Mr. F. H. Doman, Eldon third trick, has been promoted to dispatcher on the West Iowa Division.

Mr. E. Sperry, Eldon, second trick, takes third, and Bro. E. O. Schreiber, extra, takes second until the position is bulletined.

Mr. C. G. Belding, from the Northwestern, relieved Bro. Schreiber at Columbus Jct.

Bro. J. C. Morrow, of Highland, secured Troy on bulletin. He was relieved by Bro. C. W. Hollis.

Telegrapher Burnham, of Donovan, has left the service.

Mr. J. Allen, the second trick man at Cameron Jct., is laying off on account of sickness. He was relieved by Mr. J. C. Rudrow, who lasted but one night on account of his abnormal thirst for "firewater." As no extra men were available, Mr. Stauber and Bro. Schreiber doubled for almost a week. Bro. B. Loughon was finally secured for relief.

Mr. E. R. Benner, third trick at Cameron Jct., is on a sixty-day vacation. He was relieved by Bro. Schreiber.

Bro. Walter Gregg, agent at Altamont, is off on a ten days' hunting trip; relieved by the second trick man, Bro. P. E. Rouch. Bro. Rouch was relieved by Bro. J. E. McDonald.

Bro. E. Oliver, of Blake, is taking a vacation; relieved by Bro. Laughren.

Bro. P. E. Rouch, second trick man at Altamont, recently spent a week shooting ducks; relieved Mr. E. M. Dormer.

Mr. Waggoner, agent at Weatherby, has returned to work, after a vacation spent in Texas and Oklahoma. He was relieved by a Mr. Turner.

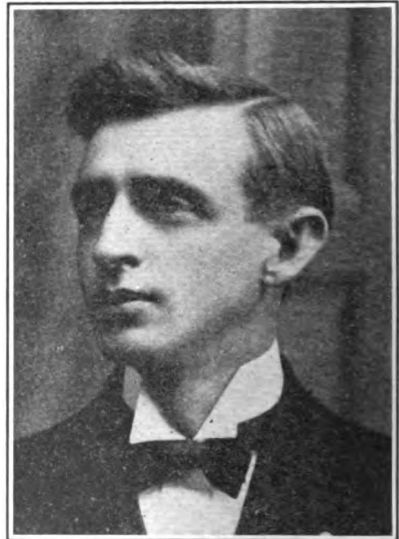
Bro. Waits was relieved at Laddsville by Extra Telegrapher Madden.

Mr. W. S. Cates, third trick at Princeton, is off duty for thirty days; relieved by J. A. Melbourne.

Bro. H. O. Sawyers, the agent at Seymour, was off recently, on account of the death of his father, who resided at Unionville. He was relieved by the first trick telegrapher, Mr. A. L. Haines. Bro. S. E. Miller, the third trick man, took first trick.

Telegrapher Farrell, the helper at Clio, is working nights at Harvard, temporarily.

We are thankful to the brothers who sent in items this month. The boys in St. Joe did fine.



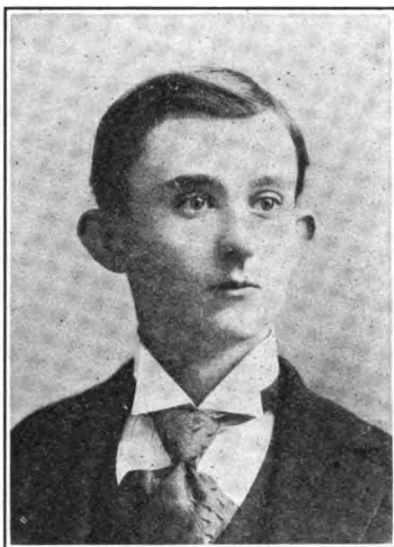
D. MAY,  
Delegate Div. No. 97.

Bros. Schreiber, Wallingsford and Wilson also contributed.

We understand that work has commenced on the automatic block signals west of Culver, which are to be in operation by fall. "T. M."



J. L. ALLEN,  
Alternate Div. No. 97.



J. T. BENN,  
Alternate Div. No. 97.



J. J. CAMPBELL,  
Delegate Div. No. 99.



C. R. ELLIOTT,  
Delegate Div. No. 100.

## IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father has deemed it wise to remove from this earth the beloved father our our worthy Brother H. O. Sawyers; therefore, be it



LEWIS RUBERG,  
Alternate Div. No. 102.

*Resolved*, That we, the members of C. R. I. & P. Division No. 126, extend to Bro. Sawyers our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of affliction; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes, a copy sent to Bro. Sawyers, and one to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

S. E. MILLER,  
G. E. HUGHES,  
H. C. BRIGGS,

Committee.

*Chicago Terminal and Illinois Divisions—*

Bro. Lottenville, assistant local chairman at Peoria, spent Easter Sunday in Joliet.

Telegrapher Hood drew the day position at Auburn Park, made vacant by Bro. Harrison going to Rock Island message room.

Telegrapher H. Hanson bid in on Blue Island second trick vacated by Mr. Hood.

Bro. W. F. Kay, first trick at Joliet, bid in second trick at Silvis yard and took charge April 22. Bro. Wagoner, our local chairman, was the successful bidder for first trick. We understand that Bro. Lynch, from Blue Island takes third trick.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Bro. William Clancy which occurred on Easter Sunday, as he was marching in the ranks of the Knights Templars. Bro. Clancy, during the past eight years, had been acting in the capacity of secretary to Bro. Perham.

Div. Cor.

## Lake Shore &amp; Michigan Southern Ry.

*Eastern Division—*

We must admit that no organization can maintain a solid front without the co-operation of its members. One point essential to true unionism is friendship. This feature, in the opinion of the writer, is being sadly neglected by the members on this division. How often are we found favoring a non and neglecting a brother and, consequently our organization. Moreover it is a common occurrence for a non-member to work for months amongst the members in an office without being approached relative to affiliating with us.

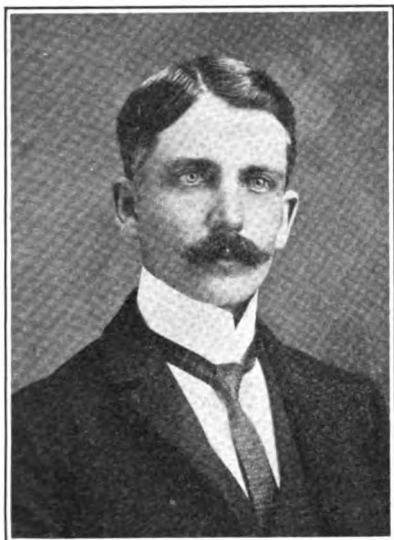
It has been the desire of the general committee to see Division No. 129 solid by the time our delegate was sent to convention, but through lack of interest on our part we have allowed a number of nons to accumulate, and mostly those of the "old school," who should possess a thorough knowledge of the benefits to be derived from affiliating and working in unison with the younger element. Alas, it appears they have allowed the veil of ignorance to be woven about the gray matter in their cranlums and still insist on holding out. There are numerous other questions, such as revision of the schedule, the advertising of vacancies and the recognition of seniority that should receive the careful consideration of each member.

At the recent election Bro. Kipp very nearly lost the honor of being elected local chairman



J. J. MACLEOD,  
Delegate Div. No. 103.

He was declared elected after a very spirited contest. Bro. Tom Clancy was his opponent. Bro. Kipp was also elected delegate to the biennial convention to be held at Atlanta, Ga., and Bro. Tom Clancy alternate.



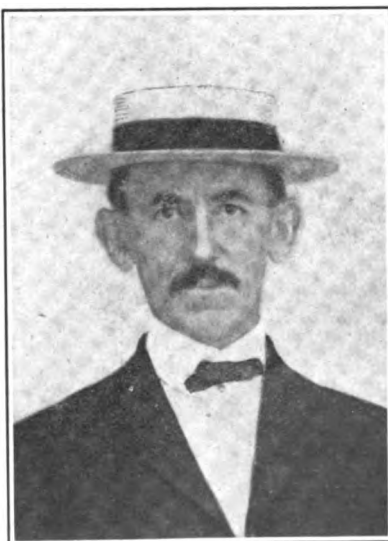
**KEMP STEWART,**  
Alternate Div. No. 103.



**J. P. RUTLEDGE,**  
Alternate Div. No. 104.



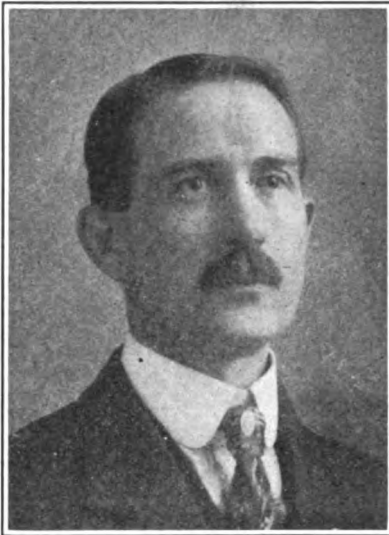
**ASA WALTERS, JR.,**  
Alternate Div. No. 105.



**T. W. RYAN,**  
Delegate Div. No. 109.

Bro. J. G. Frawley is working days at North-east tower.

Bro. Snyder, of Bay View, was off duty a few nights on account of a severe cold. He was relieved by Bro. Jim Madell.



J. A. FLECK,  
Alternate Div. No. 109.

We third trick boys certainly miss the familiar "fist" of Bro. Jake Greisinger, of Silver Creek.

We wish to extend congratulations to Bro. Baker, of Silver Creek, upon his recent matrimonial venture.

The local chairman reports but few delinquent members and hopes to see these in good standing by the time this article appears in print.

A RECRUIT.

#### *Detroit Division—*

Bro. Arnold, of Norvell, was called home on March 2, on account of the death of his sister. He was off duty about a week.

Telegrapher Kohler, of Tecumseh, relieved Bro. Arnold at Norvell.

Bro. Acre, of Monroe, worked in the train dispatcher's office at "JD," Detroit, a few days. During the coming season he will do relief work there while the dispatchers are taking vacations.

Telegrapher Griffith, of the Michigan Division, did relief work at Monroe and Wagon Works, recently.

Bro. Wilson, of Monroe, visited relatives at Tecumseh, a few days; relieved by Telegrapher Kohler.

I desire to thank our local chairman and others who assisted in securing these items. If any of you hear of any changes or of someone laying off, communicate with Mr. Lowe at Monroe.

CERT. 575.

#### *Michigan Division—*

Telegrapher Andrews has resigned his position at "B" block office. He was relieved by Telegrapher Chilcote, who hails from Osseo.

Telegrapher Ritter, of "RT" office, Elkhart, is spending a month's vacation in Florida; relieved by Bro. Eveston.

Telegrapher McMillan has returned from a month's vacation spent in California. He reports a most delightful time. Bro. Hostick relieved him, and later Bro. Williamson relieved Bro. Hostick.  
DIV. COR.

#### *C., B. & Q. Ry.*

#### *Brookfield Division—*

We would be glad to have all telegraphers take notice of the article entitled "Seniority" in the February number of the journal, and express their views to S. J. Egelston, Churchville, N. Y. This is a matter that should interest every telegrapher. Rule No. 3, in my opinion, seems to hold preference.

When through with your journal, send it to some non down the road, as it may help him to see clearly.

The third trick at Laclede and the second trick at Lathrop are on bulletin.

Mr. Wm. McCue is enjoying fifteen days' vacation, in which to shake the "hay" from his brow. This looks pretty bad, especially on a nine-hour trick. He was relieved by Bro. Shackelford.

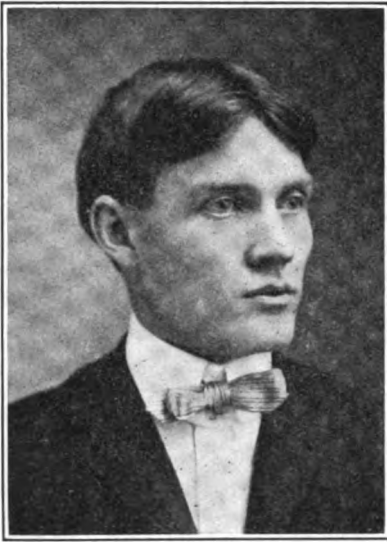
We were in error when we mentioned L. C. Howe as brother in the February number. Sorry



JAS. N. EDWARDS,  
Delegate Div. No. 110.

we can not make him see the right road and fall in line.

Wish to thank Bros. Smith and Pierron for items sent us.



IRA B. PERRY,  
Alternate Div. No. 110.



FRANK GEIGER,  
Delegate Div. No. 111.



CHAS M. SANFORD,  
Delegate Div. No. 113.



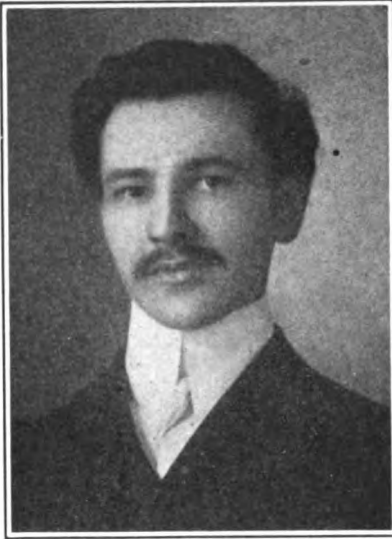
STANLEY TAVENER,  
Delegate Div. No. 114.



B. W. Welsh has been awarded third trick at Laclede, his home town.

Bro. Sprague secured second trick at Lathrop on bulletin.

The third tricks at Lathrop and Stewartsville are advertised at the present time.



W. V. JONES,  
Alternate Div. No. 114.

Bro. Little is holding down the third trick at Lathrop until it is bid in.

R. E. Oneill has been absent a few days; relieved by Bro. Rightmire.

Bro. Rightmire is taking a few days' leave of absence. He is relieved by Bro. Yount.

S. B. Thiehoff is off duty a few days, gunning; relieved by Bro. Nolan.

Bro. Freeman is working at New Cambria a few nights, extra.

Bro. A. F. Ritter, our local chairman, is again in Chicago on committee work. He was relieved by Bro. Freeman.

Bro. Stevens is visiting in Kansas City a few days; relieved by Bro. Leake.

Bro. Saunders, by prompt action in flagging train No. 995, on the morning of the 11th, averted a more serious derailment to the train. As it was, only one pair of trucks left the track.

Bro. A. F. Ritter returned home the 14th, and reports Bro. C. L. Lamb, Red Oak, Iowa, as being elected general chairman, vice Bro. M. J. Johnson, resigned. Bro. W. A. Henry was re-elected general secretary and treasurer.

Our dispatchers are again at Brookfield, instead of Bridge Depot.

J. S. Roswell bid in third trick at Stewartsville.

W. H. Wilhoit has been awarded third trick at Lathrop.

Bro. Saunders is taking a few days off; relieved by C. W. Carroll.

Bros. Ritter and Alspach, won emblem rings in the contest.

Applications are being received for second trick at Nettleton and third trick at Easton.

Bro. W. A. Henry made a flying trip to Omaha, recently.

Bro. G. N. Little is at Sumner resting up until business improves.

Remember, we cannot handle grievances for nons.

Bro. Shackelford is at Easton, third trick, extra.

F. Shepherd is at Nettleton, second trick, extra.

E. C. Walser was at Birmingham several nights, working extra; relieved at Randolph by F. R. Bishop.

Bro. Telch, Birmingham tower, was off duty one night to attend the wrestling match in Kansas City. He was relieved by E. C. Walser.

Dispatcher Weigner is on the sick list.

Conductor H. C. Crane won the diamond ring in the "most popular" conductor contest which was gotten up by the *St. Joseph Star*.

We are glad to see the boys renewing their cards, but such important matters should not be allowed to drag. Quite a number are yet unable to show the 1909.



CLEMENS REIF,  
Delegate Div. No. 116.

Beware of forgery on cards. Have seen several lately that did not look genuine. Bestow no favors unless you are satisfied that the person presenting a card is the original owner.

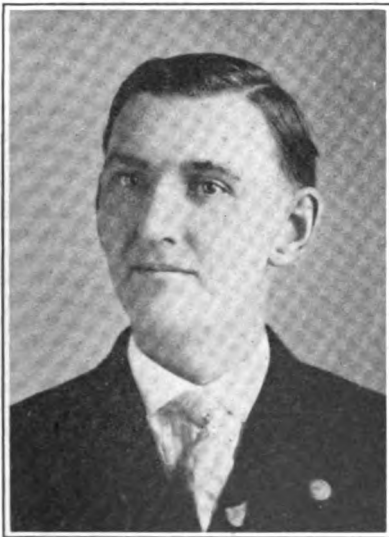
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H. T. MARONEY,  
Delegate Div. No. 117.



THOS. E. KEYSER,  
Alternate Div. No. 117.



CLARENCE E. JOHNSON,  
Delegate Div. No. 118.



J. C. PHILLIPS,  
Alternate Div. No. 118.

*Sterling Division—*

Owing to the writer being absent in Chicago the past month, the news from this division will be very brief. However, the new schedule will bear good news for some of us. The increases obtained may be small, but they are as much as can be



G. W. LEWIS,  
Delegate Div. No. 119.

expected under present conditions. Let each of us put forth our best efforts to further the interests of our employers and make the Burlington the safest and best route from Chicago to the West.

All relay telegraphers and "phone" men are at liberty to join our ranks. Let us show our appreciation by giving better service and showing a big increase in business. We promise more news next month.

J. T. MADDOX.

*Wymore Division—*

It is nearly time to again pay dues and there are several members on this division who have not yet paid dues for the present term. We must not permit them to drop out of the Order. If we keep an eye on the delinquents I believe we can keep them in the fold. If any of you are interested, drop the local chairman a card and ask for a list of the delinquent members and endeavor to induce them to pay up.

We have a number of telephone men whose membership should be secured, now that we have made arrangements to represent them. Let us all try to make the Wymore Division the banner division of the Burlington system.

It is certain that we all must work together if we accomplish anything; merely paying dues will not bring in new members.

Don't dismiss this matter as soon as you have read this article, but make a mental note for future reference, and then get busy.

Mr. Henion, nights at Salem, is on vacation; relieved by Bro. Graves.

Bro. L. B. Murdock has returned to the second trick at Rulo.

Bro. C. D. Bowers, from Beatrice, landed second trick at Humboldt on bulletin.

The Wymore Division has been having its trials with booze-fighting boomers lately. It does not look as if it would be necessary to use this class of men if telegraphers are so plentiful in the country.

Mr. Carpenter, from Washington, is now working second trick at Pawnee.

All the brothers who have had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Clancy, secretary to President Perham, will regret to learn of his death at St. Louis on Easter Sunday.

Is it not aggravating to have a non tell you to come around on a certain date and he will give you his application and then when you show up right on time have him spring another hard-luck story on you?

Bro. Jack White, cashier at Superior, has been taking a vacation.

Bro. W. I. Filley, agent Bostwick, was recently called away on account of sickness.

Mr. Whitson, the agent at Table Rock, has returned to work and Bro. Zink is back on his old trick.



O. R. HATTON,  
Alternate Div. No. 119.

Mr. R. G. Drysdale, the agent at Tecumseh, has resigned to accept a position in a bank at Tobias.

The east end, which used to be solid, is getting a reputation for nons. Can't you boys down that way land a few of them?

Dr. Con.



C. I. TURNER,  
Delegate Div. No. 120.



O. R. BARBER,  
Alternate Div. No. 121.



CHAS. H. KEMP,  
Delegate Div. No. 122.



GEO. P. MADDEN,  
Delegate Div. No. 123.

*Hannibal Division —*

Corporations, papers and politicians warn you against being found in the ranks of labor organizations and that your leaders are a set of grafters, and are working a "skin game" on you. This is because they want you to be their slave, that they



W. F. MURPHY,  
Alternate Div. No. 123.

may do the grafting and skinning themselves. As you do not own the corporations, newspapers and politicians, but hold stock in your labor union, and have a journal run for your benefit, which would you prefer—to be a slave to your union to the tune of four or five dollars per day, or to the corporations and petty tradesmen for about two dollars? If slaves we must be why not make the most of the situation? That which is told you by those who profit by your toil is likely to be adulterated to about the same degree as the goods they sell.

Quite a number of changes have taken place on the Hannibal Division during the past month and I am glad to note that some of the members are taking enough interest to inform the writer of them.

Mr. E. J. Heather, agent at Perugue, was called to Hannibal on April 3, on account of the death of a relative. He was relieved by Bro. Lindsey.

Mr. W. E. Long, agent at New Truxton laid off April 15 to get married; relieved by Telegrapher Frank Welch.

Telegrapher Stratman, third trick at Peruque, was off a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Mr. J. P. Steele.

Mr. R. C. Ochiltree, the night telegrapher at Bellflower, laid off April 9th; relieved by Mr. Geo. Wells.

Mr. McDonald, the agent at Alton, has resigned. Relief Agent Ferree is working there temporarily.

Sister Wenzell has resigned the agency at Hamill and Houghton, being relieved by a Mr. W. A. Benjiman, of Mooar, Iowa.

The night office at Wellsville was closed a few nights while Telegrapher H. G. Dew was relieving Bro. Merriwether at Buell, temporarily.

Telegrapher Gillis, night man at Reading, is on a short vacation, and is being relieved by Bro. W. R. Dupont.

Mr. W. T. Dent, a "phoner" at the Hannibal block office, has resigned to accept a position as switchman. Mr. G. T. Stephens, a new man at the biz, is doing the stunt there at present.

Bro. W. G. Merriwether, of Buell, was off duty a few days in March on account of sickness, a Mr. Pace working there during his absence.

Mr. J. W. Hollan, agent at South Troy, laid off a few days during the latter part of March, owing to the death of his sister. He was relieved by Mr. L. E. Williams, the night telegrapher from Moscow. Mr. Williams was relieved by Bro. Dupont.

Bro. F. C. Palmer, second trick man at Ashburn, secured the agency at Viele on bulletin. He was relieved at Ashburn by Bro. J. W. Cullen, who was formerly third trick telegrapher. Mr. Cullen was relieved by Mr. Harry Kider, a new man.



J. S. STRADLING,  
Alternate Div. No. 124.

Mr. W. W. Clower, agent at Winfield, was on a vacation during the latter part of March, and the first of April. Extra man Frank Welch relieved him.

Rex Foley, third trick telegrapher at Foley, was off duty a few days in March and April on account of sickness.

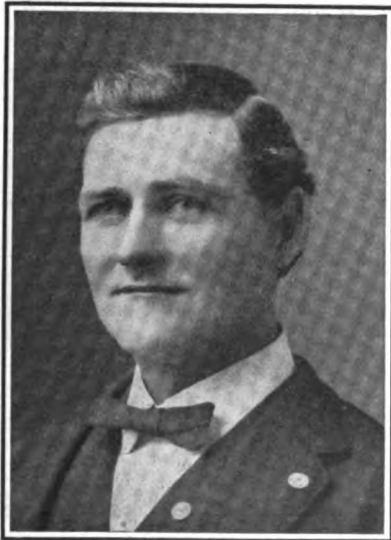
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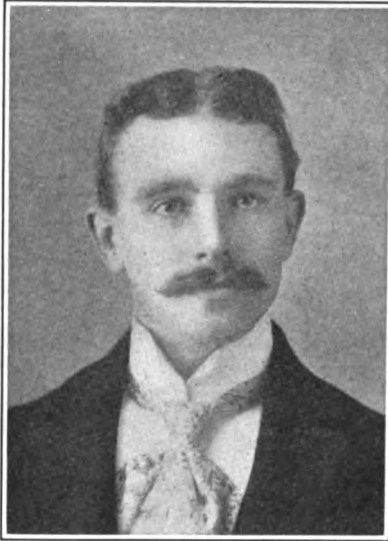
**W. T. BROWN,**  
Delegate Div. No. 126.



**GEO. H. MEIER,**  
Delegate Div. No. 126.

*Alliance Division—*

I am an advocate of hearty co-operation between employers and employees, and this spirit is growing very strong, both with the managers of the railroads and the heads of labor unions, and how can we find a better medium of co-operation than



E. L. MERRILL,  
Delegate Div. No. 126.

through our labor union? Electing men from our ranks to meet men with the power to regulate rules and wage conditions—don't you call that co-operation?

And to some who think this is granted grudgingly, let me say that one of the highest general officials told our acting general chairman, "My office door swings both ways; when you're in town, drop in, whether on business or not." Does this show a strained feeling?

And this co-operation can be better brought about through unionism than in any other way. The movement is in its infancy as yet, but will continue to grow. On one line in the East, through a friendly feeling shown the men by the managers, the amount they were able to increase the earnings of the road was remarkable—and all this because the officials began to consider the men something more than mere machinery—began to take an interest in their welfare. The men reciprocated by doing everything in their power to cut down expenses and increase the revenue of the company.

We always find labor unions the starting and continuing source of this co-operation on the part of the employees.

Mr. P. R. Young has been transferred from third trick at Halsey to third trick at Seneca.

Bro. B. A. Darrow, of Mason, is laying off. We understand that he intends to buy a farm in

Indiana. Bro. J. W. Thomson, the regular relief agent, is relieving him.

Bro. John Boyer has gone from Girard to third trick at Halsey.

Telegrapher E. G. Picker, from Shelton, Neb., is now at Girard.

Geo. Leisure, lately at Girard, has left the service. He has a position on the C. & N.-W., east of Chadron.

Telegrapher M. R. Cox has left the service and is working in the C. & S. office in Denver.

Brother Adams is acting agent at Halsey while Bro. Sanderson is laying off.

Bro. McKinnie worked third trick at Halsey temporarily. Later he went to Crawford and Rockford as agent.

The company is commencing to close offices for a few hours each day, working two men in three men stations. Most of this has been done at Halsey.

Bro. Herncall has been transferred from second trick at Seneca to second trick at Crawford.

Mr. A. D. Williams has left the service. We understand that he has secured a position as assistant cashier in a bank in Hildreth, Neb., his home town.

Mr. J. H. Ullpm is working third trick at Anselmo.

Hecla office has been closed for a few days, while "Baldy" Brown is taking his annual vacation.

Miss Blanche Wiley, of the telegraph department in Alliance, spent a few days the fore part of the month visiting friends in Lincoln.



T. M. NELMS,  
Delegate Div. No. 126.

Telegraphers S. D. Irwin and T. A. Murphy, of the Alliance office, have left the service. Understand Murphy is working in the W. U. office at Omaha.



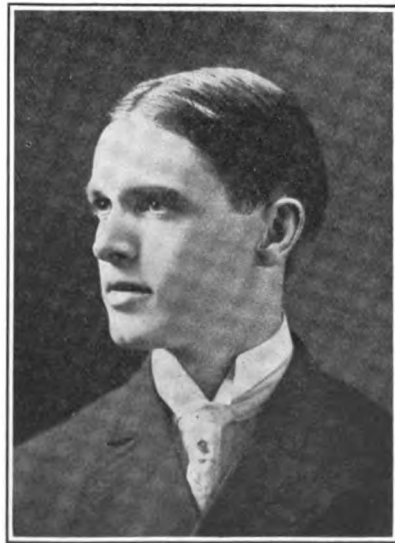
**C. D. WAGONER,**  
Delegate Div. No. 126.



**C. D. WILLIAMSON,**  
Alternate Div. No. 126.



**B. F. POLLARD,**  
Alternate Div. No. 126.



**WM. F. KAY,**  
Alternate Div. No. 126.



Telegrapher Person, from "J" office, Alliance, is now working in Omaha, for the Western Union.

Warren Marcy, second trick at Whitman, is laying off to farm his Kinkaid homestead near Mullen.

Clark McIntyre is night agent at Hemingford. We suppose he will soon quit to play ball. His



G. A. LINDBERG,  
Alternate Div. No. 126.

ability in that direction is bordering on professionalism.

W. J. Hoback, an old-timer on this division, who is now located at Boise, Idaho, spent a day or so on the division recently.

Bro. Zabel has been transferred from Anselmo to Edgemont. "KINKAIDER."

#### Galesburg Division—

Bro. L. P. Gougler, of Ipava, is laying off a few days; relieved by Mr. E. L. Hendricks, whose position at Elmwood was filled by Bro. Harris, from Bardolph.

Mr. A. S. Gustas, at Yates City, was recently off duty a few days; relieved by Bro. Farrell, from Fowler.

Knoxville station is now thoroughly equipped with electric lights.

Bro. E. G. Armstrong, of Macomb, Ill., was relieved one day recently by Bro. H. V. Austin, of Camp Point. Bro. Austin became ill and was relieved by Bro. J. G. Ogle, of Palama.

Bro. R. R. Farrell, of Fowler, relieved at Warner a few days during the month. From there he went to Yates City and then to Farmington.

It is understood that Mr. H. M. Thornton, formerly of Farmington, is now working as extra agent.

Bro. Eddie Novak, of Yates City, is visiting relatives in Chicago, where he intends to remain

about two weeks. Mr. Mirven Jones, formerly with the B. & O. at Olney, Ill., is relieving him. Mr. Jones also relieved Mr. Haden, agent at St. Augustine, a few days while Mr. Haden was off duty on account of sickness.

Bro. Harris relieved Bro. Bodkins, at Abingdon, for two weeks, while he was on a vacation in Missouri. Bro. Harris also worked in the place of Bro. Graves at Abingdon while he relieved Mr. Case, the agent. Mr. Case spent his vacation in Idaho.

Mr. Baker, at Saluda, has resigned on account of having trouble in getting to and from work. We understand he has a position as street car conductor with nearly as good hours and pay as he had at Saluda and can live where he works. He was relieved by Mr. O. J. Erickson, from Terminal Junction. After working one night at Saluda, Erickson went to Prospect St., relieving Bro. R. F. Brothers, who laid off to spend a day with relatives at Coatsburg. Mr. Schinn relieved Mr. Erickson at Saluda and Bro. Brothers relieved Mr. Schinn.

A new man from Kirkwood has the first trick at Seminary St. block office, Galesburg.

The depot at St. David burned to the ground, March 25. The cause of the fire is unknown. All records and fixtures were destroyed.

Mr. Carl Cecil, telegrapher at St. David, was recently married to Miss Hattie McElray, of Bardolph. They will visit Denver and other points of interest in Colorado.



W. W. WOODWARD,  
Delegate Div. No. 127.

Mr. T. R. Whray, of Augusta, has resigned. Mr. Hazard relieved Mr. Erickson at Terminal Junction, third trick.

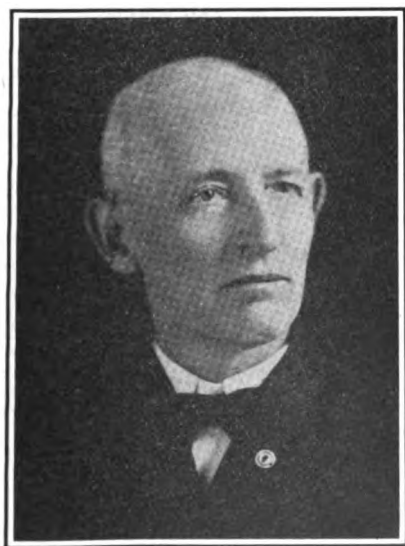
Mr. Austin worked first trick at Lynn a few nights.



L. A. TANQUARY,  
Delegate Div. No. 128.



C. D. HULL,  
Delegate Div. No. 129.



J. H. WALKER,  
Delegate Div. No. 129.



M. S. LOWE,  
Alternate Div. No. 129.

A new man is working at Orion, second trick, but we are unable to learn his name.

Mr. Bambrick has been transferred from second trick at Orlon to first trick at Lynn.

Mr. Colville, of Rio, was recently off duty a few days, on vacation. He was relieved by Mr.



T. J. CLANCY,  
Alternate Div. No. 129.

Fling. He has returned and resumed duty, and Mr. Fling has gone to Augusta as extra telegrapher.

There seems to be quite a number of changes being made but we are not sure whether they are extra or permanent.

In my opinion it is the duty of every member, in cases where positions are vacated and not bulletined within a reasonable length of time, to call the attention of the local chairman to the matter, giving all available information.

In cases where application has been made and turned down and a younger man placed in the position, I would suggest that an investigation be made before anything is said, either against the organization or the chief dispatcher, as there is a chance for the application to have been misplaced or overlooked.

It is probable that by the time this is in print each member will be in possession of a copy of the revised schedules. You will note that there were no reductions in salaries on our division, and no increases granted with the exception of the Galesburg yard office, which receives a \$5.00 increase. We do not want the membership of this division to be under the impression that the committee worked for its own interests and neglected those of the membership. The writer had nothing to do with the schedule with the exception of helping to elect the schedule committee, and making several recommendations, which, with the exception

of the raise mentioned above, did not meet with approval. As far as the increase in salary is concerned, rather than to have even one man on the division feel that it was secured unfairly the writer would much rather it had not been granted.

I believe that most of our members know the amount of work done at the yard office, and will consider the matter in its proper light.

The undersigned will attend the grand convention at Atlanta, Ga., as a delegate, representing the Galesburg and Burlington Divisions of the C. B. & Q. system. If any brother has suggestions to offer they will be given due consideration.

I wish to thank those who contributed items and hope they will do as well next month.

Have heard no suggestions from anyone relative to holding meetings. Fraternally yours,

G. W. MALONE,  
Local Chairman.

#### McCook Division—

Bro. Hanks did the relief act at Stratton while Bro. Chambers was visiting at Atwood.

Mr. Bailey, who has been holding down Stratton, nights, for the last six months, has resigned and gone back to the farm. He was relieved by Bro. Geo. Rohn, late of the Wabash. Bro. Rohn has been working as extra agent on this division.

Bro. Hanks, who has been bucking the extra list for the last three months, has finally landed Eckley, nights, permanently.

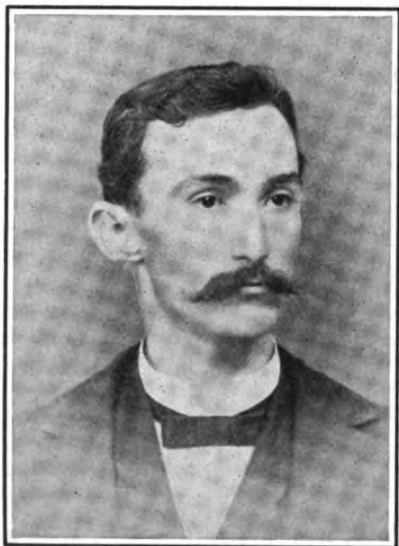
Bro. A. V. Anderson, who was in McCook the first of the month working on check rolls, is now



J. C. DAWSON,  
Alternate Div. No. 129.

relieving Mr. Draper at Stamford. Mr. Draper was called to Greeley on account of sickness.

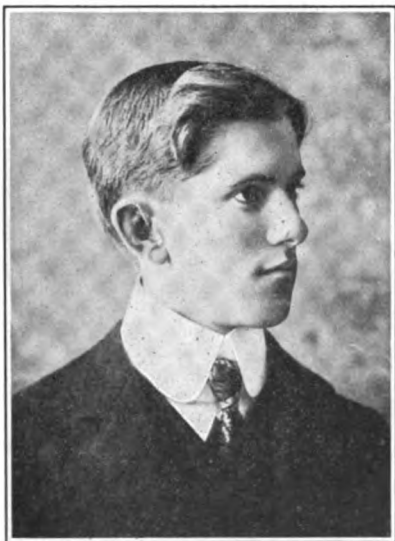
Bro. McClintock is relieving Bro. E. S. Lohr, at Axtell, while the latter is on furlough a couple



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**A. F. RITTER,**  
Delegate Div. No. 130.



**T. W. MORTEN,**  
Delegate Div. No. 130.



**E. F. TODD,**  
Delegate Div. No. 130.

of weeks, visiting in Chicago, Aurora, Ill., and other points of interest. He is also visiting relatives at Bartley and Beaver City.

G. S. Scott, extra agent at Oronque, relieved Bro. H. S. Bevans, who was off on a furlough.



E. G. ARMSTRONG,  
Delegate Div. No. 130.

Later Mr. Scott went to Akron, relieving Bro. H. W. O'Donnell, the agent, who has resigned.

Bro. C. D. Churchill, of Long Island, got Almena on bulletin.

Bro. N. D. Bush, of Almena, has gone to Oberlin.

Mr. A. I. Cole, lately acting agent at Oberlin, is at present laying off.

Mr. C. S. Cole, the second trick telegrapher at Oxforn, has been off duty for the last few weeks on account of rheumatism. Mr. J. C. Rabe is holding down second trick.

Bro. F. E. Hanks is working nights at Eckley.

Mr. Showalter is acting agent at Long Island.

Bro. R. E. Chapin is agent at Parks, temporarily. Mr. M. A. Mountain is taking a vacation.

Bro. Waters, the day telegrapher at Republican, is taking a short vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Scott.

Bro. Perry, agent at Bloomington, is off on a short visit; relieved by Extra Agent McClintock.

Bro. N. J. Frost, late of the Wisconsin Central, relieved Mr. L. T. Hill at Pimeo, nights. Mr. Hill went to Enos upon his own request, where he will do the twelve-hour owl stunt.

Mr. J. G. Colfer, the agent at Pinneo, with his wife and daughter, accompanied Mrs. Colfer's mother as far as Denver on her way to California to visit her daughter. Mr. Colfer, while absent, was relieved by Extra Agent McClintock.

I wish to thank the brothers who so kindly came forward this month with items, and ask that they, as well as others, send me all available news, so that this division may be well represented each month.

Send the names of all the nons you know either to me or to the local chairman and we will see that they are supplied with blanks. Anyone desiring blanks for their own distribution can secure them by communicating with either of us.

Bro. C. F. Avery, second trick at Akron, has been transferred to the general telegraph office in Omaha, to work a phone temporarily.

Bro. F. W. Coward has been put on the second trick at Akron, being relieved by Mr. H. G. Hollingsworth, third trick. Hollingsworth, who was later taken to McCook relay office, was relieved at Akron by Mr. Thune.

Div. Coa.

#### *La Crosse Division—*

Mr. J. H. Rogers Jr., our local chairman, has been transferred from Victory to Grand Crossing depot. Bro. Deidrick, who was working second trick at Victory, secured the agency on bulletin. Bro. Deidrick's son is now working second trick at Victory.

J. M. Harville, agent at Grand Crossing depot, has been transferred to Onalaska, and Bro. Tom O'Brien, of Onalaska, to Bay City as agent.

Bro. Rogers, of Grand Crossing depot, made a couple of flying trips to Victory since he has been at Grand Crossing.



G. W. MALONE,  
Delegate Div. No. 130.

Bro. Guthrie relieved Bro. Marks, of Lytle, for a couple of weeks while he went to DeSoto.

Bro. J. Norton, of Onalaska, went to St. Paul to visit relatives during the early part of the month; relieved by Bro. Guthrie.



C. A. WALTER,  
Alternate Div. No. 130.



G. W. HOLT,  
Alternate Div. No. 130.



EDWIN S. POWELL,  
Alternate Div. No. 130.



J. G. CHAMBERS,  
Alternate Div. No. 130.

Bro. Guthrie is working third trick at Trevino at present.

Bro. Olson, of yard office, "JD," visited Hastings a couple of days, being called there on account of the illness of his father, who, we understand, is convalescing. Bro. C. E. Dyer, of Grand Cross-



W. B. BECK,  
Alternate Div. No. 130.

ing depot, relieved Bro. C. W. Olson, of yard office, "JD," while he was absent.

Bro. J. Norton, of Onalaska, relieved Bro. C. E. Dyer.

Quite a number of brothers attended the Trainmen's ball, April the 12th, which was given at La Crosse. Bro. Flanagan, of South Jct., was relieved by Bro. Guthrie for one night so he could attend.

Bro. Flanagan, of South Jct., visited Winona one day during the middle of the month. Bro. C. E. Dyer, of Grand Crossing depot, spent a day in Alma, recently. "R."

#### Atlantic Coast Line Ry.

##### Richmond District South—

No notes have been received from anyone on the District this month, but we cannot afford to have our items omitted from the convention number of the journal, so I am going to give a little "spiel." We are one of the big districts, and we have a delegate (Bro. Williams, of Wilson) to represent us at the convention, so, of course, we must be heard from even if we have nothing to say.

We learn with regret that Mr. E. B. Tucker, first trick, south side, at Rocky Mount has again "lost out." He was succeeded by Bro. C. G. Grigg, from Richmond.

Bro. Bridgers has appointed as his assistants on the local board Bro. Chas. Bolick, of "CO,"

South Rocky Mount, and Bro. Geo. B. Lamm, of Elrod. These gentlemen are both good, live brothers, and will be heard from by both members and nons.

Have you secured one of the emblem buttons Bro. Williams is giving as a premium for securing one new member? If you have not, now is your opportunity, as you may never have another chance to win one so easily. Just go out with determination and give the non to understand that you will not take no for an answer. The special rate is \$5.83. This pays to June 30.

Help us to make the Richmond District up to date in every respect. We have more double track, more trains, and more men per mile than any other district of the road; we should also be able, within thirty days, to say that we have more members than any other like portion of the road.

Bro. C. R. Shuler, of Beards, was sent to Pembroke for a few days this month. He was relieved by Bro. W. G. Parker, of Division 97. Bro. Parker also relieved Bro. J. M. Lee, third trick man at Dunn, for a few days.

If some brother will send a few notes to the local chairman, Bro. J. L. Bridgers, by the 20th of each month, he will see that they reach the correspondent by the 21st, which will be in time for the following month's journal.

Div. Cor.

##### Wilmington District—

We are looking to Bro. Pridgen, our new local chairman, to do a great many things for us on



F. A. ARNOLD,  
Alternate Div. No. 130.

the W. C. & A. in the way of lining up that end of the district.

The Lake Waccamaw agency was bulletined some time ago, but no assignment has yet been made.



**H. B. NEWLAND,**  
Alternate Div. No. 130.



**W. B. CRAWFORD,**  
Alternate Div. No. 130.



**D. WILSON,**  
Alternate Div. No. 131.



**THOS. SASSER,**  
Delegate Div. No. 132.



although there were about eleven applications for it. We are waiting to see what the officials will do with a case of seniority like this. The decision has been reached that the telegraph service will not be cut out at that price for the present. Therefore the salary will remain at \$50.00.

D. C.



J. H. WILLIAMS,  
Delegate Div. No. 132.

*Richmond District, North—*

The May journal, coming out so much earlier than usual, has caught us napping this month, so you will have to be indulgent if the district is not well represented.

At last we have elected a local chairman, but it took a long time to do it. There is small comfort in the fact that three other districts were in the same fix. We must give Bro. Cooper all the assistance we possibly can, as the position of local chairman is not an enviable one at best. We must show him that he has the membership of the district back of him, that he can count on their support, and that they will endeavor to do everything in their power to make the line solid.

Bro. S. B. West, at Dunlop, has been reinstated with all his rights restored to him. Bro. Wheeler, the general chairman, handled the case very satisfactorily.

Bro. J. C. Griggs has been transferred from third trick at Jarratt to a trick at "B" tower, Manchester. We have not been able to learn who succeeded Bro. Grigg, or who he displaced at the tower.

The nomination of Bro. L. Clemmer for local chairman, coming as it did almost before he was a member, was a nice compliment. Although not elected, he sees that the members appreciate him by offering his name as a candidate.

Div. Cor.

*Savannah District—*

Our new local board and a few other members have certainly been making good these days. Six new members in two weeks, and they have just begun to get down to work. This reminds us of the days when Cracker Joe was with us and kept the nons on the run. At this rate, we should soon see the "no card, no favors" sign hanging out at every office, and on every trick. Why can't we get our district that way? Simply because some of us get careless, or have fancied grievances, which are not handled as promptly, or in the manner in which we think they should be.

If we have a grievance we should take it up with our local chairman. If he can't adjust it, it will be referred to the general committee. If you don't hear from the local chairman promptly, you should write him again, and not go around saying the O. R. T. is no good because your case was reported to the local chairman and he took no notice of it. He may not have received your first letter; again, it takes considerable time as a rule, to handle a grievance. I am not writing this because any member has made complaint, but that we may all guard against occurrences of this kind.

The summer season is upon us, and all, or most of us will have to buy new wearing apparel. We should see that the union label is on every article. You can get wearing apparel from a hat down, even to belts and suspenders, with the label on it. We, as union men, should wear only those



W. L. CURRY,  
Delegate Div. No. 132.

things known to be manufactured by union labor. Demand the label every time, and if you can't get it, go where you can get what you want. If you can't secure it in your town, or the neighboring



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**B. F. WHEELER,**  
Delegate Div. No. 132.



**J. T. WYNNE,**  
Alternate Div. No. 132.



**R. T. THORN,**  
Alternate Div. No. 132.

one, write to Bro. Williams, secretary and treasurer and he will give you a list of firms who deal in union-made goods.

The block season has closed and with it we lose several good members, not least among whom is Bro. Louis Grebenc, of Ways.



T. C. GARGO,  
Alternate Div. No. 132.

Since the block closed I have been unable to get a list of changes, but understand there has been quite a number. We note that Bro. W. C. Clark goes back to Moncrief from Picketts.

There has been a general shaking up in "YN," Jax. Mr. White, from block station 2, new yard, has gone to that office. Have not learned the names of the other men, but it seems there is an entire new force.

How many of us will go to Atlanta during the convention? We should send a pretty good delegation over there as we have three or four well-traveled routes. The A. B. & A. running direct from Waycross, the Southern direct from Brunswick and Jesup, the Central direct from Savannah, and the G. S. & F. and Central from Tifton. Don't you think a few days could be well spent in the Gate City of the South?

Here's wishing all a pleasant and profitable trip to Atlanta.

CRACKER JOE'S SUCCESSOR.

#### Waycross District—

With much less news than usual to commence with, and with less time in which to prepare items, we fear that the banner district will not show up so well as it might under different circumstances.

Bro. H. M. Morris has been transferred from Nahunta to the agency at Alexanderville. This disposes of the last of the boys who were at

Nahunta when Bro. O'Neal met with misfortune at that place.

Why can't we send a good number of our members to attend the monthly meetings held by the G. S. & F. boys in Valdosta? It is very hard to hold meetings on our own line on account of poor train service, but a good delegation could visit Valdosta and return in plenty of time, without relief. Our line is sadly deficient in meetings, and that, in a measure, accounts for the lack of interest shown by some of the members. Now that there is a meeting of another division held right at our doors, we should take advantage of it and attend. We have five members in Valdosta, which is more than a quorum. These, added to members from the other line, would make quite a respectable bunch.

We welcome to our line and division Bro. F. M. Smith, from the Big Four. Bro. Smith is now holding down one of the tricks at Live Oak.

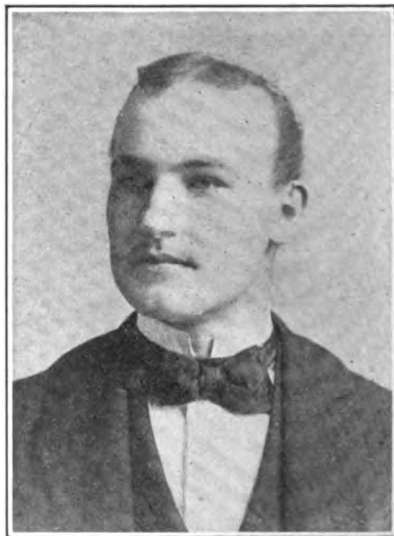
Bro. Williams writes that he expects to show an application from the Waycross District on every weekly report. Owing to the scarcity of nons this seems a little unreasonable, but let us make every effort not to disappoint him.

CRACKER.

#### THE UNION LABEL.

Every day convinces me more firmly than ever that the union label is one of the strongest weapons of the trade unionist today.

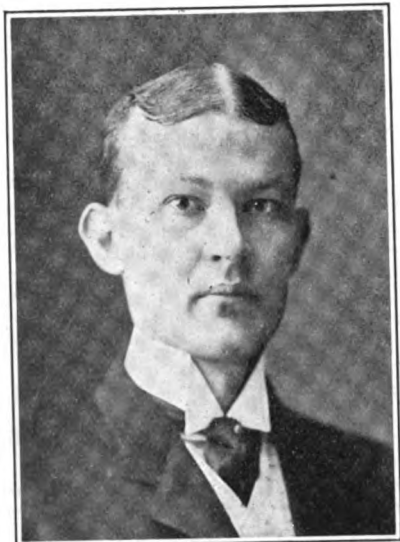
I am also brought face to face with the fact that the trade unionists themselves must learn



G. B. GARWOOD,  
Alternate Div. No. 132.

every label by sight, as unscrupulous manufacturers are using every kind of device in order to fool those who do not know the label when they see it.

Only yesterday I received from the secretary of the garment workers a list of the brands of shirts, etc., manufactured in three of the prisons of adjoining States, and imagine my surprise to see the names of shirts on the market in this city, and put out by one of the largest business



L. R. FUNDERBURK,  
Delegate Div. No. 134.

concerns in Baltimore. I will add further that I have unknowingly worn this same brand of shirts.

In this list appears several labels that would fool any trades unionist who was not familiar with the kind of label that should appear on the articles manufactured.

One of these labels actually read "Union Made," while another does not so read, but asks the question, under clasped hands, "Are You Union Men?" and goes on to say "if you are, why don't you patronize your union brother and buy the Union Overalls of ———?"

Every union man should demand the label on every article he wears or otherwise uses. Do you smoke? Does your favorite brand of cigar, cigarette, or tobacco bear the label? Do you know what the tobacco workers' label looks like? Do you know what the garment workers' or the shirt waist and laundry workers' label looks like?

Have you bought your spring hat? Did you demand the label in it? That is the one article of wearing apparel that has carried the label for a number of years, but just now there is one of the biggest fights on that has occurred for many years. Are you helping the hatters or the hat manufacturers? You can look in your hat and find the answer. What is it?

Have you ever gone into any store and asked for anything with the label on it? If you haven't don't you think it is about time you did?

Yours fraternally,

J. H. WILLIAMS,

General Secretary and Treasurer, Div. 132.

#### Lakeland District—

The following changes were noted on this district during the month.

Bro. R. W. Harrison is back with us again. He has been working as clerk-telegrapher at Fort Myers while Bro. White held down the dock job at that point. The former dock man went to Tampa as bill clerk.

Bro. White has now left the service and Mr. S. E. McCutchen, of High Springs, bid in the clerk-telegrapher position, which sends Bro. Harrison to the dock.

Mr. C. E. Browne, the former agent at Fort Myers, goes to Lakeland as agent and Mr. Hoffman, from Lakeland to Fort Myers.

Bartow freight agency is now on bulletin.

We understand that Mr. J. D. Brooks is filling the clerk-telegrapher position at Fort Mead. Bro. Hood, who formerly held the position, has left the service. Mr. Brooks recently returned from the West, where he has been "pounding brass" for several years.

Bro. J. D. Doty, Division No. 2, has just been ordered from Dade City to Fort Meade. This



CHAS. T. HARPER,  
Delegate Div. No. 134.

place was bulletined, but no applications were made for it.

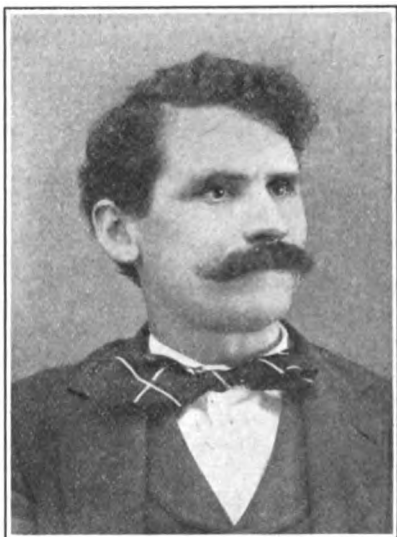
Bro. Weems has been on sick list for some time, but has recovered, and is relieving Mr. McCutchen at Fort Myers, while he is attending court at Jesup, Ga.

Mr. J. D. Hamilton, who has been working extra at Dunnellon, for the last two weeks, relieving the regular men, is now enjoying a vacation.

Div. Cor.

#### Charleston District—

With the advent of the cabbage trains, business looks better, even though the crop is very short



W. J. MCCARTHY,  
Delegate Div. No. 135.

this year. The short crop will probably, in a measure, compensate for the loss sustained by the growers last year, as this will make the prices so much better for them. We understand this is the condition at present.

Speaking of high and low prices, how does this affect us? Answering for myself, it strikes me in a very tender spot—namely, the pay envelope. Here we are paying \$8.00 per barrel for flour, and double the price for cabbage and a substantial increase in lard and bacon, the necessities of life. With most of us, when we go outside of these articles, we enter the field of luxuries. It is fortunate that a few of us can plant potatoes on the right of way, or we would have to cut our bill of fare in half if the prices continued to soar.

If we wear less and eat less, then, perhaps, our \$50.00 per will reach from one pay day until the next.

SANDY.

#### Montgomery District—

Bro. Strickland, after having been elected local chairman of Montgomery district, found he could not serve on account of having too much business to give the office proper attention. Another man has been nominated. Let us give him all the assistance we possibly can. There is

nothing that will make him feel better and take more interest in the work.

Business seems to be on a standstill at present, but it is far better than it was at this time last year. It has improved considerably in the last three months.

Bro. Huey, night telegrapher at Grady, has accepted the Daleville agency. Bro. Carter, former agent there, takes Bro. Huey's place at Grady. They both seem well pleased with the change.

Bro. A. Strain, third trick telegrapher and night ticket agent at Bainbridge, is off a few days.

An old-timer, Mr. Joe Kirkland, is relieving him.

The boys seem to be doing good work. I can hear them asking for application blanks nearly every day. That's right, let's keep the good work going. Get behind the non nearest you and endeavor to get him into the fold. Let us try to make Montgomery District solid.

I notice the dispatchers are having to call some of the boys longer than necessary, and some of these are brothers, too. We should give the wires strict attention, then we can rest assured that we will get along better.

Bro. Dykes, day telegrapher and extra dispatcher at Dothan, worked Sunday as dispatcher, relieving first trick Dispatcher Black.

While Bro. Dykes made good as dispatcher, Night Telegrapher Lawson doubled to keep business moving.

We should hold meetings at some convenient point. This would bring the boys together and



W. J. DELEHANT,  
Alternate Div. No. 135.

create interest in the good work. All except the Montgomery District hold meetings, and why shouldn't we?

More interest is now being taken in O. R. T. work than for some time, so let us increase it by getting together occasionally.

Bro. H. B. Evans, extra telegrapher, is relieving at Cairo. We have not learned who is absent.

Our local chairman, when installed, should see to it that positions are bulletined. This is some-



L. A. MILLER,  
Delegate Div. No. 136.

thing that is very important. Let every man be promoted according to ability and length of time in service.

BILL FILLIGIN.

#### Norfolk District, Main Line—

There has been a few changes on the main line this month, some of which are noted below.

Bro. R. L. Small, has resigned to accept a position with the S. A. L. at Suffolk, as third trick telegrapher. We are glad to see him better himself, as he was only working extra with us.

It is rumored that Mr. Penington, telegrapher at Tarboro, will leave in the near future to take up his old position at Wrightsville Beach. This will cause a vacancy at Tarboro. Can't say who will fall heir to this position; it is considered a nice job for some of our young brothers who are single.

It is reported that E. F. Riddick, who was formerly agent at Whaley, has opened a "ham factory" at Whaleyville. We have not heard how he is progressing in his new field, but certain it is that he will get no encouragement, for there are too many staunch O. R. T. men at Whaley.

#### Branches—

Bro. W. C. Andrews, of Vandemere, has been off duty for a few days, on account of the illness of his sister. He was relieved by Mr. O. G. Carson.

Mr. S. H. Cobb is working second trick at Parmele for a few days. Mr. Watson, the regular man, is prospecting, with the end in view of securing a position on the Virginian Railway.

Bro. J. K. Cobb has been assigned to Jamesville agency. Miss L. B. Parrott succeeds him at Edwards. Miss Parrott has just re-entered the railroad service, having been with the Western Union several years, as manager at Rocky Mount and Goldsboro. She worked on the C. & O. several years ago.

Our local board members, Bros. Andrews, of Parmele, and Blow, of Suffolk, with Bro. Parker, of Speed, as chairman, desire your assistance in making this district solid.

Bro. Parker, the local chairman, is our representative to the Atlanta convention.

While he is in Atlanta let's get after the nobs and surprise him upon his return by handing him a big bunch of applications. We can do it if we go at it in the right way.

Div. Cor.

#### C., C., & St. L. Ry.

##### Chicago Division, East—

The first thing I wish to do is to apologize for the scarcity of items in this write-up, but not having been around the wires any this month, it is utterly impossible for me to give any of the happenings along the line, as I have received nothing from any of the boys.

But something is going to happen to you who are hanging back with your dues for the current



F. K. MILLER,  
Alternate Div. No. 136.

term. There are but few delinquents, I am glad to say.

Would just like to advise those who have as yet failed to do the necessary to please stop and

ponder a moment, as the minister says, "before it is everlastingly too late." At the present time you can very easily get back where you were and I'll go a little farther and say that you can apply that either way. You can easily get back in good standing in the Order, or you can, by letting



ED. WHALEN,  
Delegate Div. No. 138.

things take their course, get back to where you were ten years ago.

But you will say "Oh, no, guess not, as I'm the only one, and the rest will keep the thing going." But I would just like to say for you, brothers, that the time is not far distant when you will find that someone else is not going to bear your burden and I think I can safely say that we have the dope at the present moment that will make you stick up your ears and widen your eyes upon this great question of nons reaping the benefits paid for by the other fellow. This thing has been going on for twenty-three years, with no remedy discovered, but you will acknowledge that this is a progressive world and new discoveries are made every day.

Possibly you do not realize that when you fail to pay up in the allotted time you are injuring not only yourself, but the organization as well, for you should realize that when you do not pay up it is up to us to find out why and each time it takes two cents; not much, to be sure, if there were only one, but take a system division like ours and think of the many that do the same thing, and you will find it runs into dollars.

The point is this—that each and every expense incurred by the Order tends to weaken it, and if you would sustain the organization one of the great ways to do so is to do all you can to curtail expenses.

A great many are not remaining delinquent intentionally, but through no other cause than negligence. You can pay dues just as easily on the first of December or June as you can the first of May or November, so why hesitate and put your committee to a lot of needless worry and expense.

If for any cause you find it impossible to meet your dues, please act the man about it, and write your chairman, giving particulars, and if there is anything we can do to help in all probability it will be done.

I would request that all delinquent brothers write their chairman and set forth reasons for their delinquency and it may be that in a great many cases we can straighten you out; but it's a cinch that we cannot help you if you do not give us an opportunity.

In the last write-up I promised I would give something more on the west end of the Chicago Division, but I find I am going to be crowded for space, so will cut that part of it short.

I will add, for the benefit of the several brothers interested over there, that there were three excuses given. First, old age. Several of the worthy gentlemen are on the edge of the grave, although at the present time they are in the very best of health. They have never found out that they have been receiving hundreds of dollars through the Order in the past years and my opinion is that if we had not discovered a way to prevent it they would continue to do the same thing for several years to come. Some people have a tendency to be very dull of comprehension on some subjects.



R. B. COOK,  
Delegate Div. No. 138.

Second, hard luck. This dope was handed me by several, and in nearly every case we found the dopest was either building a new house or investing in land, and the poor, deluded representa-

tives of the human race do not know that it is our money they are using to do this work with.

Third, "The Order never did me any good." This dope was "dished out," several making this statement: "I belonged to the Order here for a long time when I was the only man on the Big

up his card during the past two years, although he has passed through adversity and has not done a minute's work at telegraphing. Bro. Ahring's present address is, P. G. Ahring, Sunman, Ind.

W. O. BRINKMAN,

*Local Chairman.*



GEORGE LAVENGOOD,  
Delegate Div. No. 138.

Four that belonged and the Order never did anything for me." This was handed me by at least five, so, as the saying goes, "Somebody lied," for there were five, each claiming they belonged at the same time and yet each posing as the only one. Great argument.

Now, again in closing, would like to make one more appeal to our delinquent brethren to communicate with the chairman.

At the time of this writing we find the Chicago Division installing telephones, so I suppose phones will be a reality instead of simply talk, in the near future, especially on the east end of the Chicago Division, as I "13" this end of the division is to be used for the purpose of experiment, and if things work satisfactorily, the work will be pushed on the entire system. As yet we see nothing to startle us in the way of reduction of force or salaries, and we understand that this is a question of progress and not of economy.

In behalf of one of our brothers at present not employed in the service would like to say a few words.

Bro. P. G. Ahring, formerly employed by the Big Four, has now branched out into the jewelry business, and is ready, at any time, to do all kinds of repair work or make sales in this line, and think all brothers who can swing anything his way should do so, as Brother Ahring has kept

#### *Chicago Division, West—*

Telegrapher J. R. Paul is now working the second trick at Laft yards.

Bro. Andrews is now on first trick at Swanington, the first trick man, Bro. Briar, having left us. The third trick, which is now on bulletin, is being filled by Extra Telegrapher McDaniel, a new man from the C. I. & S.

The third trick at Donovan is on bulletin; now being filled by Extra Telegrapher Munzer, a new man from the C. & E. I.

Bro. P. S. Lottinville, second trick man at St. Anne, has just resumed duty after a thirty-day lay-off and trip to the Northwest. He was relieved by Bro. Montgomery, a C. & E. I. man.

Bro. J. L. Young is now third trick man at St. Anne, which position was vacated by Bro. P. K. Jeffries, who has left the Big Four. Bro. Jeffries has accepted a position with the Union Pacific Ry. at Omaha, Neb.

Dispatcher Milligan was off duty a few days during the first part of the month on account of sickness. While absent, Dispatcher Drewy relieved him.



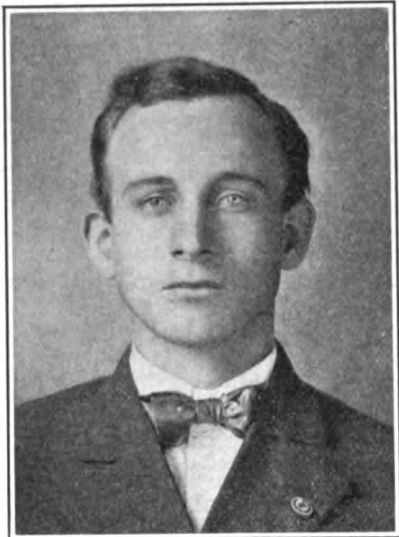
F. S. MASON,  
Alternate Div. No. 138.

Extra Dispatcher R. I. Pensleger held second trick, vice Mr. Drewy, and Extra Telegrapher Cox relieved Pensleger.



## IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It hath pleased the Almighty Creator to remove from this world of trials and tribulations the dearly beloved little son of Bro. and Mrs. H. C. Green, of "SY" office, be it therefore  
*Resolved*, That the members of Division No. 138, Order of Railway Telegraphers, extend to the



A. J. HORNUNG,  
 Alternate Div. No. 138.

bereaved parents their most heartfelt sympathy in this, their time of bereavement, and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the records of this division, a copy sent to the bereaved parents and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

W. O. BRINKMAN,  
 J. M. DUPPS,  
 S. G. MARTIN,  
*Committee.*

## Cleveland Division—

Bro. F. Barnum, of Lagrange, has returned to work, after an illness of a couple of months.

Bro. Greetham is off duty on account of the death of his sister. He has the sympathy of all.

Bro. Snowberger, of Rochester, is going into the chicken business.

Bro. Conklin, of Marsh, returned to work after having enjoyed a fifteen days' vacation.

They are still advertising the second trick at Harper. This is surely an undesirable position.

Bro. Kroefke, of Grafton, is off on account of the death of his father. He has the sympathy of the members.

Mr. Clegg visiting at Bellefontaine.

Let us see if we can't "come out of it" and start a little more interest than has been mani-

festated in the past. Get after the nona, and try to induce them to come into the fold. There is no question but what we need their support, and if each member will do his share I think we can soon make this the banner division of the system.

Rouse up and show that you take an interest in the Order, also make it a rule to write your local chairman at least twice a month, in order to help him keep in touch with the situation, for unless you assist him he cannot do the work as it should be done.

I wish to extend my thanks for the honor conferred upon me at the recent election, and hope to be of assistance in keeping the division alive and up to date.

To the young members I wish to say, get some of that scrap paper and put in your spare moments practicing, so that when you bid in a job there will be no question as to your ability to hold it.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

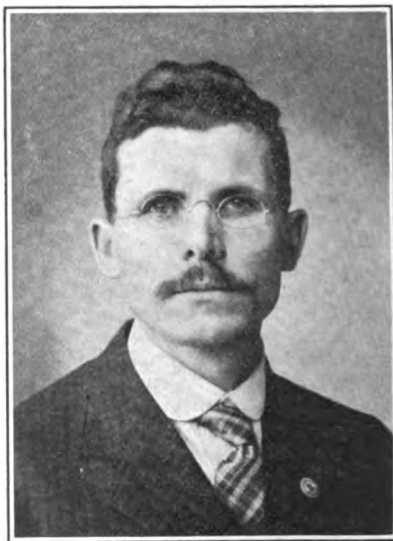
## Michigan Division—

Telegrapher Dunclee has returned to Marion freight office, having bumped Bro. E. S. Middlekamp, who in turn bumped Agent Seward at Jonesboro.

Bro. R. A. Ferree, agent at Letts Corner, is taking a lay-off for a few days.

Bro. King, formerly of North Vernon, nights, has returned to the Michigan Division.

A Mr. Riley, of Markleville, is relieving Bro. King for a few days.



H. S. WALTERS,  
 Alternate Div. No. 138.

Bros. Walters, of Marion, was off a few nights this month; relieved by Bro. King.

Bro. King bid in Goshen.

Bro. Tilmont, of Elkhart, is taking a lay-off; relieved by Telegrapher Wood, from Summitville.

We understand that Bro. Tilmon has been very sick. The last we heard of him he was in Chicago.

As no items have been sent in by any of the brothers I am out. I wish someone would kindly endeavor to send me a few items each month.

Drv. Con.

#### *Cincinnati and Sandusky Divisions—*

Mr. Chester, of Monroe has been discharged from the service; C. D. Moore is working third trick until bulletined.

E. R. Mendenhall is working the second trick at Sharon. This is the man who worked in "C" office, Cincinnati, Ohio, during the commercial strike.

Bro. Stokes, of Huntsville tower has been on the sick list for a few days but is again able to be on duty.

Bro. H. E. Loy, the third trick man at Grants, was off duty a few days while sick. He was relieved by Telegrapher Harrison, of Plattsburg.

Bro. A. J. Sorgan, second at Grants, has resigned to accept a position as city mail carrier at Kenton. He was relieved by Telegrapher H. W. McGill, of Urbana.

Bro. E. W. Utz, first trick at Grants, has resigned to accept a position in the division freight agent's office at Dayton.

Bro. H. E. Loy, the former third trick man at Silver Creek, is now working the third trick at Grants. Telegrapher Jay Garrett, of Springfield, is filling in at Silver Creek.

Bro. C. R. Wilkin, the third trick man at Kenton, was off duty a few days on account of sickness, Telegrapher McGill filling in.

Telegrapher Harrison is working the third trick at Avenue at present.

Bro. R. W. Lippincott, the agent at Plattsburg, spent a few days with his parents at Catawba, last week, Telegrapher Harrison filling in at Plattsburg.

Bro. Keever, formerly third trick man at Silver Creek, passed over the Sandy Division a few days ago, on his way to Michigan.

The third trick at Monroe has been bid in by a Mr. Barnhart. FOXY GRANDPA.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to take from us the father of our loyal brother and co-worker, Bro. W. A. Scully, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Cincinnati-Sandusky Division, O. R. T. System Division No. 138, extend to the bereaved brother its heartfelt sympathy, and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the records of our division, a copy sent to the bereaved brother and one to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

F. E. SIDENER,  
F. G. HICKMAN,  
L. D. STABLER,  
*Committee.*

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, God, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it best to remove from the family of our esteemed Brother Bert Demory, his beloved mother, in manifestation of our grief, and fraternal sympathy for our brother and family, be it

*Resolved*, By the members of the Cincinnati-Sandusky Division, of the C. C. C. & St. L. Railroad System Division No. 138, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to the bereaved brother and family our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of affliction; be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved brother, a copy be spread on the minutes of the division, and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

H. W. STABLER,  
L. S. DELONG,  
A. A. BRIGHT,  
*Committee.*



C. K. POTTER,  
Delegate Div. No. 139.

#### Trinity & Brazos Valley Ry.

Quite a number of changes have occurred on the "Valley Route" since our last write-up.

The Newby night office has been closed. Sister Smylie, from Newby, is now working the second trick at Corsicana.

Bro. C. B. Pirtle from Corsicana has been transferred to the agency at Emhous, vice Bro. C. C. Wheeler, who succeeds Mr. Lineweber as agent at Singleton.

Shiro night office is closed, Bro. Isaacs going to third trick at T. & B. V. Junction, vice Bro. J. A. Russell, who has accepted the cashier's position at Waxahachie.

Bro. N. B. Anderson, our genial secretary and treasurer, bumped Bro. Garrett, who was on second trick at Tom Ball

We are almost solid and want to keep after the few remaining nons.

We will try to have something in **THE TELEGRAPHER** each month, and members having anything of interest will please advise Bro. Anderson.

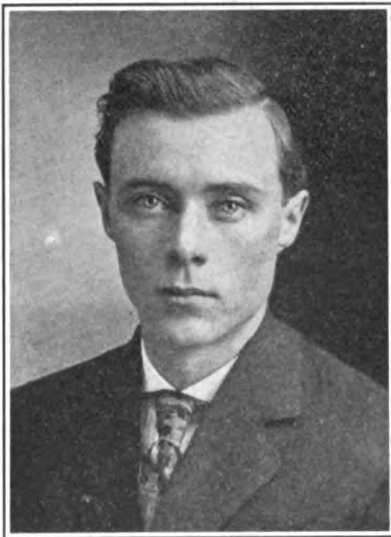
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### Indianapolis Southern Ry.

For the first time in many months the I. S. is to be represented in the journal. Our regular correspondent resigned the position shortly after being appointed to that office last June. Since that time we have been without a correspondent.

Make a note of all the happenings and changes in your locality and send them to the correspondent and we will have something in the journal each month.

The following are the few items we have been able to glean, which will probably interest those that have not been in touch with the I. S.



DAVID R. FORD,

Delegate Div. No. 142.

Mr. H. O. Bean, day telegrapher and extra dispatcher at "Q" office, Indianapolis, has left the service and is now holding down a trick with the A. T. & S. F. at Arkansas City, Kan.

Bro. C. D. Burnett, cashier at Bloomington, landed "Q" office, Indianapolis, days, on bulletin, but withdrew. This left it to Bro. A. L. Young, of "Q," nights. Bro. Young handled "Q" days in Bro. Bean's absence.

Bro. P. G. Evans, Wis. St. yards, days, landed "Q" office, Indianapolis, nights, on bulletin.

Bro. McCord did the extra stunt at "Q," Indianapolis, nights, while the day and night jobs were on bulletin, then relieved Bro. Evans at Wis. St. yard, days, while that position was on bulletin.

Bro. E. L. Smith, first trick telegrapher and ticket clerk at Linton, landed Wis. St. yard, days, on bulletin and started working there March 21.

Bro. A. H. Howard, second trick telegrapher at Linton, is taking thirty days' vacation. He was relieved by the second trick man, Mr. James, of Bloomington. Mr. James was relieved by Telegrapher C. G. Ault.

Second Trick Telegrapher James, of Linton, is holding down first trick while it is on bulletin, with Bro. McCord doing the second trick stunt.

Bro. M. D. Renfro resigned as agent at Stanford in November, and is now farming in Northern Indiana. Bro. Ray Wolfe, of Sullivan, landed Stanford on bulletin.

Mr. J. C. Gentry, helper, of Bloomfield, was checked in as ticket agent at Trevlac, March 22.

Bro. Tom Pemberton, our Linton agent, was seen going up the line on train No. 32, March 23.

Telegrapher Francis relieved Bro. Shepherd at Robinson, about March 1, Bro. Shepherd having landed third trick at Dugger.

Bro. Shepherd, third trick telegrapher at Dugger, is on the sick list, and is being relieved by Telegrapher J. W. Mathews. While sick Bro. Shepherd is staying at Bloomfield.

Bro. McCord, who is working second trick at Linton, has landed Stoy, days, and will take same in the near future.

Bro. J. F. Glass, the agent at Salsberry, landed Linton, first trick, on bulletin, but decided to withdraw after securing it and at this writing we are unable to say who gets the position.

Mr. J. G. Shepherd relieved Telegrapher Melton at Stoy, days, he having been assigned to second trick at Sullivan.

Guy Tomlison, of Browns, Ill., succeeds Mrs. Markman as clerk at Oblong.

Bro. G. B. Calvert, first trick telegrapher and ticket clerk at Sullivan, is our new local chairman. It is up to all the members on the I. S. to assist Bro. Calvert in his position and help get the I. S. solid.

Bro. F. B. Fox, agent at Stoy, was elected delegate to the convention and Bro. Calvert, alternate.

Bro. Fox desires to attend the convention this year if he can arrange to get away.

Div. Cor.

### Mobile & Ohio Ry.

#### St. Louis Division—

Bro. J. E. Armstrong, second trick at Corinth, is off a few days; relieved by Bro. Hudson.

Bro. Stovall has been assigned permanently to Ruslor, third trick.

Bro. H. B. Romins, an old-timer, has been assigned to the Booneville agency.

Bro. B. E. Sander is working the third trick at Clamore, extra.

Bro. Hundson bid in Clamore and will go there soon.

Bro. Caver has been off duty several days on account of sore eyes.

Bro. R. L. Brooks, of Corinth, was off duty a few days recently, visiting relatives at Kenton. Bro. Hundson relieved him while absent.

Mr. W. E. Ramer has been assigned to first trick at Trenton.

Bro. K. Sommers has been assigned to first trick at Perry.

Bro. J. F. Hateley, agent at Laketon, is absent a few days, getting married. He was relieved by Bro. R. Bailey. Mr. O. Rutledge, of Perry, relieved Bro. Bailey at Union City.

Mr. W. M. Franklin, of Moscow, relieved Bro. K. Somers at Perry for several days.

Bro. McDermont, of Waterloo, is laying off a few days; relieved by Mr. James Donahue.

Bro. Earl Taylor is visiting St. Louis. He is being relieved at Percy by Mr. J. Nelson.

Bro. G. E. Meisenheimer, of Ava, is laying off a few days; relieved by Mr. Haynes.

Bro. McCord, of Oraville, is laying off and taking in the sights at Oran, Mo., relieved by Mr. Gorim.

Bro. Underwood, of Percy, is taking a few days' vacation; relieved by the third trick man. Mr. Haynes, of Red Bud, relieved the third trick man.

Bro. Childers, of Mountain Glen, is sick and off duty; relieved by Mr. Donahue.

It is rumored that some of our members are teaching telegraphy without permission. This is a violation of the obligation you took when becoming a member of this organization, and subjects one to expulsion, so if the rumor has any foundation I should advise the guilty persons to dismiss their students before charges are preferred. "A word to the wise is sufficient."

R. U. WIDEAWAKE.

### Chicago & Western Indiana Ry.

Mr. J. R. Stanley, the genial agent at Dolton, is enjoying a thirty days' leave of absence, and, with his wife and family, is visiting childhood scenes in the old Blue Grass State.

Mr. George Miller, agent for the Belt at Le-moyne, is also enjoying a thirty days' leave of absence and is trying to spend the large surplus of money that has accumulated on his hands.

Extra Telegrapher A. S. Crippen has landed third trick in "CU" tower, South Deering. We are all glad to hear his familiar fist, and hope he will like the position, as he certainly deserves a steady job, and one with which he is satisfied.

Mr. W. R. Dixon is working extra at "GS" tower, 16th St.

Telegrapher R. M. McCullough, second trick at Oakdale and H. W. Grace, second trick at Pullman Junction, were down to Blue Island recently. If you want to see the boys smile, just ask them what they think of the dinners served in that busy little town.

Telegraphers A. R. Hoffman, E. O. Jacobson, and C. A. Munn, took in the circus at the Coliseum. They report a fine time.

Telegrapher Guy Brown, is slinging lightning and pulling levers in "AU," 75th St. tower, third trick.

E. M. Moore, of "YC" office, Yd. Center, is enjoying thirty days' leave of absence.

Now, boys, let's all turn out to our meetings, which are held every fourth Saturday night of each month at Masonic Temple, and help make them a success. Div. Cor.

### Lake Superior & Ishpeming Ry.—Muniz-ing Ry.—Marquette & Southeastern Ry.

Bro. C. H. Dagenais, who has been second trick man at Little Lake for some time, has resigned, and is now engaged in the grocery business at Marquette, Mich.

Bro. Tim Hughes, of Ishpeming is now holding down the third trick at Little Lake, relieving Bro. Lewis.

Bro. L. V. Johnson, formerly of Iron Mountain, is now nicely located as agent at Lathrop,



CHAS. C. WEBBER,  
Delegate Div. No. 144.

having taken the position left by Bro. Haberman, who went to Florence.

A joint meeting with the men of the D. S. S. & A. Ry. was held at Negaunee, Mich., Sunday afternoon, March 28, in the Kirkwood Hall. The attendance was surprisingly large. Brothers came from as far west as Iron River, Wis., and from as far east as the Soo to attend.

Meeting was called to order at 3 p. m., sharp, by Bro. W. J. Murray, of the Pen Division, with Bro. F. Van Handle, of the D. S. S. & A., as secretary. Speeches were made by Bro. Gilbert, representing the Mackinac Division, Bro. Carlson, of Houghton Division, and Bro. Clossy, of the Western Division, of the D. S. S. & A. Ry. Bro. Troy, general chairman, of the C. N.-W. system

spoke for an hour and a half on subjects that were very interesting and instructive to all. Much enthusiasm was shown, and the meeting did not close until the hands rolled around close to six o'clock. This meeting being very successful, arrangements were at once made for another joint meeting to be held in the near future.

Bro. Moran, of Powers, is enjoying a vacation, which he is spending in Chicago and other points South. He was relieved by Bro. Crikelair, the relief agent.

Bro. C. T. Hartho, of Carlshend, Mich., a member of this division, is about to leave the Munising Ry. Carlshend station is to be closed in a few days. Bro. Hartho has not as yet decided where he will locate, but thinks it will be west of here.

Bro. R. A. Marsh, a member of this division, who has been agent for the Munising Ry. at

from the north end being in the majority. The meeting was opened by Bro. W. J. Murray (retiring chairman). A general discussion took place, followed by an interesting talk by Bro. Troy, who gave us the fine points we lacked. A list of the officers appointed will appear in our next write-up. There will be another meeting held on the line in the near future, when we hope to see more of the south end brothers present.

Bro. J. Brown secured third trick at Stephenson by bulletin.

Bro. Sullivan secured second trick at Menominee.

Our newly-elected local chairman, Bro. Haberman, got Florence by bulletin.

Div. Cor.

### Boston & Maine Ry.

#### NOTICE.

##### *Eastern Division—*

During the months of May, June and July, Assistant Local Chairman E. G. Hall, Kittery Depot, Maine, will act as local chairman of the Eastern Division, having charge of the organization's affairs during that period, as I have requested a leave of absence covering five or six weeks.

##### *Western Division—*

The annual report shows Chairman Butler's initials as H. A. The correct initials are H. L., and South Berwick, Me., members will kindly remember this correction when corresponding with Chairman Butler.

Fraternally yours,

J. B. BODR,  
General Chairman.

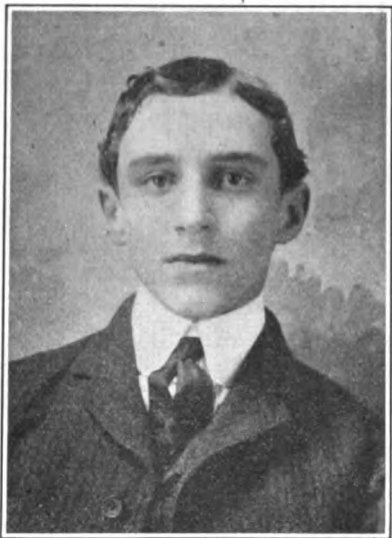
### Grand Rapids & Indiana Ry.

##### *Northern Division—*

Bro. A. L. Munyon, Kalkaska, Mich., has been appointed local correspondent for this division. Items of interest should be forwarded to him not later than the 20th of each month to insure insertion in the following issue of THE TELEGRAPHER. Let us hear what is going on along the line. The first thing we do after receiving the journal is to look for local items, and if we lend Bro. Munyon our assistance there will be no reason why we can't have an interesting write-up in the journal every month. It is but a short time since we were organized, and the members on this division holding Grand Division cards were transferred to No. 143. At first everyone took an interest, but of late enthusiasm is beginning to wane.

It seems that one is waiting on the other to do the work. Why not all help a little in getting a schedule and a \$60.00 minimum. There is no reason why we can't do it if we put forth an effort.

BUSTER.



N. B. ANDERSON,  
Alternate Div. No. 144.

Princeton, Mich., for the past two years, has resigned and accepted a position with the P. M. in lower Michigan.

Bro. C. O. Boogren, member of this division, formerly agent for the Munising Ry. at Gwinn, Mich., has been transferred to Princeton, Mich., as agent, taking the position held until recently by Bro. Marsh.

Bro. Bakken, of Ishpeming, has taken third trick at Iron Mountain, on bulletin. He was relieved by Joe O'Leary, of Negaunee.

Bro. Kandalls got first trick at Iron Mountain by bulletin, relieving Bro. Johnson.

The meeting held at Menominee, Saturday, March 27, was fairly well attended, the brothers

**Kingston & Pembroke Ry.****IN MEMORIAM.**

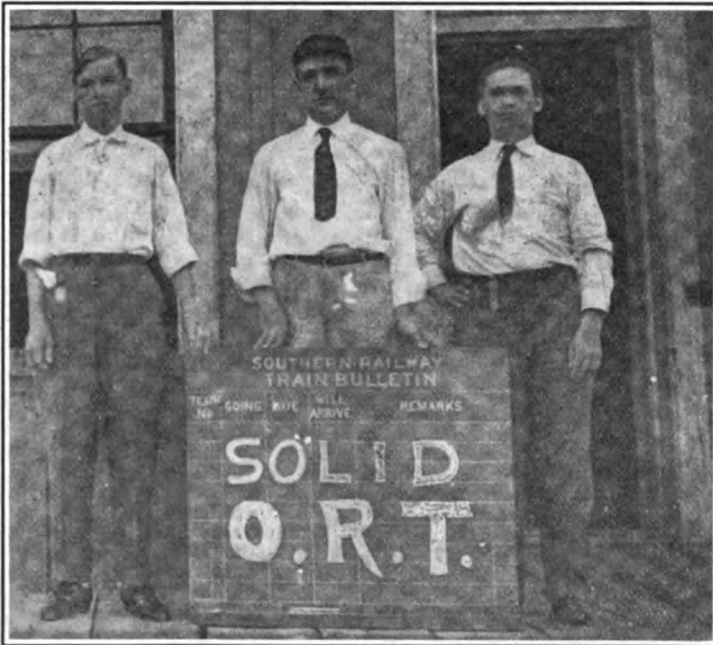
**WHEREAS**, It has pleased the Almighty to bear to his eternal home the dearly beloved father of Bro. F. Clark, be it hereby

**Resolved**, That the Kingston and Pembroke Division of System Division No. 7, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to our bereaved brother

and friend our most heartfelt sympathies in this, their bereavement; be it further

**Resolved**, That a copy of these resolutions be placed on the record of our division, a copy sent to the bereaved brother, also a copy submitted to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

A. FORSYTHE,  
S. S. CAMPBELL,  
L. A. CAMERON,  
*Committee.*



J. W. Hanna.      W. E. Dellinger.      G. T. Knowles.  
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## MUTUAL BENEFIT DEPARTMENT.

Assessment No. 122 is due May 1, 1909.  
Time for payment expires June 30, 1909.

### AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS.

On \$ 300 00 (Series A).....	20 cents each
On 500 00 (Series B).....	30 cents each
On 1,000 00 (Series C).....	60 cents each

### BENEFITS PAID DURING APRIL, 1909.

CLAIM No.	NAME.	CAUSE.	DIV.	CHRT. No.	SERIES.	AMT.
808..	Thos. E. Hipple.....	Hemorrhage of Lungs.....	Grand..	14826..	C..	\$1,000 00
853..	Carl H. Lee.....	Struck by Train.....	52..	17758..	B..	500 00
858..	C. E. Jennings.....	Typhoid Fever.....	54..	25634..	A..	300 00
865..	Michael J. Domes.....	Suicide.....	92..	7073..	C..	1,000 00
866..	A. L. Armstrong.....	Pleuro Pneumonia.....	35..	24651..	C..	1,000 00
867..	F. E. Hastings.....	Inflammatory Rheumatism.....	116..	21722..	C..	1,000 00
870..	Wm. M. Bailey.....	Apoplexy.....	93..	22856..	A..	300 00
871..	J. O. Blasenak.....	Railroad Accident.....	89..	21447..	A..	300 00
872..	Robt. F. Gibbs.....	Pernicious Malaria.....	32..	25045..	C..	1,000 00
873..	Harvey W. Sawdey.....	Chr. Paren. Nephritis.....	53..	6833..	B..	500 00
875..	Eugene Abbott.....	Membranous Angina.....	25..	21983..	A..	300 00
876..	Wm. C. Truax.....	Typhoid Fever.....	Grand..	15075..	C..	1,000 00
878..	Eugene L. Ford.....	Mitral Regurgitation.....	53..	15575..	B..	500 00
880..	Wm. Clancy.....	Mitral Insufficiency.....	42..	14..	C..	1,000 00
884..	John W. Graybill.....	Pneumonia.....	Grand..	10825..	C..	1,000 00
885..	James W. Darby.....	Run Over by Train.....	23..	7155..	C..	1,000 00
889..	John Wood.....	Cerebral Hemorrhage.....	35..	532..	C..	1,000 00
896..	Fred S. White.....	Brain Tumor.....	23..	9015..	A..	300 00

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MORTUARY FUND.

#### RECEIPTS.

Received on Assessment Account to March 31, 1909 .....	\$761,570 87
Received on Assessment Account April, 1909 .....	5,098 31
	<b>\$766,669 18</b>

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

Death Claims paid to March 31, 1909 .....	\$506,981 47
Death Claims paid in April.....	13,000 00
Assessments refunded, account rejected applications.....	1,146 61
Assessments transferred to dues.....	201 53
Cash on hand to credit Mortuary Fund, April 30, 1909 .....	245,339 57
	<b>\$766,669 18</b>

L. W. QUICK,  
*Grand Secretary and Treasurer.*

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## DIVISION DIRECTORY.

GRAND DIVISION—Attached membership not confined to any particular railroad or territory. H. B. Perham, President, St. Louis, Mo.; L. W. Quick, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, St. Louis, Mo.

No. 1—Division covers the Grand Trunk Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Bell, Gen'l Chairman, Callander, Ontario; D. L. Shaw, Gen'l S. & T., 769 King st., London, Ont.

No. 2, ST. LOUIS, MO.—Meets first and third Mondays each month at 8 p. m., Small Hall, South Side, 3d floor Masonic Temple (Odeon Building), Grand and Finney aves., St. Louis, Mo. L. W. Quick, Chief Telegrapher, 7th floor, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.; J. W. La Fever, S. & T., 3940a St. Louis ave., St. Louis, Mo.

No. 3, HARRISBURG, PA.—Meets 1st Thursday each month in Mauk's Hall, corner 6th and Keller sts., Harrisburg, Pa., and at some point on Middle Division, P. R. R., 3d Thursday evening each month at 7 p. m. Frank Carstine, Chief Tel., Petersburg, Pa.; B. H. Saltsman, S. & T., 76 N. 18th st., Harrisburg, Pa.

No. 5—Division covers the Kansas City Southern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. Munce, Gen'l Chairman, Hume, Mo. W. W. Slaughter, Gen'l S. & T., Hume, Mo.

No. 6—Division covers the Union Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. L. Stump, Gen'l Chairman, Box 40, Denver, Colo.; John H. Hughey, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Box 294, Junction City, Kan.

No. 7—Division covers the Canadian Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chair-

man. G. D. Robertson, Gen'l Chairman, 141 Dunn ave., Toronto, Ont., Can.; G. S. Morris, Gen'l S. & T., 721 Eleventh st., Brandon, Man.

No. 8—Division covers New York Central Ry. M. G. Woolley, Gen'l Chairman, 155th st. and Eighth ave., New York; A. E. Blim, Gen'l S. & T., Chili Station, N. Y. Hudson Div.—Meets 3d Tuesday of each month at 8:30 p. m., in G. A. R. Hall, 27 Garden st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. J. B. West, Local Chairman, 11 Thompson st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Western and Rochester Division meets 3d Saturday evening in Feb., Apr., June, Aug., Oct. and Dec., at Rochester, N. Y.; Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept. and Nov., at Syracuse, N. Y. Mohawk Div.—Meets on 3d Wednesday each month, at 7:30 p. m., in the Fonda Court House, at Fonda, N. Y. C. F. Loring, Local Chairman, Nelliston, N. Y. Harlem Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Fall Brook Div.—Meets 3d Tuesday evening each month at 8 p. m., Odd Fellows' Hall, East Erie ave., Corning, N. Y. R. R. McInroy, Local Chairman, Middlebury Center, Pa. Electric Zone—Between tower 7, King's Bridge, and "VO" tower, Mt. Vernon to 56th st.—Meets 3d Wednesday of each month at 8:30 p. m., Colonial Building, Rooms 44, 67 and 69 West 125th st., New York City. Every third meeting a day meeting at 10 a. m. E. Neumuller, Local Chairman, 136 W. 167th st., New York City. H. R. Vernon, Assistant Local Chairman, representing G. C. Terminal. Chas. Armitage in charge of Station Agents, 125th st. Station, New York City. September meeting will be a day meeting at 10 a. m., and every third meeting thereafter will be a day meeting. Buffalo Div.—Regular meetings will be held at North Tonawanda, N. Y., on the first



- Wednesday evening in Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept., and Nov. Special meetings to be held in Buffalo subject to call of Local Chairman. J. H. Groat, Local Chairman, 81 Amherst st., Buffalo, N. Y.
- No. 9, LANCASTER, PA.—Meets third Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Central Labor Union Hall, 2d floor, No. 22 South Queen st., Lancaster, Pa. W. W. Shope, Jr., Chief Telegrapher, 1429 Zarker st., Harrisburg, Pa.; A. B. Hambricht, S. & T., Elizabethtown, Pa.
- No. 12, SUNBURY, PA.—Meets third Monday in months of Jan., March, May, July, Sept. and Nov., at 8 p. m., and in months of Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. and Dec., at 10 a. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall, S. W. corner Market and 3d sts., Sunbury, Pa. Bruce McCracken, Chief Tel., Riverside, Pa.; W. D. Grant, S. & T., 225 Fairmount ave., Sunbury, Pa.
- No. 14—Division covers the Norfolk & Western Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. E. Layman, Gen'l Chairman, Troutville, Va.; T. H. Lankford, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 11, Cloverdale, Va.
- No. 15, OTTAWA, ONT.—Meets subject to call of Chief Telegrapher at Ottawa, Ont. G. W. Shepherd, Chief Tel., Alexandria, Ont.; D. Robertson, S. & T., Glen Robertson, Ont.; D. Robertson and G. W. Shepherd, Legislative Representatives.
- No. 16—Division covers the Michigan Central Railroad. Meets 3d Monday each month at 7:30 p. m., Prismatic Hall, 140 First st., Detroit, Mich. J. C. Culkins, Gen'l Chairman, Albion, Mich.; J. H. Staley, Gen'l S. & T., Ridgemount Ont.
- No. 17, BALTIMORE, MD.—Meets 1st and 3d Wednesday of each month at Old Town Bank Building, 3d floor, Baltimore, Md. Wm. M. Skinner, Chief Tel., 2224 E. Oliver st., Baltimore, Md.; Daniel L. Koller, S. & T., Harford road and West Erdman ave., Baltimore, Md.
- No. 18—Division covers the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. M. Mulcahy, Gen'l Chairman, 33 Courtney st., Dunkirk, N. Y.; C. F. Mayer, Gen'l S. & T., 6816 Lawn ave., Cleveland, Ohio.
- No. 20—Division covers the New York, Ontario & Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Guy Cochran, Gen'l Chairman, Kingston, N. Y.; H. D. Pfoor, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 114, Jermyn, Pa.; M. E. Eccleston, Local Chairman, Southern Division, Port Jervis, N. Y.; T. E. Nealon, Local Chairman, Scranton Division, Archbald, Pa.; C. F. Ingersoll, Local Chairman, Northern Division, Guilford, N. Y.; C. E. Downie, Asst. Local Chairman, Southern Division, Summitville, N. Y.; J. D. Foote, Assistant Local Chairman, Southern Division, Cooke Falls, N. Y.
- No. 21—Division covers the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. F. Stenger, Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D., No. 3, Miamisburg, Ohio; C. B. Miller, Gen'l S. & T., Piqua, Ohio.
- No. 22—Division covers the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad System, R. J. Clark, Gen'l S. & T., Arbo, Miss.
- No. 23—Division covers the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Milwaukee Terminal meetings held subject to call of Local Chairman. O. W. Renshaw, Gen'l Chairman, 2 West 14th st., Minneapolis, Minn.; G. E. Soyester, Gen'l S. & T., 1554 Bever ave., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- No. 24, WILLIAMSPORT, PA.—Meets 2d Tuesday of each month, at 8 p. m., in Elliott Hall, southwest corner 4th and Pine sts., Williamsport, Pa., and 4th Tuesday of each month in A. O. H. Hall, Lock Haven, Pa. J. I. Klingenberg, Chief Tel., 2415 Dover st., Newberry, Pa.; J. N. Sponsler, S. & T., 935 Erie ave., Williamsport, Pa.
- No. 25—Division covers the International & Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. H. Stanton, Gen'l Chairman, Rockdale, Tex.; R. B. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., Jewett, Tex. J. O. Edington, Local Chairman, Tyler, Tex. I. L. Wood, Local Chairman, Otto, Tex. L. H. Hungate, Local Chairman Marquez, Texas.
- No. 26, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Sunday each month at 3 p. m., 2744 8th ave., New York City. F. J. Ryan, Chief Tel., 228 W. 141st st., New York; A. L. MacBain, S. & T., 203 W. 144th st., New York City.
- No. 27—Division covers the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad System. Meets on the 15th of each month in the Mayor's office, at Green Castle, Ind. E. E. Pierron, Gen'l Chairman, Vandalia, Ill.; C. R. Shortridge, Gen'l S. & T., Coatesville, Ind.
- No. 29, NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Meets 1st Friday of each month at 8 p. m., in Red Men's Hall, 48 Church st., cor. Crown, New Haven, Conn. L. H. Dowd, Chief Tel., 47 Division st., Danbury, Conn.; G. F. McCormick, S. & T., 93 Main st., West Haven, Conn.
- No. 31—Division covers the Missouri Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. W. M. Holman, Gen'l Chairman, 7210 Pennsylvania ave., St. Louis, Mo.; H. J. Mohler, Gen'l S. & T., Kingman, Kan.
- No. 32—Division covers the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. C. G. Kelso, Gen'l Chairman, 1106 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.; J. E. McQuade, Gen'l S. & T., 1106 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.

- No. 33—Division covers the Baltimore & Ohio Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. E. N. Van Atta, Gen'l Chairman, Box 36, Newark, O.; W. Edgar Frasher, Gen'l S. & T., 814 W. 9th st., Wilmington, Del. Philadelphia Division meets in the hall at Cowenton, Md., 3d Wednesday evening of every other month, at 8 p. m., and meets in Landis Hall, 63d and Woodland ave., Philadelphia, Pa., 3d Saturday evening of every other month, commencing Saturday, September 19th, at 8 p. m. Thus alternating between Cowenton and Philadelphia, Pa., every other meeting. C. W. Hill, Folsom, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District of Baltimore Division meets on second Wednesday evening of each month, at 8 p. m., at 609 Fremont ave., near Franklin st., Baltimore, Md. C. B. Pierce, 2021 Eighth st., Walbrook, Baltimore, Md., Local Chairman. Western District of the Baltimore Division meets third Friday of January, April, July and October, at Woodstock, Md., at 8 p. m.; third Friday of February, August and November, at Washington Junction, Md., at 8 p. m., and third Friday of March, June, September and December, at Washington Junction, Md., at 11 a. m. D. M. Wright, Jr., Brunswick, Md., Local Chairman. Pittsburg Division, River, Pike and P. & W. District, meets every third Thursday night of each month at Hotel Wilson, No. 10 Smithfield st., Pittsburg, Pa.; W. C. Safford, 412 Ringold st., McKeesport, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District, J. T. Williams, Mars, Pa.; Local Chairman. Western District, Cleveland Division, meets on third Monday of each month in Snyder's Hall, Exchange st., Massillon, Ohio. G. H. McCoy, 92 Wooster st., Massillon, Ohio, Local Chairman. Chicago Division meets on third Wednesday night of each month in Red Men's Hall, Defiance, Ohio. O. J. Prouse, 550 College ave., Potosia, Ohio, Local Chairman. Eastern District; A. P. Webster, Kimmell, Ind., Local Chairman. Western District. Newark Divisions, including all its subdivisions and branches, will hereafter meet in Newark on the third Monday of each month. The meetings will be held alternately in the afternoon and evening, beginning with an evening meeting on December 21st.
- No. 34—Division covers the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. V. Phillips, Gen'l Chairman, Wellington, Ill.; S. M. Rittenhouse, Gen'l S. & T., Sidell, Ill.
- No. 35, PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month in Swarts Lodge, Odd Fellow's Hall, 96 Westminster st., Providence, R. I. David M. Callie, Chief Tel., Teusset, Mass.; R. A. Brown, S. & T., 75 Cedar ave., Riverside, R. I.
- No. 36—Division covers the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburg. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. W. Burch, Gen'l S. & T., 319 Atlanta ave., Tuxedo Park, St. Louis, Mo.

- No. 37, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Meets 2d Friday evening each month, 8 p. m., Post Office Bldg., New Rochelle, N. Y. Harry Burger, Chief Tel., 31 Park ave., Port Chester, N. Y.; Jos. A. Hannan, S. & T., P. O. Box 140, Rye, N. Y.

- No. 38, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Meets 3d Saturday each month, 7:30 p. m., at 33 Lyman st., Springfield, Mass. Wm. A. Lamberton, Chief Tel., 15 George St., West Springfield, Mass.; John R. Cardinal, S. & T., Box 1417, Springfield, Mass.

- No. 39—Division covers the Pere Marquette Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Knister, Gen'l Chairman, Coteauworth, Ont.; W. C. Johnson, Gen'l S. & T., Edmore, Mich.

- No. 40—Division covers Chesapeake & Ohio Railway System. L. E. Hicks, Gen'l Chairman, Craigsville, Va.; J. W. Kiser, Gen'l S. & T., Guyandotte, W. Va.; J. J. Holt, chairman, Allegheny & Greenbrier Districts, Covington, Va.; J. W. Kiser, chairman Huntington Division, Guyandotte, W. Va.; C. D. McGehee, chairman Peninsula & Piedmont Districts, 2803 E. Clay st., Richmond, Va.; H. M. Crowder, chairman Rivanna District, Howardsville, Va.; D. H. Scott, chairman James River District, Big Island, Va.; L. E. Hicks, chairman Mountain District, Craigsville, Va.; M. L. Denning, chairman New River District, Brooks, W. Va.; H. O. Irwin, chairman Lexington & Big Sandy Districts, Pikeville, Ky.; W. H. Glenn, chairman Cincinnati District, Garrison, Ky. Meetings once a month at Clifton Forge and Hinton. Richmond and Ashland meetings subject to call of chairmen.

- No. 41, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 2d Saturday night each month, Engineers' Hall, 164 Canal st., Boston, Mass. T. J. Fogarty, Chief Tel., 71 Clarendon, ave., West Somerville, Mass.; F. M. Morgan, S. & T., Lexington, Mass.

- No. 42—Division covers the Erie Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Joint meetings of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions will be held at Warren, Ohio, corner Park ave. and Market st., every third Saturday of each month. W. H. Husted, Gen'l Chairman, Richwood, Ohio; C. L. Bridge, Gen'l S. & T., Deposit, N. Y.

- No. 43—Division covers Canadian Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. E. J. Willie, Gen'l Chairman, Roland, Man.; W. G. Roxburgh, Acting Gen'l S. & T., 324 Victor st., Winnipeg, Man.

- No. 44, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Fraternity Hall, 22-24 Harriman ave., Jamaica, N. Y.; C. B. Van Nostrand, Chief Tel., 31 Aberdeen st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. A. Leonard, S. & T., 365 Shelton ave., Jamaica, N. Y.

No. 45, WOODSVILLE, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., K of P. Hall, Woodsville, N. H. B. C. Berry, Chief Tel., South Barton, Vt.; F. P. Learned, S. & T., Box 553, Woodsville, N. H.

No. 46—Division covers the Central of Georgia Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. H. Livey, Gen'l Chairman, East Point, Ga. O. S. Travis, Gen'l S. & T., Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. System meetings held at O. R. C. Hall, Macon, Ga., subject to call of General Chairman. Macon Division meets with Dixie Club, Federation Hall, Atlanta, Ga., every second Saturday night; O. S. Travis, Local Chairman, Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. Savannah Division meets at Macon, Ga., subject to call of Local Chairman. D. M. Rogers, Local Chairman Register, Ga. Chattanooga Division meets at La Fayette, Ga., every second Sunday; Local Chairman, W. D. Stewart, La Fayette, Ga. Southwestern Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman T. J. Mills, Smithville, Ga. Columbus Division meets at Opelika, Ala., subject to call of Local Chairman A. H. Warlich, Opelika, Ala.

No. 47, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., at B. I. S. Hall, Charlottetown, P. E. I. A. D. Lawson, Chief Tel., Hunters River, P. E. I.; J. J. Trainor, S. & T., Bedford Station, P. E. I.

No. 48—Division covers the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton and Ann Arbor Railways. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. Shoults, Gen'l Chairman, Storms, Ohio; A. F. Weast, Gen'l S. & T., 308 Rose st., Springfield, Ohio.

No. 49—Division covers the Denver & Rio Grande Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. F. B. Homan, Gen'l Chairman. Pando, Colo.; F. W. Aiken, Gen'l S. & T., Cotopaxi, Colo.

No. 50—Division covers the Georgia Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. W. Duffy, Gen'l Chairman, James, Ga.; W. P. Hubert, Gen'l S. & T., Crawfordsville, Ga.

No. 51—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Erie Railway System. Meets fourth Thursday of each month, in Eagle's Hall, Greenville, Pa. C. V. Patton, General Chairman, Keister, Pa.; W. B. Risley, Gen'l S. & T., 96 Marshal st., Conneaut, Ohio.

No. 52, PITTSBURG, PA.—Meets 3d and 4th Saturday evening each month at 8 p. m., at 204 Fifth ave., 3d floor, Pittsburg, Pa. J. J. Standley, Chief Tel., 3508 Mellwood ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; H. K. Klingensmith, Secretary, 243 Grandview ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; C. C. Campbell, Treasurer, 605 Arlington ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

No. 53—Division covers the Southern Pacific Railway Lines. Meets subject to call of chair-

man. W. H. Lester, Gen'l Chairman, Weimar, Tex.; D. W. Koppikus, Gen'l S. & T., 1220 12th ave., East Oakland, Cal.

No. 54—Division covers the Northern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Sam Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, North Branch, Minn.; I. N. Holmes, Gen'l S. & T., 1015 10th st., Olympia, Wash.

No. 55—Division covers the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Wabash, Pittsburg Terminal and West Side Belt Railways. Meets third Saturday evening of each month at 7:30 p. m., at Navarre, Ohio. R. E. Hamilton, Gen'l Chairman, Mogadore, Ohio; C. R. Guthrie, Gen'l S. & T., Box 71, Jewett, Ohio.

No. 56—Division covers Georgia Southern & Florida Railway System. W. O. Wilson, Gen'l Chairman, Vienna, Ga.; O. H. Watson, Gen'l S. & T., Tobesofkee, Ga.

No. 57—Division covers the Houston & Texas Central Railway System. Meets every third Saturday at 8:30 p. m., in Labor Temple, over 401 Main st., Dallas, Tex. W. J. Burke, Gen'l Chairman, H. & T. C. yard office, Dallas, Tex.; J. A. McKey, Gen'l S. & T., 43 N. Bengt st., McKinney, Tex.

No. 58, WILMINGTON, DEL.—Meets third Friday evening, 8 o'clock, Red Men's Hall, 517 Shipley st., Wilmington, Del. Thomas Truitt, Chief Telegrapher, Clayton, Del.; F. C. Melvin, S. & T., Newport, Del.

No. 59—Division covers Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. J. Gregory, Gen'l Chairman, Chase City, Va.; O. R. Doyle, Gen'l S. & T., Calhoun, S. C.

No. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets third Friday of each month at 8 p. m., at Typographical Temple, 423 "G" st., N. W., Washington. D. C. J. E. Blades, Chief Tel., 1529 East Capitol st., Washington, D. C. J. E. Vandegrift, S. & T., 936 "B" st., S. W., Washington, D. C.

No. 61, CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—Meets 4th Tuesday evening of each month in Engineers' Hall, Campbellton, N. B. J. W. Morton, Chief Tel., Campbellton, N. B.; G. F. Ward, S. & T., Chatham Jct., N. B.

No. 62—Division covers the Queen & Crescent (North). A. B. Willison, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Science Hill, Ky. K. C. Gardner, Gen'l S. & T., Box 333, Williamstown, Ky. E. H. Boutwell, Local Chairman Cincinnati Div., Box 374, Williamstown, Ky. M. B. Dungan, Local Chairman Chattanooga Division, Science Hill, Ky. Meets 4th Saturday night in each month at Somerset, Ky. D. B. Stone, Local Chairman A. G. S. Division, care Central Depot, Chattanooga, Tenn. Meetings held at Danville, Ky. and Oakdale, Tenn., subject to call of chairman.

- No. 63, **MONCTON, N. B.**—Meets 3d Saturday of each month, alternately at Moncton, N. B., and St. John, N. B. H. W. Jones, Chief Tel., Moncton, N. B.; R. M. Gross, S. & T., Boundary Creek, N. B.
- No. 64, **LEVIS, QUE.**—Meets third Tuesday of each month. Place of each following meeting to be chosen by a majority vote of members present at each regular meeting. A. Dion, Chief Tel., 38 St. Louis st., Quebec, Que.; Wm. Parsons, Secretary and Treasurer, St. Pierre, Co. Montmagny, Que.
- No. 65, **ROCHESTER, N. H.**—Meets at 8 p. m., second Saturday each month in G. A. R. Hall, Rochester, N. H. E. J. Scott, Chief Tel., West Ossipee, N. H.; H. L. Jones, S. & T., Fremont, N. H.
- No. 66, **TRURO, N. S.**—Meets third Wednesday each month, McKay's Hall (B. R. T. room), Inglis st., Truro, N. S. W. A. Harris, Chief Tel., Windsor Junction, N. S.; Geo. O. Forbes, S. & T., Spring Hill Junction, N. S.
- No. 67, **WILKESBARRE, PA.**—Meets on the third Friday each month at 8 p. m., at O. U. A. M. Hall, No. 31 W. Market st., Wilkesbarre, Pa. J. Nelligan, S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- No. 68—Division covers Washington County Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. James F. Desmond, Gen'l Chairman, Eastport, Me.; Wm. C. Myrick, Gen'l S. & T., East Machias, Me.
- No. 69—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (South). Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Shields, Gen'l Chairman, Morton, Miss.; J. C. Talley, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Poplarville, Miss.
- No. 70—Division covers the Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Post, Gen'l Chairman, Box 1, 114, Minot, N. D.; P. M. Abbott, Gen'l S. & T., Logan, Mont.
- No. 71, **OSKALOOSA, IOWA**—Meets second Saturday in each month at 8:45 p. m., in Clingman Hall, over Pike's Drug Store, Oskaloosa, Iowa. H. W. Landfear, Chief Tel., Wright, Iowa; O. L. Davis, S. & T., Richland, Iowa.
- No. 72, **ST. JOSEPH, MO.**—Meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., 623 Mt. Mora Road, St. Joseph, Mo. F. E. Berry, Chief Tel., 210 E. Missouri ave., St. Joseph, Mo.; Miss Zaida M. Moore, S. & T., Moray, Kan.
- No. 73, **MAUCH CHUNK, PA.**—Meets second Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., on the 4th floor, Odd Fellows' Hall, Broadway, Mauch Chunk, Pa. William M. Butler, S. & T., Room 11, Court House, Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- No. 74—Division covers B. & O. S.-W. R. R. V. B. Turner, Gen'l Chairman, Box 2, Ewing, Ind.; A. Fryburger, Gen'l S. & T., Athena, O.
- No. 75—Division covers Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville Ry. System. G. W. Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, Losantville, Ind.; H. H. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., 236 N. Monroe st., Muncie, Ind.
- No. 76—Division covers the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Jas. Troy, Gen'l Chairman, Jewell, Iowa; W. J. Liddane, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, 227 W. Central ave., St. Paul, Minn.; Ira R. Kempkes, Gen'l S. & T., Nevada, Iowa.
- No. 77, **DENVER, COLO.**—Meets 1st Monday evening in each month at 620 14th st., Denver, Colo. C. M. Worth, Chief Tel., 620 14th st., Denver, Colo.; C. L. Cheney, S. & T., 935 17th st., Denver, Colo.
- No. 78, **ALBANY, N. Y.**—Meets 3d Saturday each month at 7:30 p. m., A. O. U. W. Hall, 82 S. Pearl st., Albany, N. Y. Guy A. Johnson, Chief Tel., Eagle Bridge, N. Y.; B. M. Nichols, S. & T., 22 Columbia st., Schenectady, N. Y.
- No. 79—Covers G. & S. I. Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. J. O. Bolton, Gen'l Chairman, Mt. Olive, Miss.; W. L. Yeates, Gen'l Sec. & Treas., Box 69, Maxie, Miss.; E. W. Wooten, Ass't Gen'l S. & T., Maxie, Miss.
- No. 80—Division covers the M. J. & K. C. Ry. System. W. C. Longmire, Gen'l Chairman, Union, Miss.; J. W. Spivey, Gen'l S. & T., Merrill, Miss.
- No. 81—Division covers the Colorado Midland Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of chairman. Albert Kuhn, Gen'l Chairman, New Castle, Colo.; Guy Salling, Gen'l S. & T., Florissant, Colo.
- No. 82—Division covers Western Maryland Railway system. R. E. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Smithburg, Md.; C. T. Rose, Gen'l S. & T., Lock Box 82, Gettysburg, Pa. W. Va. Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Md. and Va. Div. meets subject to call of Local Chairman.
- No. 83—Division covers the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. A. W. Sherburne, Gen'l Chairman, New Sweden Station, Me.; F. J. Crozier, Gen'l Sec. and Treas., Abbott, Me.
- No. 84, **CAMDEN, N. J.**—Meets 2d Saturday evening each month in Goff Bldg., Room No. 2, next to P. R. R. Broadway station, Camden, N. J. T. A. Hitchner, Chief Tel., Wenonah, N. J.; W. M. Hitchner, Sec'y, Pitman, N. J.; F. S. Pheasant, Treas., Merchantville, N. J.
- No. 85, **TRENTON, N. J.**—Meets 3d Friday at 8 p. m., at Concordia Hall, 33 West State st., Trenton, N. J. Chas. R. Carty, Chief Tel., 308 Wood st., Bristol, Pa.; Chas. Parker, S. & T., cor. West State and Prospect sts., Trenton, N. J.

- No. 86, ALTOONA, PA.—Meets 2d Wednesday at 10:15 a. m., and 4th Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., in Lee Building, E. 12th st., between 8th and 9th aves., Altoona, Pa. John Oakes, Chief Tel., Hollidaysburg, Pa.; J. L. Franks, S. & T., 325 Beech ave., Altoona, Pa.
- No. 87, SCRANTON, PA.—Meets 1st Monday evening of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Main st., Archbald, Pa. W. F. Davenport, Chief Tel., Archbald, Pa.; M. G. Grennell, S. & T., Carbondale, Pa.
- No. 88—Division covers the Texas & Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. W. E. Sledge, Gen'l Chairman, Pelican, La.; J. E. De Souza, Gen'l S. & T., Chamberlin, La.
- No. 89, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 1st Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Pilgrim Hall, also 3d Saturday each month at 10 a. m. (daylight meeting) in Pilgrim Hall, 3d floor, elevator service, 694 Washington st., Boston, Mass. Leonard J. Ross, Chief Tel., No. 14 De Loss st., South Framingham, Mass.; J. H. McDermott, S. & T., Mansfield, Mass.
- No. 90—Division covers Coal & Coke Ry. of W. Va. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. J. Shawver, Gen'l Chairman, Walkersville, W. Va. J. A. Arthur, Gen'l S. & T., Clay, W. Va.
- No. 91, CHICAGO, ILL.—Meets 4th Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., at Hall, 912 Masonic Temple, State and Randolph sts., Chicago, Ill. G. Dal. Jones, Chief Tel., 1760 North Lawndale ave., Chicago, Ill.; Wm. F. McDonald, S. & T., Room 550, 263 La Salle st., Chicago, Ill.
- No. 92—Division covers the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. L. P. O'Brien, Gen'l Chairman, Silver Springs, N. Y.; J. T. Simmons, Gen'l S. & T., 901 W. Long ave., DuBois, Pa.
- No. 93—Division covers the Illinois Central Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. C. A. Mulhall, Gen'l Chairman, Clarkson, Ky.; G. E. Chance, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, Mounds, Ill.; W. P. Moore, Gen'l Chairman, Y. & M. V. Lines, Lula, Miss.; G. D. Clements, Gen'l Chairman, Indianapolis Sou. Ry., Bloomfield, Ind.; R. L. Shannon, Gen'l S. & T., Anna, Ill.
- No. 94, MERIDIAN, MISS.—Meets 4th Wednesday night at 8 p. m., in Young Men's Benevolent Association Hall, S. E. cor. Dauphin and Jackson sts., Mobile, Ala. R. Del Buono, Chief Tel., Yellow Pine, Ala.; R. L. Howell, S. & T., 18 South Catherin st, Mobile, Ala.
- No. 95, PORTLAND, ME.—Meets third Thursday of each month at 546½ Congress st., Portland, Me. H. G. Adams, Chief Tel., R. F. D., No. 2, Cumberland Center, Me.; C. A. Ford, S. & T., East Waterboro, Me.
- No. 96—Division covers the Chicago Great Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. L. Albrecht, Gen'l Chairman, Fredericksburg, Iowa; E. C. Hodges, Gen'l S. & T., Readlyn, Iowa.
- No. 97—Division covers the Seaboard Air Line Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. D. May, Gen'l Chairman, Carlton, Ga.; F. O. Cumming, Gen'l S. & T., Seaboard, N. C.
- No. 98—Division covers G. V. G. & N. Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. R. W. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Thatcher, Ariz.; J. W. Arnold, Gen'l S. & T., Solomonville, Ariz.
- No. 99, COBALT, ONT.—J. W. Aubin, Chief Tel., Englehart, Ont.; L. C. McBride, S. & T., Temagami, Ont.
- No. 100, ELMIRA, N. Y.—Meets second Tuesday at 10:30 a. m., and fourth Tuesday at 9 p. m. each month, in Red Men's Hall, 164 Lake st. Elmira, N. Y. C. M. Weeks, Chief Tel., Stanley, N. Y.; C. R. Elliott, S. & T., 381 South Main st., Elmira, N. Y.
- No. 101—Division covers the Northwestern Pacific Ry. John A. Bondeson, Gen'l Chairman, Port Reyes Sta., Cal.; W. E. Hicks, Gen'l S. & T., Geyserville, Cal.
- No. 102, PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Meeting place subject to notice from Secretary and Treasurer. H. O. Mennig, S. & T., Conshohocken, Pa.
- No. 103, STELLARTON, N. S.—R. Sutherland, Chief Tel., Box 297, New Glasgow, N. S.; W. McLeod, S. & T., care I. C. R. R., Stellarton, N. S.
- No. 104, AYER, MASS.—Meets third Sunday of each month at 9:30 a. m., in the ante-rooms of Pierce Hall, third floor, Clinton, Mass. G. H. Cook, Chief Tel., Ayer, Mass.; John F. Mullen, S. & T., 17 Bridge st., Marlboro, Mass.
- No. 105, CONCORD, N. H.—A. Walters, Jr., Chief Tel., Penacook, N. H.; H. M. Clay, S. & T., North Boscawen, N. H.
- No. 106, HAGERSTOWN, MD.—Meets first and third Thursdays of each month at 8 p. m., in G. A. R. Hall, Market House, Hagerstown, Md. J. L. Seibert, Chief Tel., 318 W. Washington st., Hagerstown, Md.; J. K. Snyder, S. & T., Box 46, Hagerstown, Md.
- No. 107—Division covers Toledo, Peoria & Western Ry. C. M. Finch, Gen'l Chairman, Watseka, Ill.; O. L. Lang, Gen'l S. & T., El Paso, Ill.
- No. 108, ADDISON, N. Y.—Meets second Sunday each month at 11 a. m., in C. M. B. A. Hall, Addison, N. Y. F. J. Taylor, Chief Tel., Hamburg, N. Y.; L. D. Jacobs, S. & T., Elkland, Pa.
- No. 109, CRESSON, PA.—Meets 1st Saturday of each month at 6 p. m., in Custer's Hall, Conemaugh, Pa. Henry D. Border, Chief Tel., Portage, Pa.; Louis Biter, S. & T., Wilmore, Pa.

- No. 110, RENOVO, PA.—Meets in K. of P. Hall, Farley st., Kane, Pa., third Monday of every other month at 9 a. m. and 3 p. m., commencing May 17, and at New St. Charles Hotel, East Emporium, Pa., third Wednesday of every other month at 8 p. m., commencing June 21. J. E. O'Leary, Chief Tel., East Emporium, Pa.; A. L. Goodwin, S. & T., Box 375, Emporium, Pa.
- No. 111—Division covers San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. L. R. Tuttle, Gen'l S. & T., East San Pedro, Cal.
- No. 112—Division covers the Columbia, Newberry & Laurens Ry. Meets subject to call of chairman. James P. Wilson, Gen'l S. & T., Newberry, S. C.
- No. 113—Division covers the Ulster & Delaware System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. M. Sanford, Gen'l Chairman, Hobart, N. Y.; H. Krom, Gen'l S. & T., Hunter, N. Y.
- No. 114—ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, N. S.—H. A. Jaques, Chief Tel., Middleton, N. S.; Stanley Tavenor, S. & T., Tupperville, N. S.
- No. 115, QUEBEC, QUE.—Meets first Monday each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Ste. Anne de Beupre, Que. A. Pelletier, Chief Tel., Ste. Anne de Beupre, Que.; J. E. Potvin, S. & T., St. Cote de Peres Que., Can.
- No. 116—Division covers the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway System. Meets second Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and December, in places designated by General Chairman. J. H. McLean, Gen'l Chairman, L'Anse, Mich.; C. Reif, Gen'l S. & T., Lake Linden, Mich.
- No. 117, SHAMOKIN, PA.—Meets third Saturday in months of January, March, May, July, September and November, at 7 p. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall, Mahanoy City, Pa., and on third Saturday, at 8 p. m., months of February, April, June, August, October and December, in P. O. S. of A. Hall, Shamokin, Pa. A. F. Wallaner, Chief Tel., Quakake, Pa.; H. M. Michael, S. & T., Quakake, Pa.
- No. 118—Division covers Toledo & Ohio Central, Kanawha & Michigan, Hocking Valley and Zanesville & Western Railway System. H. B. Sims, Gen'l Chairman, Marion, Ohio; R. M. Henderson, Gen'l S. & T., Marysville, Ohio.
- No. 119—Division covers the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway System. G. W. Lewis, Gen'l Chairman, Orleans, Minn.; F. C. Paine, Gen'l S. & T., Erskine, Minn.
- No. 120—Division covers Lake Erie & Western Railway System. C. E. Estabrook, Gen'l S. & T., Springport, Ind.
- No. 121—Division covers Wisconsin Central Ry. System. G. A. Harsh, Gen'l Chairman, Colfax, Wis. O. R. Barber, Gen'l S. & T., Allenton, Wis.
- No. 122, WHITEHALL, N. Y.—Meets subject to call and at place designated. F. H. Kelley, Chief Tel., Crown Point, N. Y.; H. G. Stevens, S. & T., 27 Center st., Fort Edward, N. Y.
- No. 123—Division covers Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway System. H. S. Vegler, Gen'l Chairman, Young America, Minn.; Robert Hamilton, Gen'l S. & T., Belview, Minn.
- No. 124—Division covers Lehigh Valley Ry. System. J. Nelligan, Gen'l S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- No. 125—Division covers Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railway System. Meets 3d Friday night each month at K. of P. Hall, 3d floor, 825 Main st. (opposite postoffice), Fredericksburg, Va. R. M. Graham, Gen'l Chairman, 619 7th st., N. E., Washington, D. C.; S. R. Gentry, Gen'l S. & T., Fredericksburg, Va. J. A. Crowley, chairman, L. B. of A., North End, 329 Pennsylvania ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. D. D. Davis, Chairman, L. B. of A., South End, Penola, Va.
- No. 126—Division covers Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway System. Meets Maccabee Hall, Rock Island, Ill., 4th Saturday evening of each month at F. O. E. Hall, El Reno, Okla. Meets second Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., in room 638, McCoy's Hotel, Chicago, Ill. W. T. Brown, Gen'l Chairman, 520 West 7th st., Topeka, Kan.; M. E. Schooler, Gen'l S. & T., Box 176, Topeka, Kan.
- No. 127, VIRGINIA, MINN.—C. J. Keenan, Chief Tel., Kelsey, Minn.; I. W. Luak, S. & T., 406 Chestnut St., Virginia, Minn.
- No. 128—Division covers Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. System. L. A. Tanquary, Gen'l S. & T., Box 328, Pueblo, Colo.
- No. 129—Division covers Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway System. G. E. Kipp, Gen'l Chairman, Bladell, N. Y.; C. D. Hull, G. S. & T., 1029 Central ave., Sandusky, Ohio.
- No. 130—Division covers Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. L. Lamb, Gen'l Chairman, Red Oak, Ia.; W. A. Henry, Gen'l S. & T., Fairfield, Iowa.
- No. 131, TRING JUNCTION QUE.—C. A. Bilo-deau, Chief Tel., Beauce Jct., Que.; Patrick Doyle, S. & T., Tring Junction, Que.
- No. 132—Division covers the Atlantic Coast Line Railway System. Meetings, Florence, S. C., 4th Saturday night each month. Rocky Mount, N. C., bi-monthly, February, April, June, August, October and December, on 2d Saturday night. B. F. Wheeler, Gen'l Chairman, Oviedo, Fla.; J. H. Williams, Gen'l S. & T., Wilson, N. C.
- No. 133, SYDNEY, N. S.—M. A. J. McDonald, Chief Tel., Iona, C. B.; Archie B. McDougall, S. & T., Grand Narrows, Cape Breton, N. S.

- No. 134, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Meets 3d Sunday each month, at 136 East Bay st., Herkimer Building, Jacksonville, Fla. L. R. Funderburk, Chief Tel., care Jacksonville Terminal Company, Jacksonville, Fla.; N. C. Hall, S. & T., New Smyrna, Fla.
- No. 135, OLEAN, N. Y.—Meets third Tuesday evening each month at Rafferty's Hall, second floor, Tower Building, Olean, N. Y.; A. D. Matthewson, Chief Tel., Ischua, N. Y.; W. J. Dechant, S. & T., 74 Lewis st., Buffalo, N. Y.
- No. 136, READING, PA.—Meets third Friday of each month. Lloyd A. Miller, Chief Tel., Calcium, Pa.; C. F. Petree, S. & T., 932 Pear st., Reading, Pa.
- No. 137—Division covers El Paso & Southwestern Railway System. J. C. McNairy, Acting Gen'l S. & T., 3942a St. Louis ave., St. Louis, Mo.
- No. 138—Division covers C. C. & St. L. Railway System. Edw. Whalen, Gen'l Chairman, 1544 Fifth ave., Terre Haute, Ind.; C. A. Burton, Gen'l S. & T., Box 646, St. Louis, Mo. System meeting held at English Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., subject to call of General Chairman. Cleveland Division meets at Galion, Ohio, and Cleveland, Ohio, subject to call of Local Chairman. G. I. Martin, Gresham, Ohio, Local Chairman. Cincinnati-Sandusky Division meets third Tuesday of each month in Johnson Building, Springfield, O. A. A. Bright, Local Chairman, 1906 W. High st., Springfield, Ohio. St. Louis Division—Meets at Terre Haute, Ind., subject to call of chairman, Edw. Whalen, Local Chairman, Indianapolis Division meets at Anderson, Muncie and Bellefontaine, subject to call of chairman; E. P. Jenkins, Local Chairman, 1603 E. Jackson st., Muncie, Ind. Chicago Division meets at Greensburg monthly, subject to call of Local Chairman; W. O. Brinkman, Summan, Ind., Local Chairman Chicago and White Water Divisions. Michigan Division meets subject to call of chairman; Geo. Lavengood, Local Chairman, Alexandria, Ind. P. & E. Division meets subject to call of chairman; D. C. Houck, Mooreland, Ind., Local Chairman. Cairo Division meets at Mt. Carmel, Ill., third Monday night of each month; H. L. Settlement, Local Chairman, Carriers Mills, Ill.
- No. 139, NORTH ADAMS, MASS.—Meets on the second Saturday of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall, North Adams, Mass. T. E. Powers, Chief Tel., Valley Falls, N. Y.; H. F. Cook, S. & T., Shelburn Falls, Mass.
- No. 140—Division covers Maine Central Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. S. F. Gallagher, Gen'l Chairman, Fabyan House, N. H.; H. N. Bates, Gen'l S. & T., Gardiner, Maine.
- No. 141—Division covers San Antonio & Arkansas Pass Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. M. F. Leeds, Gen'l Chairman, Alice, Texas; G. H. Roddy, Gen'l S. & T., Rockdale, Texas.
- No. 142—Division covers the Green Bay and Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Geo. Reif, Gen'l Chairman, Hixton, Wis.; L. P. Curran, Gen'l S. & T., Winona, Minn.
- No. 143—Division covers the Grand Rapids and Indiana Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. A. Donart, Gen'l Chairman, 2616 Force st., Ft. Wayne, Ind.; A. L. Munyon, Gen'l S. & T., Kalkaska, Mich.
- No. 144—Division covers the Trinity & Brazos Valley Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. C. Webner, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Teague, Texas; N. B. Anderson, Gen'l S. & T., Tomball, Tex.
- No. 146—Division covers the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Ry. System. M. C. Roop, Gen'l S. & T., Cragford, Ala.
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## TELEPOST SOLVES A PROBLEM.

**E**ACH time there is a serious interruption of telegraphic communication by a storm, like that which cut off Washington on the day of President Taft's inauguration, there is a revival of agitation for underground wires. Popular sentiment is strongly in favor of a disposition of wires that will protect them from the fury of gales, hurricanes and blizzards; and placing them underground seems so obviously the best means to the desired security, that the telegraph companies have been roundly criticised for their apparent parsimony in dodging the expense of precautionary measures that would prove highly economical in the long run.

But, unfortunately for the public and the companies, the cost of putting wires underground is not by any means the chief concern. Mr. Willis H. Jones, an expert in telegraphy, whose writings are authorized textbooks, points out in a very able article the fact that "there are many other factors in the case which represent obstacles equally as formidable as that of expense, the chief of which, in the opinion of many, is electrical, quoted evidence to the contrary notwithstanding." He sustains his contention by a very thorough, but somewhat technical exposition of the difficulties presented by the electro-static capacity of the wire relative to distance. "Perhaps," he admits, "some underground multiplex circuits might be operated fairly satisfactorily at a somewhat reduced rate of speed by dividing the conductor into sections of about one hundred miles length each, and reconnecting the same by means of repeaters. But just fancy one of our long two or three thousand mile circuits, such as the New York-San Francisco duplex circuit, divided into twenty, or more, different sections, and an attendant at each point required to adjust and maintain the adjustment of the connecting repeater! The total time lost in balancing and readjusting at the various stations would certainly be greater during the course of a year than would probably result from storms and accidents to an overhead wire." The working speed of an underground wire is at best considerably less than that of an aerial circuit, a fact that in itself is a serious obstacle in the way of companies whose aerial service is very much below the modern requirements of speed—which means volume of business.

Mr. Jones admits that underground service would be an ideal achievement, but declares it to be an Utopian fancy, impossible of realization under the conditions of operation to which the old companies are

bound. But, in considering those conditions he points out their correction in the latest developments of telegraphic science. He says:

"The one possible remedy for over-riding the present electrical barriers to the practical operation of an all-underground system lies in the complete abandonment of the present method of transmitting and recording signals mechanically by means of magnets, and, in the place thereof, utilizing the current directly to register the characters in the form of chemical stains on specially prepared paper. This method is not only practical so far as the transmission is concerned, but it is the speediest and most accurate method known. Furthermore, an underground system of this kind would require but half the usual battery power, permit of a great reduction in the number and size of the conductors, and be practically non-inductive, owing to the absence of coils and magnets, which are not required in the chemical method. It would, therefore, not only solve the problem, but be an economical and ideal arrangement so far as furnishing a means of rapid and uninterrupted telegraphic communication alone is concerned."

Very probably Mr. Jones had in mind, when writing the above paragraph, the demonstrated values of the Telepost, the one and only electro-chemical system of automatic telegraphy, which has been proved the ideal of telegraphic communication, equally effective in aerial or underground service. In a system by which "1,000 to 1,500 words can be easily disposed of in one minute, the time lost in the actual transmission is practically negligible." But Mr. Jones has the impression that the full benefit of this rapidity of operation cannot be realized because of "the necessity of preparatory work before a message or sheet of press matter can be placed on the wire, and then re-copying of the same at the delivery station." He cites the habit of reporters of rushing into a telegraph office ten minutes before a paper goes to press, with copy for that edition, the first few words of which must be transmitted and placed in the typesetter's hand before the entire dispatch is actually written, and he assumes that preparatory work would be out of the question in such a case, and adds, "this example discloses the practically sole objection to the chemical system."

In practice, however, it does not prove to be an objection. It is true that messages by Telepost must first be perforated in the paper tape before being fed into the rapid transmitter, but the decisive and important fact must be borne in mind that a Morse operator putting a message directly



onto the wire can do so only at the speed with which his fingers can manipulate the key, which, according to the statement recently made by the president and general manager of the Western Union, does not average more than fifteen words a minute, and the operator exclusively occupies the wire. The special electric perforating machine used by the Telepost makes the perforation of words as rapidly as an expert operator of a typewriter keyboard can manipulate the keys, so that sixty words a minute may be easily perforated. Add to this the fact that any number of perforators may be operated at once for different parts of the copy, each preparing sixty words a minute, and it will be readily seen that, allowing an initial loss of two minutes for perforation, the Telepost can have in the hands of the typesetters anywhere from two to forty times as much copy as could be sent by the Morse telegrapher in the same length of time. The reporter with but ten minutes in which to get a story into the last edition of his paper can at least, under the most favorable conditions, send his first batch off at the rate of twenty to thirty words in the first minute by means of the hand operator, who must monopolize the wire. At that rate, in ten minutes he would be able to have in the hands of the typesetters no more than 300 words. But with only five perforators to handle his copy, he could send by Telepost 300 words in the second minute, and in the ten minutes could have 2,730 words in the hands of the typesetters. The initial delay for the perforation of the tape is, therefore, entirely negligible, and cuts no figure whatever in the economic problem of getting matter into the printers' hands in time for the press. It would require at least forty wires and eighty expert telegraph operators to send in one minute the number of words the Telepost transmits over a single wire with only twenty operators to perforate tapes. It is obvious, therefore, that the perforation of the tape is in reality a great saver of labor-time-units which is added to the economy of the Telepost's high speed of transmission. Besides, there is no necessity for copying a Telepost message at the delivery station; the tape itself can be handed directly to the typesetter, any one being able to learn to read the dot-and-dash alphabet with a few hours' practice. This clear, distinct, uniform "copy" could be "set" with as much celerity as ordinary matter, after very little practice, and the tape could pass at once from the machine to the printer's case when "rush" is the order.

The old style of magnetic telegraphy has steadily-increasing difficulty with which to contend. In these days, owing to the encroachments of high voltage alternating current electric power systems that parallel the trunk lines, trolley lines, electric railroads, etc., etc., the working efficiency of the duplex and even some of the single circuit lines of the telegraph companies has been badly crippled. Every new electrical industry adds to the disturbance of apparatus operated by magnetic balance, and, as one electrical expert puts it, there is now in the atmosphere the equivalent of a monster dynamo which affects the balance of every telegraphic apparatus (magnetic) within its vicinity. The Telepost is practically immune from such disturbances.

The supremacy of the Telepost system does not rest on a theoretical claim; continuous operation through the severities of the past winter, over a line stretching from Boston to Portland, Me., demonstrated anew the previously fully-established claims of the Telepost as "a means of furnishing rapid and uninterrupted telegraphic communication." The commercial value and importance of the system is proved.

There are four distinct features of the Telepost service, each of which must prove popular in its way: The Telecard, 10 words for 10 cents, transmitted by Telepost, but delivered through the mails; the Telepost, 50 words for 25 cents, handled in the same way as the Telecard; the Teletape, 100 words for 25 cents, a wired message that goes to the address without being translated at the receiving office, and the regular telegram, 25 words for 25 cents, difference in distance making no difference in cost. The Telepost Company is preparing to open several Western lines in a few weeks, and in the course of the year expects to have a profitable commercial service in operation. It will not take many years to extend the Telepost throughout the entire country.

The Telepost has already done enough to give practical significance to the description of it a few months ago on the floor of Congress as "the telegraph of the future," for it is certainly on the way to a command of the telegraphic field.

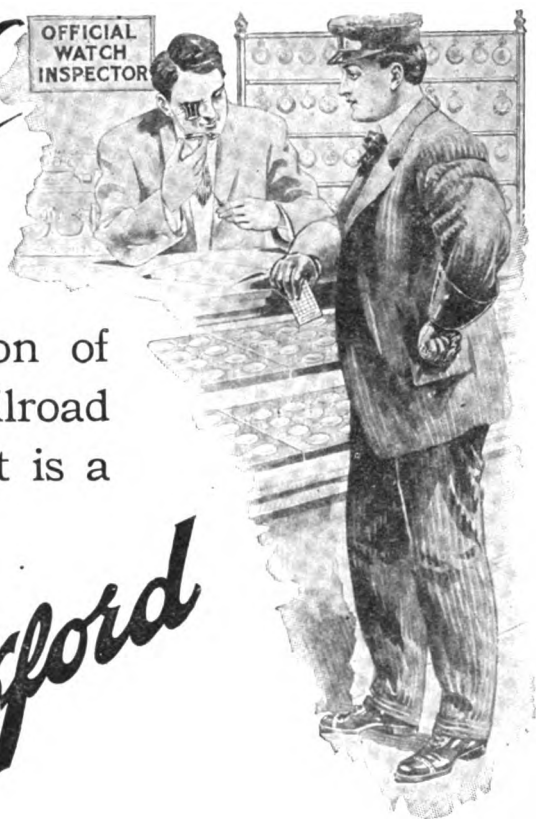
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### The Future of the Industry

Mr. Bushway responded for the convention, praising Houston's hospitality and public spirit. But, he said, Houston does not yet begin to realize the importance of the orange and fig industry. He said that in California, on an acreage less than one-fourth of that available in South Texas for orange growing, the citrus fruit groves last year produced 25,000 carloads of fruit for export to other states. This industry in California, he added, has built half a dozen cities, each larger and richer than Houston is today, and when it reaches its maximum development here it will have added to the wealth of the Houston territory more value than the present total value of all our industries. The resources of the soil in the region immediately tributary to Houston, he stated, will alone build and support a city of a quarter million inhabitants.

### One Thousand Dollars an Acre in 1908

The chair called on Mr. P. I. Gill, the owner of the largest bearing orange orchard in Texas, to tell something of his experiences. Mr. Gill said he had little trouble with insect pests thus far. He has one acre of 8-year-old trees that produced \$800 worth of fruit in 1906, \$800 worth in 1907, and \$1000 worth in 1908. From his 3-year-old trees, eight acres, he had taken an average of five dozens of oranges, or about one box, to the tree, the oranges selling for something over \$2 the box.

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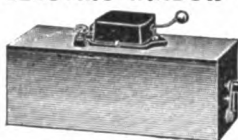
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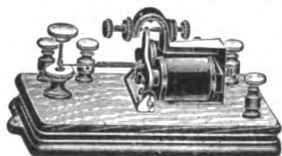
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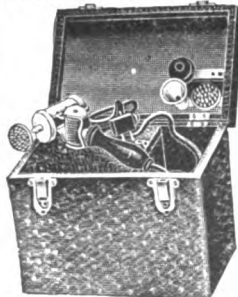


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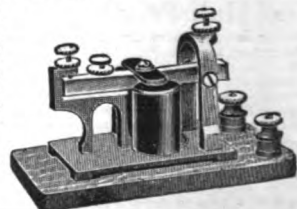
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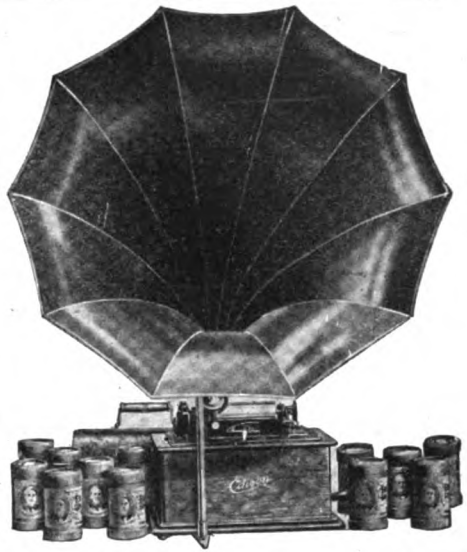
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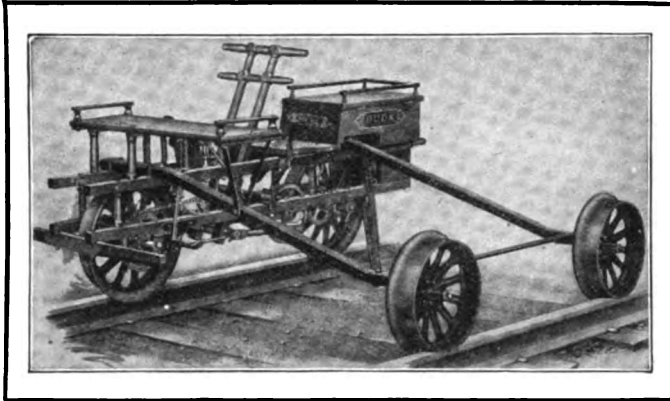
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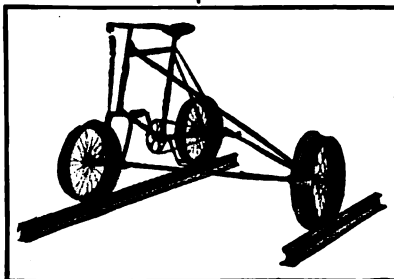
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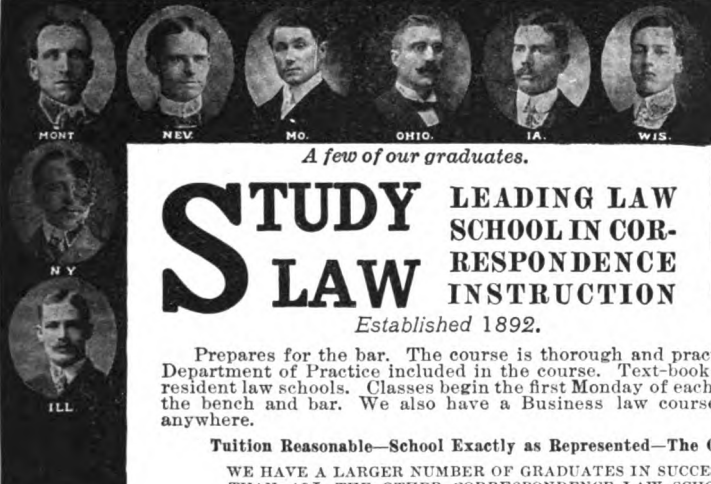

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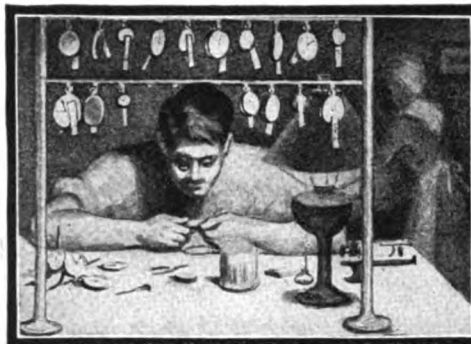
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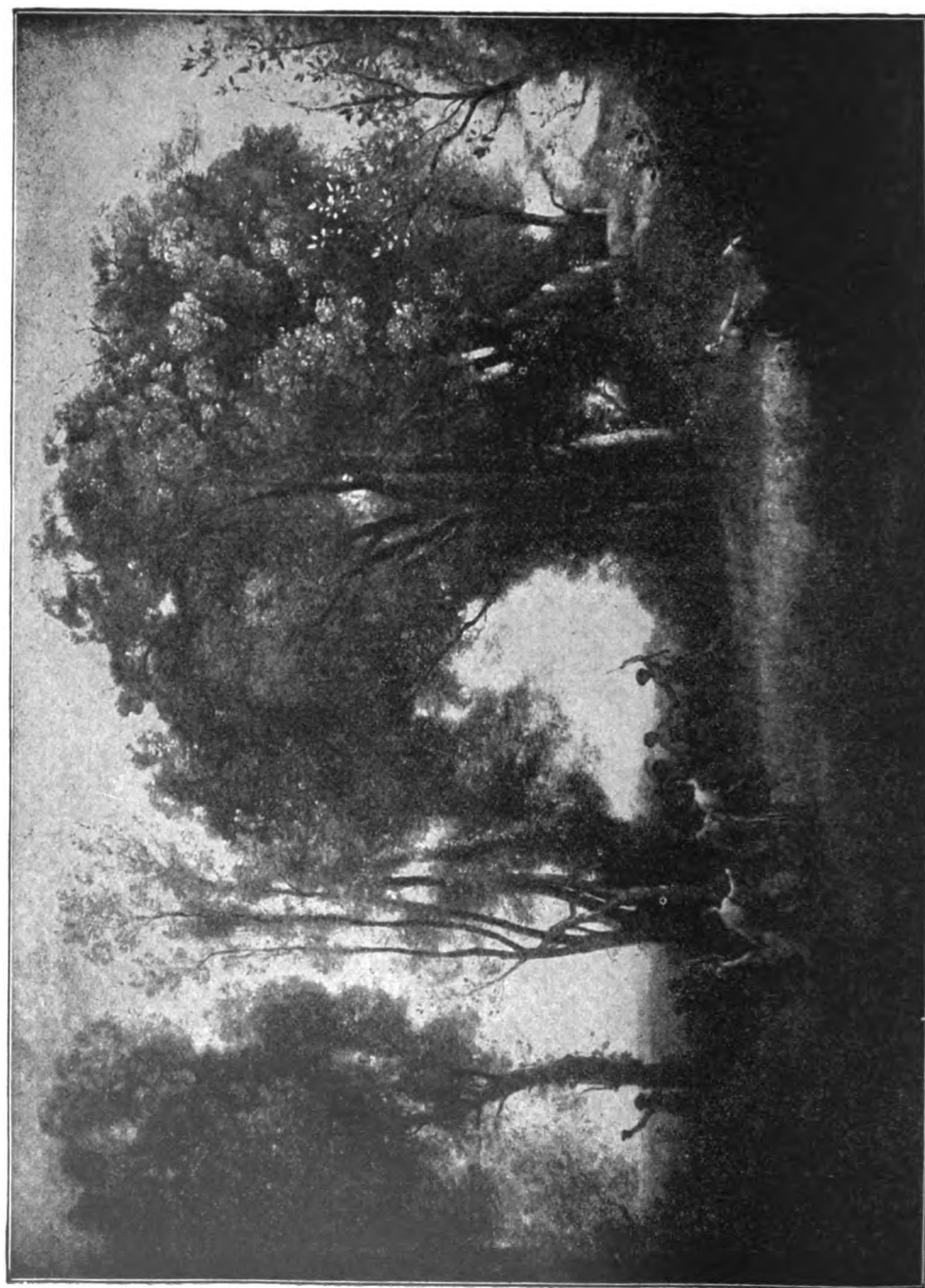
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## EDITORIAL



### THE CONVENTION.

**T**HE Seventh Biennial and Seventeenth Regular Session of the Grand Division of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers convened in Gate City Guard Hall, Atlanta, Georgia, at 10 A. M., Monday, May 10th, and continued in session until the evening of May 18th, when its deliberations were brought to a close.

In matter of attendance it was the largest convention ever held in the history of the Order, 334 delegates answering roll call; included in this number were the General Chairmen of nearly all the large lines of railways in the United States and Canada, the secretaries of most of the divisions, innumerable local chairmen and others who have distinguished themselves in the ranks of the organization, all of the Grand Officers and the two Past Presidents of the Order, the venerable founder of the organization and its first President, A. D. Thurston, and his successor in office, Past President D. G. Ramsay.

In enthusiasm and firm determination to do only that which would redound to the future upgrowth and benefit of the Order, no greater convention was ever held.

The convention was entirely devoid of sensational features, its whole time being taken up in considering amendments to the Constitution, resolutions effecting the interests of the Order and other routine matters.

The reports of the Grand Officers were all very flattering and showed the work of the organization to be in excellent condition, regardless of the late "financial depression."

The report of the President and the four Vice-Presidents showed that much progress had been made during the last two years toward better working conditions and shorter hours.

The report of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer showed that the membership had been remarkably well maintained regardless of the unsettled industrial conditions during the last two years and that the financial

condition of the Order was better than ever before in its history.

One of the most important matters coming before the convention was a resolution endorsing the Railroad Employees Department of the American Federation of Labor. After a thorough discussion of the subject, the following resolution was adopted by an overwhelming majority:

"WHEREAS, A new plan of federation has come into vogue known as the Railroad Employees Department of the American Federation of Labor with ten international organizations already enrolled as members and several other organizations about ready to make application for membership; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That this, the Seventh Biennial and Seventeenth Regular Session of the Grand Division of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers endorse the Railroad Employees Department of the American Federation of Labor."

Probably the most important amendment to the Constitution was the changing of Article XV of the laws governing the Mutual Benefit Department so as to provide for the payment of assessments in that department semi-annually instead of monthly, which amendment was made effective on July 1st. The article was amended to read:

"Members of the Mutual Benefit Department shall, without notice, on January 1st and July 1st of each year, pay an assessment of one dollar and twenty cents for certificates in Series A, one dollar and eighty cents for certificates in Series B, and three dollars and sixty cents for certificates in Series C. The assessments of persons admitted to the Mutual Benefit Department at any time after the first month of the semi-annual period, shall be computed from the first day of the month in which they are admitted to the end of the current semi-annual period, and shall be payable on the date of admission.

"Should the amount of the assessments thus provided prove insufficient to pay the approved claims against the department, the secretary and treasurer shall, by and with the advice and consent of the Insurance Committee, levy extra or special assess-

ments in such sums as are directed, and notice of said special assessments shall be mailed to each member of the department at his last known address as shown on the books of the department.

"If any of the above regular or special assessments are not paid at the office of the department within two calendar months from the date said regular or special assessment is payable, the certificate or certificates upon which such regular or special assessment has not been paid, shall thereupon, without notice, become forfeited, together with all rights to any benefit thereunder.

"The sending of any notice of assessment shall not in any case constitute or be considered as a waiver of any previous unpaid assessment.

"Members of the Mutual Benefit Department whose dues are not fully paid in the Order of Railroad Telegraphers within sixty days from the beginning of the semi-annual dues period, shall forfeit their membership in the Mutual Benefit Department, without notice."

The law in regard to the payment of per diem to delegates attending the convention was amended so as to provide for the payment of \$6.00 per day instead of \$5.00, as heretofore.

The Grand Secretary and Treasurer in his report to the convention, made the following reference to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER:

"During the last two years THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER has averaged nearly 200 pages in size per issue, and regardless of the fact that the journal has been enlarged, it is still impossible to use all the matter submitted for publication. This is especially true of the Fraternal Department. In order to keep the cost of publication of the journal within its revenue we have been compelled to materially cut down items received for that department. It would hardly be exaggerating to say that enough matter has been received for the Fraternal Department, of each month's issue to fill two publications the size of ours during the last year. *The advisability of putting some limit on this department is suggested for your consideration.*"

The Committee on Official Organ, in its report to the Grand Division, which report was adopted unanimously by the convention, reported in part as follows:

"Your Committee on Official Organ desires to express its hearty and unqualified approval of the manner in which Bro. L. W. Quick has discharged the arduous and difficult duties of editor of the official organ.

"Endorsing the suggestion of Bro. Quick that the volume of matter published in the Fraternal Department be limited, *we urgently recommend that he prescribe and vigorously enforce such rules as, in his judgment, may exclude from this department all matter not of strictly fraternal interest.*

"We submit this recommendation in the belief that its adoption will reduce the volume of correspondence to such an extent that the bulk of it may be promptly published."

The President and Grand Secretary and Treasurer were authorized by the Minneapolis convention to purchase a lot in the city of St. Louis and to erect thereon a building for permanent headquarters of the Order, with the consent of the Board of Directors. The reports of those officers showed that the instructions of the Minneapolis convention had been carried out, the lot purchased being 63 feet 9 inches by 127 feet 6 inches, located on the corner of Eighth and Walnut streets, in the City of St. Louis. The property is described as being practically in the heart of the city, and located within four blocks of the Post-office.

During the convention a request was received from the ladies present in Atlanta that a committee be appointed by the Grand Division to assist them in organizing a Ladies' Auxiliary to the Order, which was accordingly done, and the Auxiliary was formed, a full account of which appears in another column in this journal.

The Grand Division decided to hold its next session in Toronto, Ontario.

The election of officers occurred on the afternoon of Tuesday, May 18th, and resulted as follows:

President—H. B. Perham.

Grand Secretary and Treasurer—L. W. Quick.

First Vice-President—J. A. Newman.

Second Vice-President—T. M. Pierson.

Third Vice-President—D. Campbell.

Fourth Vice-President—J. J. Dermody.

Members of Board of Directors—C. E. Layman, A. O. Sinks.

Delegates to the American Federation of Labor—H. B. Perham, L. W. Quick, D. G. Ramsay.

Alternates to the American Federation of Labor—L. A. Tanquary, W. T. Brown, J. E. McQuade.

Delegates to Dominion Labor Congress—D. Campbell, G. D. Robertson.

Alternates to Dominion Labor Congress—J. A. Bell, W. L. MacDonald.

The Entertainment Committee of the Dixie Twin Order Telegraphers' Club, consisting of members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers and the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, in and around Atlanta, arranged many enjoyable entertainments for the delegates and visitors, chief among which were an open meeting at the Opera House on the evening of the first day of the convention, where addresses of welcome were delivered by Governor Hoke Smith, Mayor Robt. F. Maddox, Jerome Jones, President of the Atlanta Federated Trades Assembly; B. Lee Smith, of the Atlanta Typographical Union, and Colonel Lawson Lamar, on behalf of C. T. U. A. Local No. 60, which were responded to by President Perham and Past President Thurston on behalf of the Grand Division, and a barbecue given at Lithia Springs, about twenty-five miles from Atlanta, on Wednesday afternoon.

The only disagreeable feature connected with the convention was the treatment accorded the delegates and visitors by the Piedmont Hotel, which boasts of being one of the best hotels in the South, and which was designated as headquarters after an agreement in regard to rates, etc., had been made. The clerks and cashiers were unaccommodating, and in some instances uncivil; the management apparently made little effort to carry out its agreement in regard to rates, and, taken as a whole, the treatment accorded the delegates by the Piedmont Hotel was the most unsatisfactory that had been accorded by any hostelry to the Grand Division in years.

## ACCIDENTS.

**T**HE number of persons killed in train accidents during the months of October, November and December, 1908, as shown in the reports made by the railroad companies to the Interstate Commerce Commission, under the "Accident Law" of March 3, 1901, was 184, and of injured 2,924. Accidents of other kinds, including those sustained by employes while at work and by passengers in getting on or off cars, etc., bring the total number of casualties up to 17,644, of which 798 were killed and 16,846 injured. Of the number killed 34 were passengers, which is only two-thirds as large a number as shown in the report for the preceding quarter.

The total number of collisions and derailments during the present quarter was 2,684, of which 1,373 were collisions and 1,311 derailments, of which 206 collisions and 130 derailments effected passenger trains. The damage to cars, engines and roadway by these accidents amounted to \$1,940,133.00.

One of the collisions especially referred to in the report was between two freight trains, in referring to which the report says:

"Two trains had been coupled together to get over a hill; were separated at the summit. Leading train had among its cars a dead engine, and by this operator at next station was deceived. He thought that there were two trains, and thereupon authorized the station in the rear to send on another train."

A collision between two freight trains in which three persons were injured is attributed to a telegrapher having accepted an order after the train had left. In describing this case the report says:

"The collision, which occurred about 2:00 a. m., was due to misinformation given the dispatcher by the operator at 'A.' A freight train with two engines arrived at 'A' at 1:20 a. m., and the operator assuming that the helping engine was the regular engine of the train, made a mistake in reporting the numbers—the train being an extra freight, and trains being identified by the number of the engine—and continued to assert to the dispatcher that the regular engine of the train—that is, the train itself

—had not arrived. Accepting this information, the dispatcher gave the right to the road to a train coming from the opposite direction. The operator in this case was eighteen years old and had been in the service only one month. The dispatcher was twenty-one years old and had been a dispatcher for about six months and an operator for a year."

A collision between two freight trains, in which seven persons were injured, is shown to have been due to: "Operator, having two orders, one Form 19 and one Form 31, delivered Form 19 only. Operator in service at this place one week; had had ten years' experience elsewhere."

One person was killed and sixteen injured in a collision between a passenger and freight train. The report, in commenting on this collision, says:

"This collision was between a southbound passenger train and a northbound local freight train. It occurred at 6:35 p. m. The freight train had entered the side track at the station to make way for the passenger train, but in consequence of the engines not being properly controlled, the train ran through the side track and out upon the main line at the north end, and the collision occurred about 400 feet north of the north switch. The freight was to stop at that station long enough for the trainmen to eat supper, and the engineman had got off the engine a little distance short of the station to go to a hotel. According to the testimony of this engineman, the engine (moving) was left in charge of the fireman, but the fireman denies having received instructions to that effect, and he was on the front of the engine covering the headlight, and therefore did not shut off steam or apply the brakes. The headlight being covered, the engineman of the passenger train did not see that the main track was obstructed until he was almost at the point of collision. The conductor of the freight train was also held at fault for allowing the train to move so far after it had entered the side track."

Seven persons were killed and eleven injured in a collision between two freight trains, which report shows to have been due to the overlooking of an order by the conductor and engineer. The report says:

"Conductor and engineman of freight held an order to run one hour and thirty minutes late; forgot the order and ran one hour and fifteen minutes late."

Two persons were killed and eleven injured in a collision between two passenger trains due to misreading or overlooking orders. Of this accident the report says:

"This collision was due to a mistake of an engineman in reading a telegraphic order. This engineman, running southbound train No. 3, went past the appointed meeting station at full speed, having unaccountably taken the order to mean the next station south, the two names beginning with the same letter. The conductor had neglected to require the engineman to read the order aloud in his presence. The conductor had read the order to the baggageman, but the baggageman appears to have taken no pains to keep the meeting place in mind, as the train passed that station without his knowing it."

Twenty-five persons were injured in a collision between a passenger and freight train, which the report shows to have been caused by "failure to observe wait order; conductor and engineman both apparently forgot that the order had been delivered to them."

Two persons were killed and four injured in a collision between two freight trains due to "failure to observe wait order and failure of inferior train to clear time of superior train five minutes."

Two persons were killed and five injured in a collision between two freight trains, which the report shows to have been caused by "conductor accepted orders from operator and receipted for them, yet left them in the office and moved his train regardless of their instructions."

One person was killed and four injured in a collision between two freight trains, which the report shows to have been due to the following causes:

"Conductor and engineman misread or assumed name of station in telegraphic order; order was plainly written and the two names were utterly unlike."

Four persons were killed and three injured in a collision between two freight trains, the cause for which the report states

was, "entire crew of northbound train forgot or ignored schedule of southbound."

One person was killed and forty-seven injured in a collision between a passenger and a freight train. In referring to this accident the report says:

"Freight encroached on time of passenger train. Engineman disregarded schedule of passenger train. It was Christmas day and his ignoring of the passenger train was due to his mistaken impression that the day was Sunday, on which that passenger train did not run."

Two persons were killed and five injured in a collision between two freight trains, which the report shows was due to "operator reported that an extra train had passed, when in fact it had not arrived; dispatcher acted on this misinformation."

One person was killed and four injured in a collision between two freight trains, which the report shows to have been caused by the engineer overlooking an order to meet another train at a given point and proceeding on beyond that point. Shortly after passing the station the conductor and flagman discovered the fact and attempted to stop the train, but did not succeed in doing so before the wreck occurred.

Eight persons were killed and twenty-seven injured in a collision between two passenger trains, which accident is described in the report as follows: "This collision, killing eight and injuring twenty-seven persons, was due to disregard of the ten-minute time interval rule."

"Both trains were passenger trains, southbound, one due to leave 'S' at 7:00 a. m. and the other at 7:30 a. m. The latter train came on to the main line from a branch at this point. The leading train was thirty minutes late leaving 'S.' The second train was recorded by its conductor as leaving 'S' at 7:30, which was exactly the time that the leading train left; but from testimony given before a coroner it appears that the actual time of departure was 7:35, making an interval of five minutes between the two trains. The rule requires that this time interval shall be ten minutes. The junction being a registering station, the station agent or operator was not required to hold the second train to keep it ten



minutes behind the first, but this duty rested on the conductor and engineman, who were required always to examine the train register before leaving junctions.

"The collision occurred at 'L,' which is 17½ miles south of 'S.' According to the men on the leading train it occurred at 8:00 a. m., indicating that this train had run about seven minutes faster than its schedule. According to the men on the other train it occurred at 8:04 a. m. The leading train had made two stops of thirty seconds each for passengers; had stopped to open and close a switch at a station, and had reduced speed to about ten miles an hour at one other point. It had started from 'L' and was moving about ten miles an hour when the collision occurred.

"The second train was warned twice by drawbridge tenders of its proximity to the leading train, but the report says that the engineman inquired of the draw-tender why he was stopped, and, on being informed, replied with derisive remarks; and he passed the drawbridge without having received the proceed signal. The report says that this reckless conduct on the part of the engineman of the second train was repeated at the second drawbridge, and that the train was running at a high speed when it struck the leading train. Its engine crushed three cars of the leading train and damaged a fourth, and did not stop until it had run 635 feet beyond the point where it first struck. There was a dense fog at the time, making it impossible to see more than about 500 feet. The engineman says that he saw the preceding train about 500 feet before he reached it, but it is believed by the officers that he did not see it until his engine struck it. The evidence of two witnesses, one at 'L' and one some distance back, is quoted to show that the engineman was not keeping a good lookout. He was facing backward, and apparently talking with another engineman who was riding in the cab. The brakes of both trains were set automatically as soon as the collision occurred, rupturing the air pipes; but in spite of this the distance run was 635 feet, as before stated.

"The schedule time of the second train from 'S' to 'L,' about twenty-nine minutes,

was eight minutes less than that of the leading train."

One of the worst accidents reported in the report was a derailment of a passenger train, whereby fifteen people were killed and fifteen injured. The derailment occurred near Metz, Mich., on the Detroit and Mackinac Railway, on October 15th, in the midst of extensive forest fires, and its immediate cause was the distortion of the track by the heat from a pile of burning sleepers which lay near the track. The train, consisting of an engine and six freight cars, had been made up hastily to carry to a place of safety the inhabitants of Metz, this being the only chance of saving their lives. The atmosphere was filled with smoke so dense that the engineman could not see far ahead and there was great danger, but it was impossible to go in the other direction and it would have been fatal to remain at Metz. The refugees, numbering about seventy-five, were in a steel gondola car. When the engine was derailed about one and one-half miles from Metz, in consequence of the weakness or displacement of the track, the cars, of course, could not be moved further, and thus were left close to the burning sleepers and at the mercy of the flames, and twelve persons in the gondola car, unable to escape, were burned to death. One man riding on the engine escaped from the engine, but was burned to death on the ground a few feet away. Two trainmen were killed, and the list of injured persons includes thirteen refugees and two trainmen. One of the latter, Conductor John Kinville, was severely burned in trying to save some of the people in the gondola car.

#### BLACKLISTING.

MANY of the old-time delegates to the Grand Division will remember Thos. B. MacMahon, of Buffalo, who was in the early '90's a prominent figure in conventions of the Order. In later years he took up the practice of law, first in Detroit, Mich., and later in Seattle, Wash., being located in the latter place at the present time, and he recently won a very important case, which will be of gen-

eral interest to telegraphers. A Seattle paper, in giving a history of the case, says:

"The Western Union Telegraph Company will have to pay \$1,200 damages for black-listing James W. O'Brien, telegraph operator, formerly employed by the United Press, according to a verdict rendered in Judge Wilson R. Gay's court this morning by a jury that had been out about an hour.

"O'Brien had been an operator for twenty-four years, and showed by testimony that his services on all the newspaper associations where he worked had been satisfactory. During the telegraph strike of 1906, O'Brien became Chairman of the Press Committee and gave out information concerning the manner the Western Union handled messages at that time. Through an agreement in a contract made with the Western Union in leasing its wires and equipment to the United Press, the former retained the right to dictate whom the latter should employ as operator in a provision that the operator should be satisfactory to the Western Union.

"On December 30, 1907, O'Brien was discharged by the United Press from *The Puget Sound American* at Bellingham, on demand of the Western Union, the only ground being that he was not acceptable. Since that time O'Brien showed that he was unable to work in Vancouver or Tacoma, where newspapers wanted an operator, and the United Press wanted to hire him because the Western Union Telegraph Company would not accept him.

"There was no testimony brought out in the trial by the Western Union showing that O'Brien was incompetent or was not of good character, the only reason assigned for its demand for his discharge being that he was not satisfactory.

"Taking this defense up in his argument before the jury, Attorney Thomas B. MacMahon, who conducted O'Brien's case with George McKay, scored the Western Union.

"'What does the Western Union mean by not being satisfactory?' he said. 'It might say a United Press operator should wear a suit of green clothes, have a glass eye or a wooden leg, and because he did not possess these qualifications he would not be satisfactory. Would that be a reason-

able excuse to deny an expert telegrapher employment, a man with whose work even the Western Union has found no fault, and so admits? Then, what is the reason? It is this: O'Brien criticised the Western Union the same as hundreds of others did at the time of the strike and are doing now.'"

#### AN APPEAL.

IN the January, 1905, issue of this journal an appeal for financial assistance in behalf of J. W. Ezell, a member of Illinois Central Railway System, Division No. 93, was published. That appeal read as follows:

"J. W. Ezell, a member of Illinois Central Railway System, Division No. 93, in good standing to June 30, 1905, is now in jail at Uniontown, Pennsylvania, convicted of murder in the first degree for the killing of the yardmaster where he was employed."

"His attorneys have filed a motion for a new trial, setting up as their reasons therefor that the testimony on which he was convicted was biased and otherwise incompetent. Should this motion be denied an appeal will be taken.

"The defendant's defense was self-defense. In his testimony he stated that he had been attacked by the yardmaster, and in attempting to defend himself and break a choking hold which the deceased had around his neck he struck at the fingers of his assailant with a razor to force him to release his hold, but missed the objective point and slashed him in the neck, which wound resulted in death.

"The penalty of first degree murder, of which he now stands convicted, is death, therefore, his attorneys are now fighting for his life, and they are in need of financial assistance to secure what they believe to be justice for the accused. They are outspoken in their opinion that the verdict is not a just one, and will fight the case to the end. Division No. 93 has already taken up the matter of raising funds to assist in the defense of this member, and as it is necessary to raise several hundred dollars in order to fight the case through and secure justice for the accused man, outside help is necessary, and a donation from as

many members of the Order as feel able to make one would be appreciated not only by the accused, who is without funds, but also by Division No. 93. It is a worthy cause; no member should be compelled to forfeit his life through a lack of funds to secure justice when a small contribution on the part of each one reading this item will enable the convicted man's attorneys to push their efforts for a new trial, or in the event of their failure to secure that, to appeal the case."

The appeal referred to in the foregoing was made to the higher court, but without success, and finally, as a last resort, an appeal was made to the Governor through the Board of Pardons to commute the death sentence to that of life imprisonment, which was accordingly done.

Bro. Ezell is still a member of Division 93 in good standing. He has been confined, imprisoned since September 23, 1904—nearly five years. His parents are not in a financial condition to render him the necessary assistance to enable him through his attorneys to take up and actively push a petition for his pardon, and to do the things necessary in connection therewith. His leading attorney expresses the belief that an effort to secure a pardon for this unfortunate young man can be made successful if sufficient funds are available to meet the necessary expenses in connection therewith, and he proffers his services without remuneration if the members of the organization will contribute enough to meet the expenses that will be incurred in the effort.

It is estimated that \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00 will be required for this purpose.

During the last few years it has been the desire of the Editor to entirely eliminate appeals from the columns of the journal, believing that cases requiring assistance should be handled by the division in which the member holds membership, but this rule is being deviated from in this case for two reasons: First, because it would appear from facts at hand that a member of the Order is incarcerated in the penitentiary of the State of Pennsylvania, who, as a matter of right, should be free. Second, that the amount necessary to assist this

member is of such magnitude as would make it a burden upon one division to attempt to meet it.

If an attempt to secure a pardon for this unfortunate young man is to be made, it will be necessary to raise the amount of money named, and such members of the Order as are interested in the case can assist by contributing to a fund to be raised for his benefit.

Those desiring to do so should make all contributions to L. W. Quick, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, St. Louis, Mo., and accompany the remittance by a letter plainly stating that it is for the Ezell Fund, for which remittance a receipt will be issued.

#### THE BOND QUESTION.

**A**MONG other matters considered by the Grand Division at its late session in Atlanta, Ga., was the "Bond Question." In connection with that question a letter was read from a member, who requested that it be read to the Grand Division in order that the delegates might better understand the situation as it exists. The letter, which is from an old-time member of the Order, read in part as follows:

"I am in receipt of your circular letter of April 26th, on the bond question. When I am financially able I will send you the money for at least five shares. I want you to read this letter to the Grand Division when it convenes on May 10th. I have just been relieved on the ..... Railway, in freight service as brakeman and extra conductor on account of bond company not answering letters of the superintendent regarding their withdrawing from my bond in November, 1907. Since the surety company cancelled my bond, have been trying to get at them in legal way and have spent considerable money and time to do this, but have been unable to accomplish anything up to the present time. I have taken my case up personally with the superintendent, general manager, auditor and others. The auditor wrote numerous letters regarding my case and has been in correspondence with the bonding company for the last eight months, but has obtained no satisfaction, as they keep dropping the

matter and offer no reason for withdrawing from my bond.

In January the bond company wrote me they would make a decision in my case shortly, and asked me for certain records, which apparently was for no other purpose than to cause further delay, as they have my complete record, as I have been bonded with them for a number of years. I am still waiting for developments. The bond company will make no charges against me nor will they answer any letters or telegrams. The bond company has practically put me out of business; when I get a position I can not hold it on account of inability to give bond. I claim that any agent or employe holding a bonded position can be discharged from any road through the instrumentality of the bond company with or without cause, and there seems to be no recourse. All that is necessary for one to do who has a purpose to serve, whether he be official or individual to secure the discharge of a bonded employe, is to report him as being unreliable or to be guilty of some imaginary thing and his bond is cancelled, and as a consequence he loses his position.

"I think the bond question undoubtedly the most important that has ever confronted the Order, as I am firmly convinced that some officials are taking advantage of this means to get rid of certain men, and no telling where it will end, unless proper steps are taken to remove the present condition. In other cases the bonding companies are making employes put up the full amount of bond in cash before they will issue bond in their behalf.

"We want an O. R. T. bonding company for the employes, which will be just and fair to both corporation and employe.

"I write this letter so members can see just how inconsistent these bonding companies are and how hard they are to cope with, and want them to realize that when they get their bonds cancelled and go looking for positions, they will find that no one wants them regardless of their ability, as there are only a few positions that do not require bond. If any member is so unfortunate as to have this experience, he will then better appreciate the necessity of

an O. R. T. bonding company, but it will be too late so far as he is concerned. Bro. Quick's circular letter is to the point. Do something and do not leave yourselves open to discharge at a moment's notice and without warning or reason. Without this bond question settled by the organization of an O. R. T. bonding company, no order man is afforded proper protection."

The Grand Division at its forenoon session, on Tuesday, May 18th, took this question up, and after discussing it at considerable length, adopted the following motion:

"THAT THIS GRAND DIVISION PLACE ITSELF ON RECORD AS ENDORSING THE ACTION THAT HAS BEEN TAKEN TOWARD FORMING A BOND COMPANY."

In the September, 1907, issue of this journal, this subject was taken up editorially, and a general plan outlined. As several thousand new members have affiliated with the organization since that time, extracts from that editorial are reproduced for their information.

The editorial in question read in part as follows:

"The bond question is one that has been prominently before the membership of the organization for a number of years, and the subject has received much attention on the part of writers in these columns; in fact, the subject was discussed as far back as 1890, but no satisfactory solution of the question has as yet been found. Many cases have been cited where bonds have been cancelled without reason, whereby great injustices have been done bonded employes, as the loss of their bond meant the loss of their position, and in many instances appeals have been made to the bond company for a reason for such action, but such requests have invariably been ignored, and as a consequence the one most interested was without information as to the nature of the charges against him and had no opportunity to defend himself. It has been developed in innumerable cases that complaints have been made against bonded employes merely to gratify a personal grudge under the guise of a 'confidential' communication, and on the

strength of that the bond was cancelled with no redress. Many a strictly first-class station agent, who could command a first-class salary as such, has been compelled to work for meager wages on account of having his bond cancelled for reasons unknown to him and without cause. Various plans to correct this evil have been suggested during the many years that the subject has been discussed, none of which have taken tangible form, and as some members have suggested in recent articles that it was 'time to act,' the subject seems to merit editorial attention.

"The license question, another subject that has been thoroughly discussed in these columns for many years, was finally disposed of by the last session of the Grand Division.

"The Editor believes that the bond question should likewise be finally disposed of either one way or the other, and for that reason will now suggest the general outline of a plan that will permit of the solving of the question if the membership is disposed to do so, and if on the contrary the membership in general is not interested in the bond question, that fact can be developed and the subject dropped.

"Those who have given the subject serious consideration must realize that the Order of Railroad Telegraphers can not go into the bond business as an organization, as its whole efforts as such must be directed to the work that is being carried on for the betterment of the working conditions of the railroad telegraphers of North America.

"The members of the Order can very properly organize a bond company and conduct it not only as a matter of business, but also to remove the unsatisfactory conditions that prevail on account of inability to get fair hearings when questions arise in regard to the discontinuation of their bonds. If such a company was formed with only members of the Order as stockholders, it would give it such a close affiliation with the organization that the results would be the same as though it was formed by the organization itself.

"The proposed plan is as follows:

"Organize a bond company with a capital of \$250,000, to be divided into 25,000 shares of stock at \$10 each, subscriptions to be received only from members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

"The first and foremost consideration in connection with the adoption of this proposed plan would be that of interesting a large majority of the membership of the Order in it, for if the plan is to be carried to a successful conclusion, it will be necessary that it shall receive the active support of a large majority of the members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, as it would be necessary, in order to make the plan effective, to revise existing schedules by the insertion of a clause providing that telegraphers and station agents represented shall be bonded in that company, or at least a provision providing that bonded employees shall be allowed to give bond in any reliable guaranty company of their own selection, which would be equivalent to the same thing.

"The fact that there would be such a close relationship between the proposed company and the Order would make it possible to conduct its affairs at a very nominal figure.

"It is estimated that one-half of the telegraphers are bonded and that the amount of their bonds will average \$1,000 each. Taking his estimate as a basis, the number of members of the Order that give bond is approximately 20,000, and the amount of their bonds aggregate \$20,000,000, which computed at the rate \$2.50 per \$1,000, gives a total of \$50,000 premiums per annum. The running expenses of the institution would be comparatively small, as would also the losses.

"In addition to the revenue derived from premiums, something like \$5,000 would be derived annually from interest on the money (not all of the money would draw interest, as most States require a cash deposit of a certain amount from bond companies as an evidence of good faith before they will grant them a charter).

"Making due allowance for the regular operating expenses and losses and unforeseen contingencies, such a plan should yield

at least eight per cent net to shareholders, in addition to furnishing the means of overcoming one of the greatest obstacles with which the railroad telegraphers and station agents have had to contend.

"If such a plan is to be adopted there are many details to be worked out which it is unnecessary to attempt until it is ascertained whether or not this plan meets with the approval of those interested and whether or not there is a sufficient number of them to carry it through if it does meet with their approval.

"One thing to be considered in connection with such a proposed plan is whether or not the proposed company, if organized, should bond all station employees regardless of whether or not they are members of the Order, or whether it should limit itself strictly to members of the Order."

In the January, 1908, number of *THE TELEGRAPHER*, an editorial was published setting forth at considerable length the views of the Editor on the question, from which the following extracts are taken:

"In the September number of *THE TELEGRAPHER* the Editor suggested that the only solution of the bond question, which has been a subject of discussion for the last fifteen years, seemed to be the formation of a bonding company to be owned and controlled by members of the Order. In the October, November and December numbers of this journal the opinions of many prominent members, including many general chairmen and other officers of divisions, were given, all favoring the suggestion.

"It will be remembered that the Editor addressed a communication to all of the general chairmen asking their views on the subject. Replies were received from at least 75 per cent of them, all of whom expressed themselves as in favor of the plan proposed, with two exceptions, one of whom failed to express an opinion either for or against it, and the other expressed himself as against the plan.

"Out of the thousands of letters received on this subject from the rank and file since the suggestion was made in the September issue of *THE TELEGRAPHER* the writers have in every instance, without a single excep-

tion, announced themselves as heartily in favor of the proposition.

"The question of carrying out the plan suggested resolves itself down to one proposition, namely: whether or not the members of the Order are sufficiently interested in the matter to subscribe the necessary amount of money to carry it to a successful conclusion.

"As the originator of the plan, and having expressed no opinion through these columns since making the suggestion, the Editor has been requested by many members to go more fully into detail regarding this plan, and as the question is now to be finally decided, a plain statement of facts as they appear to the Editor, would seem in order.

"The 'bond question' has been a subject of discussion in *THE TELEGRAPHER* practically during the whole existence of the Order. Hundreds, and even thousands of good, reliable men, have suffered the loss of their positions through the cancellation of their bonds, as they firmly maintain, without just cause, and with absolutely no redress.

"Men with families, many of them old and faithful employees, who had filled positions of trust on the same line of railroad for years, were suddenly thrown out of employment on account of having their bonds cancelled. Only one of two alternatives were left them—either to seek employment in other walks of life, for which many of them were not fitted on account of having spent practically all of their lives in the railroad service, or accept some undesirable position where bond was not required, and which only paid a very meager salary. Efforts on the part of the individual to learn the cause for the cancellation of his bond were always unsuccessful, consequently, it can be truthfully said that the bonded employees on the railroads have been completely at the mercy of the bond companies.

"The bond companies have been arrogant in their dealings with the employees. Appeals for fair play from one whose bond has been cancelled by requesting that he be given the right to disprove any charges that might have been made against him, have

fallen on deaf ears, and the aggrieved one was never even able to learn what, if any, charges had been made against him.

"Many a home has been broken up; many a helpless little child has been made to want; many a loving housewife has been driven to the dire necessity of taking in washings on account of the sudden cancellation of the bond of the loving husband and father—the breadwinner of the home.

"A knowledge of these conditions have kept the 'bond question' to the front for a period of twenty years, more especially during the last few years on account of the greater number of employes that have been required to give bond during that period.

"The all-absorbing question has been *how to remedy this evil*.

"Various plans have been discussed, but no definite plan of action has heretofore been decided upon. A thorough knowledge of the conditions existing, and the apparent sincere desire on the part of the membership to find some satisfactory solution of this perplexing question in order to rid themselves of this, what has proven in hundreds, and even thousands of cases to be a curse, prompted the Editor to suggest the plan that is now about to be acted upon.

"The plan suggested contains two separate and distinct features which will work together harmoniously. First and foremost, if it is carried to a successful conclusion, it will relieve the injustices that are now being practiced. By this it should not be taken for granted that any one could secure a bond in the proposed company, because such would undoubtedly not be the case. Only those who, by qualification, honesty and integrity—could secure a bond in it, but like any other matter with which members of the Order have to deal, every one would receive justice. If complaint were filed against one who was bonded, he would undoubtedly be given that right due every man—the right to be heard in his own defense—before action was taken.

"The second feature is a business one. If the company is organized, at least \$250,000 in cash will be subscribed by the members of the Order, and it is only right and just that they should have some returns on that

investment; therefore, this feature has to do with the business end of it, which it would be well to consider briefly.

"Regardless of the so-called financial 'stringency,' none of the bond companies seem to be in any immediate danger of being compelled to go out of business, therefore it is safe to assume that they are not doing business at a 'loss,' and if any one has any idea that they are doing so, a little mathematical calculation will soon dispel that thought.

If the present bond companies can conduct their business at a profit with their many high-salaried officers and elaborate offices, not only at their headquarters, but also in all the important cities of the country, and many other expensive luxuries, to say nothing of their large corps of special agents, it would seem certain that an economically conducted company, with no high-salaried officers, no special agents, with moderate offices, and whose business is conducted in a modest and business-like way, would be a financial success.

"The present bond companies, when they desire to investigate any one, are compelled to send a special agent out for that purpose; when a loss is sustained, the services of an auditor, and also of one or more special agents are required to apprehend the guilty one. These men not only draw large salaries, but they also have large expense accounts.

"The members of the Order have it in their power to conduct a bond company on a more economic and surer basis than any institution in the world, barring none. Members of the Order are located in practically every city, town and hamlet in the United States and Canada. Investigations regarding the character of an applicant can be made through members of the Order.

"By requiring each applicant for bond to file a late photograph of himself, duly attested by two other members of the Order, no special agents would ever be necessary in hunting for any one in case of loss. The publication of the photograph in *THE TELEGRAPHER* would have a much better effect in apprehending him. The thought might occur that some might object to that form of procedure. There is no occasion

for objection. If the proposed bond company is organized it will be a company of, by and for members of the Order, co-operating together for their own welfare. No one who is actuated by proper motives, should object to do anything that would insure the success of the undertaking.

"In considering an important matter such as this, it is well to consider it from every possible angle. The affirmative side has been briefly touched upon, and it has been assumed, as no doubt nearly every member is convinced that the proposition is a good one.

"The negative side, if there be one, should also be considered. In endeavoring to consider this side of the question it would seem that the worst that could befall those interested in this question would be that their hopes were not realized through failure of members to subscribe the necessary amount of money to permit of the organization of the company. If such should prove to be the case, the money of those who did subscribe would be returned to them in full, therefore no financial loss would be incurred.

"Going further on the negative side, the next greatest calamity that could befall the proposed plan would seem to be inability to do business after it was organized. Assuming that such might be the case, it would seem entirely safe to assume that the interest on the money subscribed for stock would more than meet the expenses of incorporating, etc., and that the affairs of the company could be wound up, and the stockholders' money returned to them in full.

"Therefore there would seem to be nothing to lose under any circumstances in the effort to organize the proposed bond company.

"While considering the question of finances, etc., the Editor desires to give it as his opinion that the company should not be organized with less than \$250,000 capital, and that the capital should be made as much more than that amount as is subscribed up to \$500,000. The larger the capital the better the standing of the company.

"After having considered this subject from all its various phases, the Editor is of the opinion that:

"1. The proposition to organize a bond company is a good one, both to relieve the present unsatisfactory condition, and as a business consideration.

"2. The formation of the proposed company is entirely feasible, and it can easily be accomplished if each member who is interested in the matter will subscribe for as much stock as he can afford, and will make it his business to interest others in the project.

"3. The scope of the proposed company should, for the present, at least, be limited to that of bonding railroad station employes and officers and employes of the Order.

"The Editor has herein expressed his belief that the proposition to organize a bond company is a good one, and that it is feasible. He will, as soon as this journal is off the press, demonstrate his sincerity in this belief in a more tangible form than words by filing his subscription for the maximum number of shares allowed any one member—fifty shares. In addition to this he will agree to receive the subscriptions, conduct the correspondence, and do the various other preliminary work necessary to be done until the company is incorporated and ready for business, without remuneration.

"When incorporation is effected, under the law, the stockholders will hold an election and elect a board of directors, who, in turn, will elect the officers. At that time everything will be turned over to them.

"It is necessary in Missouri to publish what is termed a 'Declaration,' for a period of thirty days before the Articles of Incorporation are actually filed. Whether the proposed company is eventually incorporated under the laws of Missouri or some other State, it would be necessary to have by-laws or a 'Declaration;' therefore, when a sufficient number of subscriptions to the proposed company have been received to justify the belief that the proposed plan will be a success the Editor will publish a blank in that number so that the subscribers to the stock in the proposed company can elect a committee of five to meet and draw up by-laws or a declaration for the proposed company."

On account of the existence of the financial stringency, whereby hundreds of mem-



## SUBSCRIPTION BLANK.

1909.

MR. L. W. QUICK, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.:

I herewith enclose ..... for \$ ..... as first payment on subscription for ..... shares of stock in the proposed Bond Company, to be organized and incorporated by members of The Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and hereby agree to remit the balance due on said subscription, in installments of five dollars per month until the full amount of this subscription is paid. If this remittance and those made hereafter, in accordance herewith, are accepted, it is under the condition that if for any reason said Bond Company is not organized, the full amount of any and all remittances made by me on account thereof are to be returned to me without any deductions whatsoever.

## CONDITIONS.

I understand: That it is proposed to organize a Bonding Company, with capital stock of not less than \$250,000; stock in said company when organized to be of par value of \$10.00 per share; subscriptions to such stock to be accepted only from members of THE ORDER OF RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS in good standing. No one individual to be allowed to subscribe for more than fifty shares of stock. Subscriptions to be payable as follows: Five dollars to accompany the subscription blank, and the balance to be paid in regular monthly installments of five dollars each. All money to be returned to remitter, if for any reason the proposed company is not organized.

(Signature) .....

(P. O. Address) .....

Cert. No. .... Div. No. ....

bers were thrown out of employment, the effort to organize the proposed company did not meet with as ready response as it would otherwise have done, but now that conditions are again about normal, this subject should be disposed of, and with that end in view, a final limit as to when a majority of the stock should be subscribed for or the proposition abandoned and all money paid in refunded, seems advisable. Therefore, October 1st will be fixed as that date. Unless a majority of the \$250,000.00 worth of stock in the proposed company is subscribed for on or before October 1st next, the Editor will assume that a majority of the members are not interested in this question, and will thereafter abandon the question and refund the money already paid in.

IN ORDER THAT EVERY MEMBER OF THE ORDER MAY SUBSCRIBE FOR A FEW SHARES OF STOCK IN THE PROPOSED COMPANY, IF HE DESIRES TO DO SO, subscriptions will be accepted for ten shares or less if accom-

panied by remittance of five dollars, with the understanding that five dollars per month is to be paid thereafter until the full amount of the subscription is paid.

In sending in subscriptions, members should use the above form.

## ANOTHER HONOR.

**A** GAIN The Order of Railroad Telegraphers has been honored. Just as THE TELEGRAPHER is going to press, word is received from Washington, D. C. of the election of H. B. Perham, President of the Order, as Eighth Vice-President of the American Federation of Labor to succeed Max Morris, deceased, who was also Grand Secretary and Treasurer of the Retail Clerks' International Protective Association. As Vice-President of the American Federation of Labor, President Perham becomes a member of the Executive Council of that body.

The selection of President Perham as a member of the Executive Council of the greatest labor federation in the world, is a

deserved recognition of merit and faithful service to the cause of labor.

During the last twelve years, he has been an officer of the Grand Division, first as Grand Secretary and Treasurer, which position he filled from May, 1897 to October, 1901, and then as President, which position he has filled continuously to the present time, having been re-elected at the Atlanta convention by acclamation for the ensuing two years. The fact that he has served the Order as a Grand Officer for a longer continuous period than any other officer since its organization, and that he should have been elevated to the presidency, the highest position in the gift of the Order, after having served four years in another capacity, and that he should after a service of twelve years be re-elected by acclamation, testifies to the esteem in which he is held by the rank and file of the members of The Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

The American Federation of Labor is to be congratulated on having secured such an able and enthusiastic champion of organized labor as a member of its Executive Council.

President Perham's membership on that body, will put him and the Order of Railroad Telegraphers in closer touch with the general labor movement, and will be mutually beneficial to all concerned.

### THE LADIES' AUXILIARY.

BY MRS. E. B. SMITH.

ON May 14, 1909, after having discussed the matter of organizing a Ladies' Auxiliary for several mornings prior to this date, the final organization took place, constitution adopted, and also ritual. The election of officers resulted in the following:

President, Mrs. E. B. Smith, P. O. Box 716, Atlanta, Ga.

Grand Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. G. W. Malone, 580 E. Berrien St., Galesburg, Ill.

First Vice-President, Mrs. E. L. Mathis, Greenfield, Tenn.

Second Vice-President, Mrs. W. J. Lid-dane, 227 West Central Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

Third Vice-President, Mrs. J. J. Campbell, North Bay, Ontario, Canada.

Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. Henry Hurr, Engle, Tex.

Grand Chaperone—Mrs. Charles M. Sanford, Hobart, N. Y.

Assistant to President, Miss D. M. West, 319 E. Georgia Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

Board of Directors—Mrs. J. F. Brady, Chairman, No. 1 Pond St., Auburn, R. I.; Mrs. W. F. Denton, Sterling, Neb.; Mrs. L. E. Crandall, Chrisney, Ind.; Miss Francis E. Edwards, West Point, Pa. (Clinton Co.); Mrs. Chas. M. Sanford, Hobart, N. Y.

A committee appointed by the Grand Division of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers was appointed and sent to confer with the Auxiliary and to lend any aid possible in the organization. Through the recommendation of this committee the Grand Division agreed to purchase the necessary stationery, etc., to carry on the business of the Auxiliary, and the Auxiliary instructed the Grand Secretary-Treasurer to remain over a few days with the President to draw up the forms for printing, charters, cards, blanks, etc., which was needful for the business of the Auxiliary. This the two officials did, and it is probable that this printing will be in the hands of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and President within the next few weeks for disposition.

The Auxiliary to the Order of Railroad Telegraphers was launched with a charter membership of 122, and before adjournment two charters were taken out, Division No. 29 getting Charter No. 1, while Division No. 67 came in for Charter No. 2.

Seven charter members is needful for application for charter, all applications being sent to Mrs. G. W. Malone, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, at 580 E. Berrien St., Galesburg, Ill.

The organization of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Order of Railroad Telegraphers is a step which will without a doubt be a great help and assistance toward the keeping of the membership up to date on their O. R. T. cards, for when once the women become educated to the vital importance of organization and its benefits; when once she sees her duty, and the duty of her husband, brother, father or son, there will be a weight brought to bear upon that delin-

quent member, or that non-member, which will be irresistible.

Any lady, who is the daughter, sister, mother or wife of an up-to-date member of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, is eligible to membership, and as soon as the relative becomes delinquent in his dues to the O. R. T., the member of the Auxiliary immediately forfeits her membership. In this way there is a binding tie between the O. R. T. and its Auxiliary, and in this manner the members of the Auxiliary will be the means toward keeping many an O. R. T. member in good standing.

Anyone who is unable to get up the required number to apply for a charter on their own division, can send in their dues to Mrs. G. W. Malone, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and become a member of the Grand Division until such time as there can be found enough members to get a division charter. The dues per month is 10 cents, with an initiation fee of 50 cents, payable semi-annually. Until application blanks are received, a letter applying for membership will serve, giving the name of the O. R. T. member upon whom the Auxiliary membership is taken, his certificate and division number.

From the manner in which the President's mail is coming in, the Auxiliary has struck a chord which has sounded with a vim from one side of the country to another. Calls are coming in from all sides for her to be present at the organization of Auxiliaries.

Matter for the Department of the Ladies' Auxiliary should reach the President by or before the 20th of each month, in order that she will have ample time to edit it before forwarding to Bro. Quick. Let every division send in a few items each month, and let us have your views, and also suggestions as to how to forward the work of the Auxiliary, giving also pointers as to where it will be beneficial to the O. R. T.

In a few months, after all printing and the general workings are under way, there will be such another coming together of the ladies that it will make the membership of the O. R. T. look sick, but the good point is, that every member of the Auxiliary represents an up-to-date member of the O. R. T.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

**S**INCE the last announcement, the following named members of the Order secured one or more new members by individual effort:

M. W. Allan (9), Clarence E. Alford, F. R. Arnote (5), Geo. P. Alrutz (5), G. L. Allen (2).

G. M. Bennett (5), B. F. Becker, V. N. Bastin, M. R. Bruster (4), J. P. T. Burton (6), R. Boardman (3), G. W. Brown (2), A. R. Buckles.

J. F. Carder (2), C. D. Carlton, C. C. Campbell (3), W. R. Connelly, W. E. Cook, J. C. Colley (5), W. H. Cord (3), A. W. Cue, Guy Cochran (5).

F. G. Denison (7), O. L. Dunn, F. P. Darland (2).

J. F. Elchert.

B. Fulwider, A. A. Fitz, C. J. Filer.

H. Q. Gwinup (5), L. G. Ging (6), R. D. Garber, J. C. Gibbons (5).

Wm. L. Heaney (5), D. A. Hubbart, W. G. Hanson (2), M. E. Hall, M. Hunt (2), C. E. Hosler.

W. F. Johnston (6), M. E. Jacobs (3), A. L. Johnston, S. E. Jones.

W. G. Kuhnel (4), H. N. Krings, J. P. Kennedy.

G. B. Lamm (5), W. J. Leahy (3).

J. E. Nelson (8), T. F. Noon, G. B. Newlin, H. B. Newland.

J. P. Meehan (2), A. E. McCullough (2), J. W. Martenis (4), Carl Martz, O. P. Mullin (4), Miss Marie McGregor.

H. E. Olsen (3).

H. R. Pigg (2).

I. J. Rasner (4), T. J. Rodgers, J. H. Rogers, Jr. (4), D. C. Root, P. T. Robertson, D. M. Rogers, A. S. Reed.

Carrie P. Seid (2), R. B. Safford (4), R. A. Sewell, Thos. Sasser (3).

E. L. Smith (3), D. W. Smith (3), H. W. Stabler (2), J. L. Stanberry (5).

R. R. Searle.

F. O. Tiger (7), R. P. Thomson, W. N. Thornton, J. G. Tarvin (5).

C. A. Walter, J. B. West (2), V. C. Walker (3), C. D. Williamson (3), Edw. Whalen (6), W. L. Wilmarth (5), B. R. Willia, Percy L. Wright (4), D. E. Wright, E. P. Willcoxson.

Mrs. C. A. VanSandt.

# EDITORIAL NOTES

No card, no favors.

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Be a "Booster," not a "Knocker."

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The proposed bond company was endorsed by the convention.

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Five hundred and thirty-eight new members were initiated into the Order during the month of May.

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Assessments in the Mutual Benefit Department, commencing July 1st, are payable semi-annually in advance instead of monthly.

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The proceedings of the Atlanta Convention accompany this number of THE TELEGRAPHER, and every member should read them carefully and thereby familiarize himself with the doings of that body.

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New York Central Railway System, Division No. 8, and Illinois Central Railway System, Division No. 93, divided honors as the largest delegation at the convention, each having fifteen delegates.

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The Seventh Biennial and Seventeenth Regular Session of the Grand Division was a hummer, 334 Delegates and Grand Officers being present. This was the largest convention ever held in the history of the Order.

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Every member should carefully read ALL of the Editorial appearing in this number under the caption "The Bond Question," as this matter is of the utmost importance and will be finally disposed of, one way or the other, on October 1st, next.

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"Daddy" Thurston had no occasion to use his famous admonition "Do Right," at Atlanta, as the convention was a thoroughly representative and business one, and satisfied itself that it was right before any action was taken.

There was a rumor afloat at the Atlanta Convention that Past President Ramsay was "Touched" enroute to that city. At any rate his famous saying, "Just one more word and I am done," was missing at that convention.

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Help to complete thorough organization throughout the country by furnishing the Grand Secretary and Treasurer with a correct list of all non-members in your territory, using care to give correct initials, the correct spelling of the name, and the correct address, and also to show the road on which they are employed.

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The accompanying is an engraving of an official O. R. T. gold ring. These rings can be had from the Grand Secretary and Treasurer for \$4.50. In ordering them it is only necessary to give the size desired, which information can be secured from any jeweler.



The constitutional amendments at the Atlanta Convention were not numerous. The changing of the laws making assessments to the Mutual Benefit Department payable semi-annually, changing of the rate per diem for delegates to six dollars instead of five, the providing that amendments to the constitution shall be filed with the Grand Secretary and Treasurer on or before April 15th, preceding the Grand Division Session (in order that they may be printed before the convention convenes), instead of introducing them in the convention, the changing of Local Division laws so as to enable the Chairman of a Local Board of Adjustment to appoint more than two assistants if he desires, and the amending of the System Division laws in regard to a change of venue in a trial before a Local Board of Adjustment, were practically all the amendments made.



# PERSONAL MENTION

The following births have been reported since the last issue of **THE TELEGRAPHER**:

To Bro. and Mrs. E. H. Pittman, of Bishopville, S. C., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. S. Tyler, of Bath, S. C., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Richard Morissette, of Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Ira C. Halderman, of Chicago, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. J. Neal, of Bridgeport, Tex., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. W. Ward, of Foxholm, N. D., a girl.

To Bro. C. F. and Sister Julia A. Moffitt, of Koshkonong, Mo., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. D. P. Richardson, of Corsicana, Tex., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. O. Bloom, of Mascot, Neb., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. J. Dermody, of Cincinnati, Ohio, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Ira Overfelt, of Gunnison, Utah, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. T. P. Winborne, Jr., of Cochran, Va., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Geo. H. Allward, of Ypsilanti, Mich., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. H. Adams, of Muncie, Ind., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. R. PenDarvis, of Frederic, Iowa, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. H. Lindsley, of Franklinville, N. Y., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. R. Fisher, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. H. Grandy, of Badaxe, Mich., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. E. Porter, of Round Mountain, Ala., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. A. Miller, of Reedsville, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. L. Williams, of Olney, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. R. Cole, of Syracuse, N. Y., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Jas. E. Lally, of Windsor Locks, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Torance T. Townsend, of Salina, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Dan Brislen, of Massillon, Ohio, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. B. Hire, of Madrid, Neb., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. B. Hass, of Platts-mouth, Neb., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. B. Milligan, of O'Fallon, Ill., a boy.

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The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of **THE TELEGRAPHER**:

Bro. W. C. French, of Div. 59, to Miss Nannie Lee Smith.

Bro. Earl P. Smith, of Div. 54, to Miss Mary E. Singer.

At Muncy, Pa., Bro. Thos. L. Grady, of Div. 24, to Miss Edith L. Grange.

At Mortimer, Ohio, Bro. H. J. Freeland, of Div. 18, to Miss Pearl Gehr.

At Williamsport, Pa., Bro. Geo. Nelle, of Div. 24, to Mrs. E. M. White.

At Mulberry Grove, Ill., Bro. F. H. Mathews, of Div. 27, to Miss Ollie A. McKean.

At Belspring, Va., Bro. C. T. Wood, of Div. 14, to Miss Ada Myers.

Bro. C. E. Van Deusen, of Div. 51, to Miss Muriel Raleigh.

At Ingleside, W. Va., Bro. L. K. Thornton, of Div. 14, to Miss Lota Wiley.

At Herndon, Iowa, Bro. W. J. Swenning, of Div. 23, to Miss Lena Pell.

At Barneveld, N. Y., Bro. E. P. Jones, of Div. 8, to Miss Bertha Gates.

At Quebec, Que., Bro. Sylvio Proulx, of Div. 115, to Miss Marie Lajeunesse.

At Silver Bow, Mont., Bro. Jess B. Herndon, of Div. 54, to Miss Lily Brown.

Bro. A. J. Rohr, of Div. 8, to Sister Lilah Ross, of Div. 8.

At Belleville, Kan., Bro. R. V. McKenzie, of Div. 126, to Miss Florence A. Moore.

At Liberty, Mo., Bro. F. W. Saunders, of Div. 130, to Miss Annie Sheets.

The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

At Philadelphia, Pa., Bro. Thos. J. Coan, of Div. 12.

At Providence, R. I., Bro. D. J. Cushing, of Div. 35.

At Wadsworth, Ill., infant son of Bro. J. R. Porter, of Div. 23.

At New Haven, Conn., mother-in-law of Bro. B. J. Keating, of Div. 29.

At Hematite, Mo., A. J. Phillips, father of Bro. G. A. Phillips, of Div. 31.

At Caledonia, N. Y., father of Bro. Jno. F. Connor, of the Grand Division.



J. A. Hight, L. W. Moore, T. A. Ware, J. H. Potts, J. W. Newson.  
O. R. T. GROUP—MOBILE & OHIO RY., TRENTON, TENN.

At Palmyra, Mo., Bro. H. F. Harris, of Div. 130, to Miss Myrtle Vol-Brock.

At Belleville, Mich., Bro. John L. Phillips, of Div. 2, to Miss Louise Lewandowsky.

At Salt Lake City, Utah, Bro. J. W. Soderberg, of Div. 49, to Miss Artie Anderson.

At St. Joachim, Que., Bro. J. A. Deschesne, of Div. 115, to Miss Emiliana Lemieux.

THE TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations to the happy couples.

At Pompton Lakes, N. J., infant son of Bro. E. B. Youmans, of Div. 42.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all.

#### WANTED.

Present address of A. J. Farley, who worked for C. N. W. in June, 1906.

O. E. LOEK, Kolze, Ill.

Present address of James R. Caples, last heard of working for O. S. L. at Salt Lake City, Utah.

JOHN L. MONAHAN,  
Hood River, Ore.

Present address of W. L. Meeker.

J. F. THORNTON,  
Box 365, Caddo, Okla.

Present address of D. C. Wells, last heard of at Black Rock, Ark. Important.

J. H. HURT,  
Sumner, Miss.

Present address of H. B. Ellwood.

JOHN E. McILHON,  
Care C. G. W. Ry.,

Dispatcher's Office, Des Moines, Ia.

Present address of John W. Lackey, last heard of working for I. C. at Grayville, Ill., about twelve months ago.

O. T. BUFFALOW,  
Martin, Tenn.

Present address of E. A. Kelley, last heard of working for Southern Ry., Atlanta Division. Any information will be appreciated.

J. L. THOMAS,  
Plainville, Ga.

Present address of A. P. Hodge, last heard of working for W. U. at Cumberland, Md.

W. B. DOWNEY,  
Care C. R. I. & P.,  
Burlington, Ia.

Present address of Earnesy Salzmänn, last heard of at Blooming, Ore., about nine years ago. Information will be appreciated by aged mother in Switzerland. Write me at Ridgeway, Iowa.

D. D. LYONS.

Present address of L. Worley, last heard of was working at Stewart, Fla., for F. E. C. Ry. "W.," if you see this, write your old pal.

O. C. YOCUM,  
Fontanet, Ind.

Present address of W. I. McLaughlin, last heard of was working for Buckeye Pipe Line Co., at Green Springs, Ohio.

H. K. KLINGENSMITH,  
243 Grandview Ave.,  
Pittsburg, Pa.

Present address of P. J. Fitzgerald, formerly train dispatcher of the Erie, Buffalo. Last heard from at Mentor, Ohio, with L. S. & M. S. Has been seen at Denver, Colo. "Paddy," if you read this write your mother at Darien Center, N. Y.

YOUR BEST FRIEND.

Present address of Chas. H. Haughwout, formerly of Columbus, Ohio. Any information of his whereabouts will be appreciated.

JAS. O. LARRY,  
807 Franklin St.,  
Wilksburg, Pa.

Present address of M. R. McQuey, last heard of working at Tulsa, Okla., about a year ago. Your sister is very anxious to hear from you. If you see this, write her at Greensburg, Kan.

C. D. WILLIAMSON,  
Care C. R. I. & P.,  
Hutchinson, Kan.

The following member desires to exchange souvenir postal cards with other members:

C. S. Quigg, L. B. 427, Walkerton, Ind.

#### LOST OR STOLEN.

Card 1394, Cert. 6076, Grand Div., for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 25414, Cert. 1662, Div. 32, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 30340, Cert. 469, Div. 62, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 22912, Cert. 28, Div. 140, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 5057, Cert. 3473, Div. 2, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 19367, Cert. 182, Div. 140, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 28415, Cert. 1569, Div. 76, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 20563, Cert. 468, Div. 62, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 31247, Cert. 110, Div. 16, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 28685, Cert. 2479, Div. 53, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 10166, Cert. 2450, Div. 130, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 960, Cert. 495, Div. 91, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 14631, Cert. 1072, Div. 132, for term ending June 30, 1909.

Card 9448, Cert. 40, Div. 100, for term ending June 30, 1909.





Mrs. A. B. Williams, Seaside, Mrs. K. C. Gardner, Mrs. J. E. Jones, Mrs. J. W. Hall, Miss J. P. McArthur, Mrs. J. P. McArthur, Mrs. J. P. McArthur.

# GLEANNINGS

Be sure you are in good standing.

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Opportunity is the cream of time.

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The noblest motive is the public good.

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"Every kick is a boost, if you get it going up."

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Labor asks and demands that the courts shall treat every citizen alike.

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Get together, stand together and together we will win.

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Ask for the label—as long as the U. S. Supreme Court will permit you.

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The Chicago Van Teamsters' and Helpers' Union gained an advance of \$1 in their wages per week.

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A labor organization is not in violation of law, but an honest business proposition.

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Governor Stubbs, of Kansas, announces that convict contract labor in that State will be abolished.

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Every member the union man gets into the organization of his craft helps strengthen the bulwark of unionism.

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Labor is growing exceedingly tired of seeing its efforts for the uplift of mankind blocked by judicial blockheads who serve only greed and avarice.

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The labor union question is whether workingmen, through their own organizations, shall restrict their own personal lib-

erties, or whether they will, without organization, subject themselves to any restriction of those liberties that capitalists may desire to impose upon them.—*Pittsburg Leader*.

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A bill prohibiting railroad companies from operating trains with less than a sufficient crew to safely handle them has passed the Texas Legislature.

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New York unionists are adapting a plan to sell stamps, similar to the Red Cross idea, for the purpose of raising funds to assist Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison.

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Are you a Union Label Fan? If not, get busy and become one, and show that you are a live fan. Boost for a "home run" for all Union Label goods.

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If union men would stop boycotting one another's union label products, labor unions would be in a stronger position than they are today.

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Help the hatters by demanding the union label in your new hat. The hatters are in a fierce struggle for the life of their organization.

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Co-operating, like drinking whisky, is hard to do at first, but after you have formed the habit it is harder to stop. Form the habit. "That is, of co-operating, not of drinking whisky."

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How much would labor get if each individual workingman was left to deal for himself with organized capital, which was in possession of the goods of which the individual wanted a share?



R. J. Steele.

Herbert Steele.

## O. R. T. MEMBERS — ILLINOIS CENTRAL RY., ADDISON, ILLS.

Your labor power is your own, yours to sell in the highest market. Sell it to your advantage or your employer will take advantage of you. Organize.

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The Oklahoma legislature has passed an eight-hour act, making the eight-hour day the legal maximum of labor on all State, county, city, township or other public work.

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Labor is capital. Labor has the same right to protect itself by trades unions, etc., as any other form of capital might claim for itself.—*Cardinal Manning.*

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A bill to keep American labor agitators out of Canada was introduced in the Canadian senate, but was defeated on the second reading on a vote of 21 to 13.

Senator McMullen introduced the measure.

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The Bible says, "Love your enemies," but it doesn't say patronize them. Therefore, even though you feel it your duty to love Van Cleave, you don't have to buy a Buck stove or range to prove it.—*The Potters' Herald.*

A union card is the best recommendation any honest workingman can carry in his pocket, and employers are recognizing the fact to a greater extent each succeeding year, month, week and day.

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The county commissioners of Spokane County, Wash., have passed a resolution that all county printing must bear the union label. No non-union bid will be considered, nor will work be given to a non-union shop.

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President Gompers, of the A. F. of L. is making arrangements to visit England, Germany, France, Russia and other countries to study the trend of the labor movement. He will sail about the latter part of June.

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A bill making it a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of from \$100 to \$500, or by imprisonment for from three months to one year, either to use a union label without authority, or to counterfeit the label, or to have in possession any merchandise marked with a counterfeit label, is now a law in the State of New York.—*Exchange.*

Today every student of economics, every philosopher, every honest statesman, and many employers admit the necessity of labor organization, and they frankly declare if they were in the working class ranks they would join trade unions.

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The Bricklayers' and Masons' International Union and the Operative Plasterers' International Association have adopted an interchangeable working card, which permits members of either union to work at the other trade upon payment of current dues.

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Organized labor is now passing through a crisis which will tend to strengthen it forever. The true union man will exert himself more than ever before to build up his union. Only in time of war is the true soldier proven.

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In Australia mine owners are compelled by law to provide rescue chambers under ground. Each room must be large enough to accommodate twenty-four persons and must be provided with canned food and first-aid appliances.

In their decisions against labor and its interests, and in favor of capital and its interests, the courts are doing more than anything else to bring about their own destruction and the starting of a new system in which labor will get its due and in which capital will not control the courts to the detriment of labor.

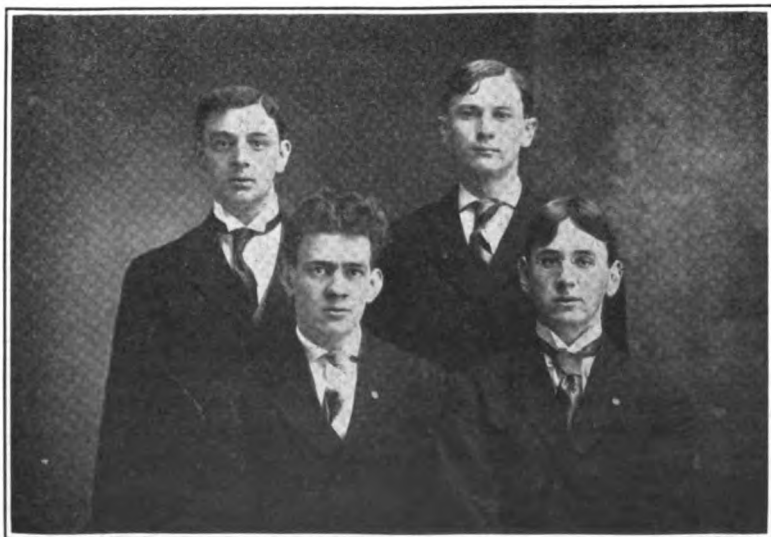
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It is quite true that "Half a loaf is better than no bread." But the inference that it is imprudent to demand the whole loaf that belongs to us is altogether wrong. If we ask for the half we may get a dry crust or a few crumbs. If we demand the whole loaf and go out to get it, we are likely to get the half soon and the whole in time.—*New York Call*.

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If you're not a label booster,  
You're a good-for-nothing rooster;  
You're an agent for the sweatshop,  
Just promoting want and crime.  
Don't be aiding Post and Parry;  
Get a move on, do not tarry;  
But just keep this in your noodle—  
Boost the label all the time.

—*Labor Leader*.



F. T. Dindinger.

J. S. Cornelisen.

R. M. Fiscus.

T. E. Wilson.

O. R. T. GROUP—P. & L. E. RY., WAMPUM, PA.

The Associated Hat Manufacturers, declaring that Lamson & Hubbard, manufacturers of Boston, Mass., who recently reorganized and established a union factory, are operating to the injury of the manufacturers' organization, brought suit in the United States Circuit Court to restrain the Lamson & Hubbard concern from using the union label. The firm of Lamson & Hubbard, incorporated, a member of the manufacturers' body, was one of the companies affected by the hatters' general strike. Two weeks ago the corporation went out of existence, transferred its business to the Lamson & Hubbard Company, of Maine, withdrew from the national association and took back its men on the union basis.

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Slowly, but surely, the world is beginning to understand the labor movement, and with that understanding comes each day a larger measure of co-operation and sympathy from the other classes.

But there are still those, who cannot or will not see the workman's movement as it is intended by him to be, therefore he is periodically denounced.

He is a striker, they say. So he is, but not until he has been arrogantly told that there is nothing to arbitrate.

He boycotts. Yes, but he learned the use of that weapon from the cruel blacklist—the blacklist that made him an industrial outcast, that denied him the right to be the bread winner, and sent him away from his home with the wail of his child and the sobs of his wife breaking his heart.

The striker is but a rebel. The rebel has been the torch bearer of civilization since man realized he had a soul.—*Atlanta Constitution*.

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Labor unions in the years agone have made many mistakes, and you will find that no people are more ready to acknowledge those mistakes than the members of these same unions. Because we have made

mistakes in the past we have every reason not to make those same mistakes in the future, and I believe they will not be made.' Labor needs more abiding faith in itself and in the people with whom it deals. Until it has this faith it will be able to accomplish nothing which makes for the progression of its cause. We must trust each other and trust the people all over the world to help us in our righteous cause. If the people once realize that we have faith in them they will come to our aid and we will win in the end. When this great problem is solved it will be solved by the wage earners, and it is for us, the adherents of unionism, to bring about a closer relation among the wage earners of the world.—*President Huber, Brotherhood of Carpenters*.

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If labor is ever compelled, as now seems probable, to make a vigorous and effective move in order to meet the encroachments of predatory wealth, backed up by the courts of the country, there will be a weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth in certain quarters which now find great glory in lording it over labor and making capitalism supreme. The decisions of high courts against labor are forcing this issue to the front very rapidly.

Judge Wright was sorely offended to think that after the courts interfered, the boycott on Buck's stoves was more effective than before. It seems to us that as a promotor of boycotts Wright is in a class all by himself. That decision should lighten the work of Van Cleave's shipping department if the injunction was the boomerang the Judge intimates. To be perfectly frank about it, who knew very much about the Buck stove boycott until Van Cleave began to squeal? The blunders of our people cause us to lose many fights, but the enemy blunders also, and sufficiently to square the account. But Wright, he evidently thought the injunction would make people buy the stove.—*Painters' Journal*.



# MISCELLANY

## A GUARDIAN WRAITH.

**J**ACK EVERETT, the "third trick" dispatcher with steady nerve and sound digestion, woke that evening with his mother's voice ringing in his ears.

"Be careful, Jack," it said softly, but warningly.

This was the second time he had heard it. Once before—forty-eight hours before—and the same words.

His mother was miles eastward, away over the mountains, but the voice spoke to him so plainly that he caught himself forming a surprised reply. To be sure, she was coming to him as fast as the fast schedule of the Pacific Express would permit, but that she would be in his arms tomorrow was no explanation of her voice today.

Had he been dreaming? No, the echo of the voice was in the room, and besides he slept the dreamless sleep of a healthy boy whose troubles have not begun.

Railway superstition that makes much of "warnings" began to oppress him.

Blindly anxious to do something, anything to shake off the uncanny feeling, he hurried down to the telegraph office. The Pacific Express was marked up on the blackboard as four hours late. He could catch it at Toston, on the Montana Division, with a word to his mother. He scribbled and tore up, scribbled and tore up again, until, consulting his watch, he handed this message to the operator:

"Missoula, Mont., June 3.

"To Mrs. Fanny Everett—On No. 1 Toston: I am on duty at midnight and will watch over your safety, mother dear, from the time you leave Helena. Don't worry, sleep sound, and dream of JACK."

"You've got twenty minutes to get 'em in, Jimmy, and now I'll see if I can eat

some dinner!" was his comment, as he strolled off to Draco's restaurant and ordered a meal, still groping for a solution of the mystery.

For years he had wandered, but the weekly letters between his mother and himself knew no break. Now as he thought of them, there sounded an eerie note through the letters to him in key with the warnings. He had never noticed it before. How many times she had insisted that she was watching over him; instead that she could and would be near him in time of need. Why, in her last letter—he had received it only that morning, the last one to come before she would be with him—she had said:

"Jack, dear, I love you so, my boy, that if danger should threaten you, at that moment you will find your old mother at your side to stand between you and its shadow."

He had looked on the letters as epistolary lullabys that crooned of the days when they would be together; when his boyhood would be lived again. She seemed to be singing happily of her child coming to her with his troubles, looking to her for ready consolation. That, with boyish condescension, was the way he had interpreted them.

The warning words struck another key. The theme was full of minors that set his nerves quivering.

"Be careful!" What was he but careful? How could he answer for the safety of those in his care, for the lives, except by being careful. Where a single oversight would pile up engines and cars in horrid chaos resounding with the dying prayers and curses of those his mistake had murdered.

He had seen a man once who had forgotten, pacing the floor in white-lipped sus-

pense, waiting for news of the crash of two trains he had sent racing into each other. Wasn't the memory of that man's oversight and the agony which followed enough without these words spoken out of the mystery of the night?

Mechanically he paid his check, leaving his meal untasted, and walked out into the quiet street to reason with himself.

For miles he tramped. He must quiet his nerves, must get himself in control before he went on duty.

The battle was won at last, and he reached the office just before midnight—hot, dusty, foot weary, but with brain cool and alert.

And while he walked the little mother lay in her berth in the sleeper "Oneta," on No. 1, the telegram folded in one hand, unable to sleep, and thinking so busily of him. Of Baby Jack, with his cunning ways; of Schoolboy Jack, with his boyish pranks; of Jack, the youth who left home to seek his fortune, and left her heart almost breaking.

Up Placer Hill, down past the barren sides of Clasoil, and through Prickly Pear Canyon, Bill Dalrymple drove the 417. The sleepers swayed and rocked, and the berth curtains swung with the curves they rounded, but it was not until the train slowed down in Helena yard that her weary eyes closed.

Every man on the Rocky Mountain Division knew that Jack Everett's mother was coming out on No. 1, and as Jack was the apple of the eye of every man on the division, from superintendent to section boss, there was a general feeling that No. 1 must take her over the division in style.

Though "Black" Swayzey, of the 423, and Dan McLane, of the 479, had an intimate acquaintance with every bolt and bearing of their big machines, that acquaintance was personally renewed, and prolonged visits paid with torch, wrench, soft hammer and oil can before they would allow the engines to be taken out of Helena roundhouse. They spoke words of wisdom to their firemen, too. Words of railway wisdom that told volumes of what the furnace stuffers might expect if they failed to furnish steam in plenty for the run, which the engineers

suggested would in all probability keep them busy.

So it was that everything was ready for a record-breaker, when, as Jack's mother fell asleep in the "Oneta," the engines backed down on the train; Sawhill's silver-plated lamp swung out; and with echoing toots they picked up their load with Jack's orders to run three hours late from Helena to Missoula—for the Montana Division had made up nothing of the four hours.

"Let's see," said Jack to himself as he received the report of their departure at his office where the Rattlesnake and Hell Gate join their waters, and, tipping back at the open window, blinked at the familiar face of the clock. "Four hours—that will give Swayzey a chance to pick up ten minutes on the hill and fifty minutes from Blossburg to Missoula, and still keep on the safe side of that order. He surely can not do better than that even if I do want to get 'Marmsie' here as quick as I can."

The situation looked good to him, and he began to give way No. 1's time to freight trains with a lavish hand. He believed in the maxim that freight trains pay passenger crews' wages.

But "Black" Swayzey hadn't taken orders from Jack for two years for nothing, and, knowing the young dispatcher's habit of helping those who helped themselves, chuckled as he hooked the 423 up and opened her out to tear off the miles.

"If you keep the old beast hot," he yelled across the cab to "Shorty" McCone, his fireman, "we'll have Everett canceling a lot of those orders he is passing out to freight trains, and then he'll give us a show," and "Shorty" grinned, for the escaping steam was singing over the roar of exhaust even then as he steadied himself to round the curve at Birdseye, and squinted at the cloud of black smoke pouring out of the big McQueen's stack.

Digging along behind in desperate effort to keep the pace, the "hog" coughed frantically, with Dan McLane leaning half way out of the cab window keeping watch on a pin that was a bit tender. It made Jack's eyes sparkle with delight when the operator at Butler reported the double-header by

without having stopped for water. That meant ten minutes saved.

Other duties called his attention. Two freights just in from the west end were ready for orders, waiting to pull out of Heron; a stock train was calling for orders at Horse Plains; Trout Creek wanted help for a delayed way-freight up White Pine Hill against No. 3; and a helper at Arlee must come over the mountain to have its boiler washed out. By the time he had silenced the clamor of the night hawks west of Missoula, the operator at Blossburg reported No. 1 rolling out of the tunnel.

They had made up twenty-five minutes coming up the hill. A record run sure enough. It meant that they would crowd the order to run three hours late before Swayzey whistled for the Garrison yard-post. They must be given a chance, and, telling Blossburg to copy for No. 1, Jack quickly picked up the freights to which he had given away the time, and sent an order canceling the favors against No. 1, and giving that train an order to run three hours late to Elliston and two hours late from there to Missoula.

Each station repeated the order back, the train crews signed it and were released, and Swayzey, now freed from McLane's lumbering giant, dropped out of Blossburg so precipitately that Sawhill had to forget his dignity and catch the first coach he might or get left behind.

Jack tipped back in his chair again, loosened his vest, and filled his lungs with the cool night breeze of June that blew from the foothills. Then with deliberation stuffed tobacco into his pipe and aided its purpose with a match.

The moonlight tipped the distant snow caps with silver. It shone over the little town which was all asleep but for the chugging activity of chubby, important switch engines that kicked and pushed and pulled cars here and there in obedience to waving lamps, spitefully banging those they cast off against their fellows slumbering on the side tracks. The clang of iron on iron echoed through the still air and brought a long-drawn "yap, yap yar-r-r" of defiance from a lone coyote on his haunches

in the Indian burying ground on the nearest terrace of foothills. The roar of the Hell Gate over its rock-strewn channel reached the office in a murmur that was music to the young dispatcher's ears, until the sharp chatter of the sounder broke in to tell him that his charges in the west were again after him to straighten out their tangle.

He had just told Noxon for the third time that if Cameron's special would not help itself he could not reach out and pull it along, and begged its crew to remember that a little time honestly stolen is a lot of help in getting over the road, when the pages of his order-book shivered with a sudden draught. There seemed something strange around him.

He could not understand the sensation. He was all alone, but there was the compelling feeling of eyes that demand response. From sheer perverseness he resisted the influence as long as he could, perhaps for a minute, calling himself a fool for his nervousness. It was of no use. He looked up from the train sheet.

Standing between the door and his desk was a little woman gray garbed, no covering on her gray hair that was drawn smoothly back from her face, her eyes like Jack's own.

His mother, his darling mother—but how did she get there? By any process of reasoning she could be nowhere except in her berth on No. 1, still miles out on the division; yet here she was. He could not mistake form or feature, or the indulgent smile, which had so often tempered her reproof of his boyhood misdeeds.

His lips moved in a meaningless attempt but he could not utter a sound.

She came slowly toward his desk as though groping her way, her eyes fixed on the train sheet. She pointed to its margin, and said in mild reproach:

"You told me to sleep soundly for you would guard me safely. Is this the way you watch over the lives in your charge, Jack?"

Dumb with fear, his eyes went back to the record of the trains once more, realizing some awful sight awaited him; something which had brought his mother to him



to keep her promise; some explanation of the warnings he had so little understood.

Under the extended finger and at the extreme edge of the sheet were the figures showing Magill's special east had passed Garrison just after midnight when Jack had given them the three hours' time on No. 1. They had gone on to Lester's siding for the crew to load five cars of ties. They had been bottled up there with no telegraph office when he changed the order to No. 1. The figures on the sheet were so small he had overlooked them, and knowing nothing of the change of program the train was even then hurrying on to make Ainslee for the express, which Swayzey, in the belief that he had a clear track, would surely get there first.

The horror of it roused the boy. The thought of the crash of engines, the toppling over of the coaches down the fill, went through him like an electric shock.

"Os-os-os No. 1 by, three hours late." Elliston was reporting Swayzey paring his time order close. The 423 had struck her gait and would make up fifteen minutes more to Ainslee.

Railway training asserted itself. How his warning came, how his mother was at his elbow was not a question to be dealt with then. One of those trains must be stopped.

If he might get Avon! That station had no night operator, but the agent slept in a little room off the telegraph office, and if he had not cut out his instrument the office call might wake him.

"Av—Av—Av" rang out sharply as Jack grasped his only chance.

"Av—Av—Av—" the brass sounder seemed to change its metallic clatter to a human cry for help.

"Av—" once more; then

"I—I—Av—" ticked back, sleepily, and Jack was on his feet with excitement.

"Drop your signal and stop Magill, special east," he snapped.

"O. K. Magill here; what do you want with him?" rattled back the operator in a way which spelled indignation at broken slumber.

"Get him on the siding quick, and take this order," answered Jack, his breath com-

ing thick as he sent a copy of the order given to No. 1 at Blossburg, and which meant so many lives.

A heartbreaking pause, then it was repeated, the signatures of Magill and his engineer were added, and before the ink was dry on the order book, Avon reported No. 1 passing like the tail of a comet.

The special started east. The thread snapped.

Mike Schenck, the yardmaster, threw ice water over Jack half an hour after, doused him unsparingly, and revived him pale and bedraggled. No one knew why he collapsed and let trains run themselves for thirty minutes! no one—in authority, at least—knew of the narrow escape of No. 1; and Jack's mother could not understand why the dispatcher's office seemed so familiar to her when she met him there as No. 1 arrived in Missoula, although she never before had seen it.

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And while no one in authority received any report of the mysterious visitation which had prevented a fearful catastrophe, there will not be found many railroaders who will deny the reality of such occurrences; few will ascribe them to the imagination of the person who receives the strange warning. But the puzzling question which remains, and defies solution, is this: How did Jack's mother "get away from herself" and traverse the space that separated her from her son?—*Pennsylvania Grit*.

### A SISTER'S AFFECTION.

BY EVELYN MAY.

"I DON'T know, Miss Lee," the chief dispatcher said, as he turned in his chair and faced a brown-haired, brown-eyed girl; "the only place in sight just now is night work at C—, and it isn't a very desirable place for a lady, either.

"I'll go," Alice heard herself saying, as a lump arose in her throat. "All right, the train leaves at five fifteen," the chief added.

As Alice walked slowly down the hall, and descended the steps to the waiting room, she thought, "It's for Paul, and I'll do it." It was then just four o'clock, and

she sat down to meditate upon the happenings of the two preceding years.

Paul and his father had run the station in their home town in Illinois for several years. One day a dispute arose and Paul had become very angry. He left home in this state of ill-temper, informing his father that he would not return.

Alice's life had been saddened by this, for they were such chums, this brother and sister.

As the weeks and months wore on and no word came from him, she watched her father's hair turn gray and her mother grow paler and frailer every day; and sweet Nellie Brown seemed sadder and sadder.

Alice left home and came West, with the determination of finding Paul, and find him she must. Even if she were compelled to go farther west, she would not return without him.

As she alighted from the train at C——, it was almost seven o'clock. Looking about her, her eyes rested upon a box car a few feet from the track, which she concluded must be the telegraph office. She stood outside watching a man walking lazily toward the office, who proved to be the day operator. He shortly nodded his head to her, and after some difficulty succeeded in removing his hat.

"Are you Miss Lee?" he asked, and upon being answered in the affirmative opened the door of the office for her to enter.

It was a small, dingy-looking place, with the table and instruments in one end of the car, and an ill-kept stove and a dilapidated bench in the other, this serving as a waiting room. The floor was covered with ashes, paper and tobacco.

At this reception Alice's heart almost sank within her; but drawing her small figure to its full height, and blinking hard to keep back the tears, she determined to fight it out—if it would help her to find Paul.

"You can get some supper at that house over yonder," the operator informed her, pointing to a house about a quarter of a mile from the track. "I'll stay here 'till you come back."

She soon found herself mounting the steps, and at the door, where she was

greeted by a kind, motherly looking woman, who, after learning who she was, prepared her quite a tempting supper, and gave her a midnight lunch. Then after having engaged a room, Alice returned to the office.

After the day operator left she observed that he had attempted to make some improvement in the appearance of the office during her absence. True, the place did look somewhat better.

With a shudder she said to herself, "I only hope there will be no attempted robberies tonight, or anything else of an exciting nature." Nothing unusual occurred that night, and Alice was glad when morning came, and the operator again made his appearance.

The second night and the third passed slowly and peacefully; but the fourth night, about ten forty-five, Alice was absorbed in the contents of a book, when suddenly she heard steps outside; she paused to listen. Some one raised the latch, and two masked men walked in.

Alice confronted them with clasped hands and a frightened face. One, who seemed more bold than the other, walked toward her and said, "Stop Number Four, Miss, or see that?" as he exposed a revolver.

The other grasped his arm, a low moan escaping from his lips. "Aw! now kid," the bold one said, "don't you go and lose your nerve the last minute over a pretty girl." At this the "kid" sank into a chair in a far corner of the car, with his head bowed, apparently engrossed in deep thought.

Alice stood as if petrified before the big ruffian, wondering the while how she might save the train, when she dared not move toward the table.

While these thoughts were occupying her mind, the ruffian had gone over to the boy, and, shaking him roughly by the shoulder, said, "What's the matter with you? spruce up!"

The next instant, upon looking up, Alice saw standing before her, mask in hand, ill-kept clothes, and his hair rumpled—Paul.

"Paul," she sobbed, running into his arms, "how could you?"

Meanwhile the ruffian seeing the outcome of his contemplated robbery, escaped unnoticed, and Number Four Passed C—in safety.

"Paul, where have you been?" Alice asked at last. "Oh, I have wanted you so badly!"—"and I wanted to go home many a time, little sister," he said, "but I was too proud to return; and thought too, I would not be welcome—" "Why, Paul!" she interrupted, "of course you would have been welcome. Father and mother have grieved so over your leaving, and we're all waiting for you."

"—and Nellie?" Paul asked at length. "Yes, and Nellie," Alice assured him.

The next morning Alice telegraphed her resignation to the chief dispatcher. She had nothing to remain for now.

A happy brother and sister were they, who two days later were so cordially welcomed at home amidst tears and kisses; and Nellie waited, over the way.

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## NELL; OR THE MYSTERY OF RITA STATION.

BY ISRAEL ORLANDO.

**R**ITA is a small wayside station on the Western Division of the K. & C. R. R. The hamlet from which it derives its name lies quite a mile to the northward, leaving the depot, especially by night, lonely and deserted.

I did not fancy my new position as I stepped from the train that dreary November afternoon; for I had come to take up the duties as night operator at this isolated hovel of a telegraph office.

A five-minute talk with the agent did not tend to encourage me a great deal. "You see," he remarked, in the course of our short conversation, "it is not the loneliness of the place that makes it so undesirable, for all night positions must necessarily be more or less so. But it is the peculiar manner in which all the night operators employed here during the past year or eighteen months have lost their positions.

"During this period no night operator has remained here longer than a month, and some of them but a few days. Not one

has gone of his own volition, but all have been discharged or indefinitely suspended. What is more strange, the majority of the men were good telegraphers, and all of them fully capable of handling this position. Still it has always been a clear case against them, and the officials of the company, although I am warranted in saying are mystified, have had but one course to pursue.

"Errors in train orders and in signals have been the chief causes, some of them so ridiculous as to beggar belief. For you will laugh when I tell you that orders, written on the regular forms used for that purpose, and which were never issued from the dispatcher's office, have actually been delivered to trains by some of these men.

"Wrecks, almost without number, resulted from this wholesale confusion of orders. And one after another the operators were discharged, although, in nearly every case, stoutly maintaining that the charges against them were unjust; that they had employed the best of care, and that it was utterly impossible for these gross errors to have occurred through their negligence. Nevertheless, upon investigation it was usually found that there was no one else at fault, and so, perplexed, one by one these men have gone away, sometimes with mutterings of a supernatural power that had exerted its accursed influence over them."

Thus spoke the day man, agent and operator, at Rita Station. And I must confess his words did not improve my opinion of the wayside station. To me, five minutes before, it was a lonely little shack, now it was more—it was a place of mystery. Here in their loneliness and in the stillness of the night, good men and true were constantly, and it would seem in a reckless manner, committing gross blunders and errors—doing things that mere children would know to be wrong. Surely there must be something back of all this, and the thought of that something caused a creepy feeling to chase along my spinal column. For I, also, felt that it was some mysterious power that bordered on the supernatural.

"You will understand," the agent added, as he regarded my troubled countenance, "that I do not tell you these things to alarm

you in any way; but, forewarned is forearmed, you know, and I thought perhaps you had better be made acquainted with these matters.

"Now," he continued, patting me on the shoulder, "I believe that strange as it may seem, there is a solution to this mystery, and although I have no idea who or what it may be, I think that at the bottom we shall find a human agency; for I have never believed in ghosts. What is your opinion?"

"I have never made a study of the occult," I replied. "But if, as it appears, I am to be assisted by ghosts in running this joint, I can assure you that I shall learn whether or not it is the real article."

The agent's face brightened perceptibly. "You're just the man I've been looking for!" he exclaimed. "I feel disposed to help you, because I believe that you are going to help yourself. Now," he went on, dropping his voice to a whisper, although I could see no reason for so doing, as there was probably not a human ear within half a mile of us, "this mystery is deeper than you can have any idea of. Through it the company has lost a score of its best telegraphers; has had numerous costly accidents; and, I dare say, that no one believes any of the discharged men guilty of wilful negligence.

"For proof of this assertion," he continued, drawing an envelope from an inner pocket, "I have here a letter from the general manager, in which he states that one thousand dollars in gold will be given to me, to you or to both of us, if we clearly solve this mystery. This, of course, is confidential."

"This is getting interesting!" I exclaimed, recovering my spirits somewhat.

"Very much so," he replied, "and there is no reason why we should not secure the thousand-dollar reward. I shall place the whole matter into your hands and shall act as your assistant. There by the window is a private telephone connecting with my house at Rita. A call over the 'phone will bring me to your assistance immediately.

"Now, a little piece of advice may not come amiss: Do not allow anyone within the station under any circumstances. You

will have no passenger trains after six o'clock, and therefore the doors may be locked. I can not impress this upon your mind too urgently—do not allow anyone inside. Everything else I leave to your own good judgment, and I shall be prepared to answer your call at a moment's notice."

I went on duty at six o'clock that evening, with many misgivings. I was strongly inclined to treat the whole matter as a joke; still there remained a hidden feeling of something unreal, ghostly, and I am afraid that the smile which I gave the agent at parting was rather ghastly.

"Courage, my boy, courage!" he said. "Fear nothing, and don't forget the 'phone and the one thousand."

How was I to know that before another sun had risen this perplexing railroad riddle would be solved; that in after years I would look back upon this dark, wild, rainstormy night as the most eventful one in my career; that, somehow, Fate, Fame and Fortune were rushing toward me through the fast gathering storm? Therefore, I only smiled another ghastly smile for answer, and the next instant I was alone.

I waited until the agent's footsteps had died away on the gravel walk without, then I took my lantern, and going into the little waiting room, made sure that the doors were properly bolted and the windows securely fastened. Coming back into the office, I bolted the office door and drew the curtains. Next I made a thorough examination of the signals, the switch-board and the instruments. I even looked over the blanks on which all train orders had to be copied. I was in a strange place among strange people, and in a case of that kind my motto had always been to trust no one. Even the agent who had kindly forewarned me was not to be depended upon. He might be a true friend, I felt inclined to think so; yet he was an acquaintance of scarcely an hour, and it was even possible that the whole matter was only a story concocted by him to cause me uneasiness or fear. Some men are born with an uncontrollable desire to annoy or injure their fellow men. But, somehow, I could not form so rash an opinion of the agent, and yet

his remarks lacked proof, save the fact that no less than eighteen or twenty men, sitting in the very chair which I was now occupying, had lost their positions during the past eighteen months. The superintendent had informed me regarding that fact before he had sent me there, but he had not gone into details.

For a long while I sat by the instrument table and pondered the matter over. An oppressive silence had invaded the room, the occasional clicking of the instrument being the only sound to break the stillness. Outside the threatened storm broke suddenly in a fury of wind and rain. The little building trembled violently in its wild embrace. I leaned over in my chair, drew the curtain from the window and peered out into the inky darkness of the night. Peered out on the first act of the little drama that ere morning would be played to a finish.

Tired of gazing out into the wild night, I dropped the blind at length, and looked to the adjustment of the instruments. After some difficulty I was able to reach the dispatcher, and I informed him that a furious rainstorm was raging, with every indication of continuing through the night.

"Stay close," he clicked in reply. "I am afraid we shall need you in the worst kind of way before morning. The bridge will bear close watching."

"What bridge?" I asked.

"The river bridge," he answered.

"The river bridge?" I repeated.

"Yes; it may be necessary for you to go up and see if there is any danger before allowing No. 14 to cross it. The heavy rains of the past few days have caused a flood in the river, and the old bridge is none too safe at best. I shall have a freight train report the condition of things to me before No. 14's time, and shall advise you if I think it is necessary for you to go up. Stay close."

"O. K.," I replied.

"I'll feel like swearing if I have to make that trip," I muttered to myself, as I took a schedule from a nail on the wall and leaned back in my chair.

"Let me see," I communed, "No. 14 due at Rita at 1:13 a. m., and according to this schedule the river bridge is two miles from

here. I wonder what that dispatcher takes me for, anyway?"

I threw the schedule on the table and glanced at the clock. It lacked two minutes of eight.

"It isn't hard to understand why men lose their positions at this place, if the dispatcher calls upon them to go miles from the office and let any old Tom, Dick or Harry come in and run the joint," I mused. "But that brings to mind that I may have other things to deal with tonight, besides the wind and rain and the river bridge. So I might as well make myself presentable."

Suiting the action to the word, I took a gleaming little weapon from my pocket, carefully filled the chambers and laid it on the table before me.

"Now——"

But my reverie was suddenly interrupted by the sharp ringing of the telephone bell behind me. I sprang to my feet and answered the call.

"Is this you, Hartranft?" came over the wire.

"Yes, sir," I replied.

"This is the agent. Anything turn up yet?"

"Not a thing."

"Well, don't be alarmed. This is a bad night, but keep your nerve and you'll come through all right. I'm going to bed now; so if you want me at any time, you may have to ring pretty hard, but don't give up until you have raised me.

"There is one thing I want to tell you about: The dispatcher is going crazy about the river bridge. I'll admit the water is pretty high, but it will never harm the bridge. So, if he instructs you to go out there, don't go. Bluff him."

"How?"

"When he tells you to go up to the bridge, answer 'O. K.' Then remain in your chair until ample time has expired for you to make the trip; then tell him that you have been out and that you found the bridge to be all right and safe. For, remember, you must not leave the office under any circumstances nor allow anyone inside. Good-night!"

"Gracious!" I exclaimed as I hung up the receiver. "If that fellow isn't at the

bottom of this plot, or if he isn't trying to scare me, then this must certainly be a mysterious job I've tackled here."

Revolver in hand, I began to pace the little room. Outside the wind and rain was still raging fiercely and beating against the building like some wild demon. Suddenly there was a lull in the storm, followed by a peculiar noise at one of the windows, and immediately a man's gruff voice: "Hey, partner, let me in!"

Startled, I stopped near the middle of the room. I did not answer at once, and the question was repeated. "Hey, partner, I say, let me in. It's terrible wet out here."

I walked over to the window. "I'm sorry," I called, "but I can not do it, it's against the rules. Who are you?"

"That's none of your business," came the quick reply. "I asked you to permit me to come in out of the storm, and you refuse, saying that it is against the rules. I don't believe that."

"It certainly is," I replied.

"In a storm like this?"

"There are other places of shelter. Why did you come here?"

"Because I want in the office."

"And I must refuse to allow you to come in."

A gust of wind went thundering by, but above its wild moaning I heard his stentorian voice: "You're a coward!" he shouted.

"You'll have to prove that," I replied.

"Easy!" he returned. "You have the doors locked, the curtains drawn, and at present you are standing with leveled gun, quaking in your shoes."

"Stung by this taunt, I dropped my weapon on the table, threw out my arm and drew up the blind. Startled by the sight that met my gaze, I fell back a step or two and stood staring through the window at the giant figure without in the driving storm.

Standing close by the window his face, covered with a flowing white beard, now dripping wet, was pressed against the panes. His glassy blue eyes were focused upon me. A mat of iron-gray hair fell about his shoulders. An old slouch hat covered his

head, while his burly frame was wrapped in a ragged overcoat.

For a full minute we stood staring at one another, then, slowly, I saw him raise his hand, and instantly I grasped the revolver on the table. A smile full of scorn came over his hairy features. "Coward!" he shouted, and his clinched fist descended heavily upon the window-sill.

Nervously and somewhat abashed, I lowered my weapon.

"Who are you, and what do you want?" I called.

"Years ago I was an operator," he shouted back, "but never a coward. As a friend I came to you and asked you to take me into your comfortable room out of the stormy night. But you coldly refuse, and treat me as if I were a robber. Others have done the same thing before you, and, as they did, so have you sealed your doom. Ask of them, they will tell you all about me. I am growing old and feeble," he continued, shaking a bony finger at me, "but little Nell will help me. My curse is hanging over you, young man, and Nell shall see that it is fulfilled. Cowards do not remain long here. Bear in mind this is your last night at Rita Station."

He dropped his hand, and the next instant the storm and the darkness had swallowed him up.

For a long while I stood by the window peering out into the darkness, then I drew the curtain again and looked at the clock. It was 9:30 and all was still, for the storm had apparently passed.

"I wonder where he came from and where he went to," I communed to myself. "A hermit from the hills, perhaps, or maybe a lunatic or a ghost."

Taking up my lantern, I unbolted the door and stepped outside. The rain had almost ceased now. Far in the west I saw a tiny star struggling through the clouds. All was silence, save for the rushing of the river two miles away. Feeling elated because the storm was over, I entered the office again, closed the door and reported the good news to the dispatcher.

"All right," he said, "that spares you a very unpleasant trip."

Half an hour later a freight train went by, and, therefore, I felt sure that the bridge was safe.

Taking a magazine from my pocket, I sat down in my chair and began to read. Shortly I became sleepy, however, and dropped the periodical. About 12:30 I arose from my chair and went to a window at the far end of the room, drew the curtain and peered out into the night in the direction of the village.

While I was standing there by the window, I was suddenly startled by the mad clicking of the sounder.

"What is that?" the dispatcher was saying. "I'm not getting you. Adjust."

Slowly and distinctly the reply came: "One span of the river bridge has moved several feet and may go down at any minute. Try and get Vernon before the wires break, and hold No. 14.

(Signed) "OPERATOR RITA."

"Forgery!" I muttered, as I hurried to the instrument table and nervously reached for the key. Then I hesitated. "What if it should be only too true!" I exclaimed aloud. "Suppose the bridge is gone! Who sent that mysterious message, anyway?" I asked myself. No telegraph office between Rita and Vernon, and Vernon is eight miles beyond the river bridge."

Already the dispatcher was calling Vernon; for No. 14 was about due there. When he had received a response to his call, I heard him placing an order, holding all trains east. Then he called me and placed a similar order, holding all trains west.

When the order was finished I had displayed the proper signals. I took up my lantern, placed my little weapon in my coat pocket, went outside, locked the door behind me, and then hurried up the track toward the river.

Twenty minutes later I stood by the old bridge. I could not see the swollen stream, but I heard its wild roaring as it thundered by. Yet, as far as I could see, the bridge was unharmed. It was an old covered, wooden affair, and as dark as a prison dungeon. I entered the structure cautiously and slowly made my way over the ties, examining the rails carefully as I went

along. Beneath me I could hear the madly dashing torrent, but the water had not harmed the bridge, and it appeared to be as strong and safe as it had ever been. Mystified, I turned and retraced my steps.

"I may as well wire my resignation." I muttered, as I hurried back. "An express train lying at Vernon and the bridge O. K. Curse the hand which sent that message!"

Perplexed and angry, I made my way down the tracks toward Rita Station. Hurriedly unlocking the door, I rushed to the key, but instantly fell back and caught my breath in amazement, for all the wires were open and I could get no circuit.

I waited there for half an hour, and as the instruments were still silent, I again took up my lantern and hurried up the track.

Far in the southeast the clouds had disappeared and a half moon had risen and was shining brightly on the boiling, gushing river. I could see it now, a raging, thundering monster. But it was not the sight of the awful flood that caused me to stagger in horror, for there before me, a broken, twisted, splintered mass, in the surging torrent lay the major portion of the river bridge.

For a long while I stood there on the railroad track and gazed at the havoc which the waters had wrought. Then a sense of loneliness began stealing over me, and I remembered that I had not seen a living creature since the early part of the night, when the burly old man with the matted hair left me, shouting his maledictions back at me. I turned and looked down the track. Away in the distance my night hawk at Rita Station was burning brightly.

The only other sign of life was another tiny light, bravely struggling through a belt of wood that skirted the railroad tracks for a mile beyond the river. I looked at my watch; it was 4:15 o'clock. Then I started down the track toward the station. I had gone only a short distance, however, when I turned back again, having suddenly resolved to cross the river. The signals at the station were set against all trains, and, as the bridge had carried the wires down

with it, it was not necessary that I should return there immediately.

A little way down the river was a wagon bridge. I could see it quite plainly in the moonlight. A modern structure, built of steel. After I had located the highway, it was but a minute's walk to the bridge. When I reached there I found that the water was still about two feet below the girders, and, fearlessly, I crossed over. Once on the other side, I followed another public highway back to the railroad, and, still carrying my lighted lantern, I started up the tracks toward the west and did not stop until I came to a point opposite to the light in the wood.

The house from which the light shone was a rude affair, built of logs, scarcely more than a hovel. It had a window and a door on the side facing the railroad, and just now the door was ajar. A well beaten path ran the short distance from the tracks to the house. Just within the window a lantern was burning brightly.

Somehow, I felt as I stood there that this little dwelling was the home of my friend of the flowing beard and the matted hair.

Becoming curious, I determined to investigate.

Taking up my lantern, I examined my revolver and returned it to my pocket again, then I strolled down the path toward the house.

I did not stop to knock when I reached the door; but, with one hand in my pistol-pocket, I stepped into the room.

The first thing that my gaze fell upon after I had entered the house, convinced me that I had made a startling discovery, and that the mystery of Rita Station was about to be solved. Lying on the table beside the lantern were a pair of lineman's climbers, a pocket telegraph instrument and a small coil of copper wire.

Dumbfounded, I stood looking at these tools for perhaps a minute, then suddenly I realized that I was in a strange house and that I was not the only person in the room.

This was brought forcibly to mind a moment later by a woman's voice in a commanding tone: "Pray, may I ask what is the meaning of this, and—?"

I turned toward the speaker, and the next instant I was looking upon the prettiest scene it has ever been my lot to behold.

Standing near a little stove, from which was issuing an unmistakable odor of fried ham and eggs, at the far end of the room; the rough brown walls of the hut as a background; her raven hair falling in a wealth of profusion about her comely neck and shoulders; tall and graceful, with exquisitely chiseled features and dark blue eyes now sparkling with an angry fire, stood a girl perhaps eighteen years of age. She was tastefully dressed in a gown of black material reaching to the ankles, where a dainty pair of boots was revealed.

"Beg a thousand pardons!" I exclaimed. "But I was coming by on the railroad, felt tired and lonely, saw the door was open and made myself at home."

"Very much so, it appears," she replied, walking to the table and taking up the lineman's outfit. "And may I inquire," she added, "what you see in these traps to startle you as they did a minute ago?"

"I—I—that is—I was interested in them for the minute, because I believed that I had made a discovery," I stammered.

She stood beside me, like the fairy mountain queen that she was, looking me full in the face, and I thought that I detected just the suspicion of a smile hovering about her rosy lips.

"I understand," she said simply. "You are the operator at Rita Station."

"Yes; that is, I was until a few hours ago."

"I am sorry for you; but if you men could only understand my dear old papa, you would not lose your positions so quickly. Poor papa, he is growing feeble-minded, but he is harmless and you people should make some allowance for him. During the past two years he has cursed a score of operators, to their sorrow. You were the last one to anger him, and you have received your deserts. I tell you these things, because, I believe, you will keep them secret, and, because I do not wish you to understand that I have, of my own free will, done these wicked things which have been the cause of perhaps many good



men losing their positions. I do not wish you to believe that I willingly sent the message that has cost you yours.

"You need have no fear for me," I replied, "for your father's curse, in my case, proved to be a blessing."

"I do not understand you," she said.

"Because you are not aware, perhaps," I answered, "that the bridge you wired about is now lying at the bottom of the river."

"The bridge gone?"

I nodded affirmatively.

"Say, papa!" she called excitedly, pushing open an inner door that led into another room. "Papa, the bridge has gone!"

I listened; but there was no response.

"He is asleep," she said, turning to me. "Remain here while I wake him."

She slipped into the room, leaving me alone. I might have gone from the house then with a clear title to a thousand dollars in gold; but I was loath to leave, and perhaps there was nothing further from my mind just then than this handsome reward.

After a few moments she returned to the door. "Father sleeps very soundly," she said. "Would you kindly come and help me rouse him?"

I followed her into the little room. The old man was lying on a low couch, dressed in the rough garb of the woodsman; his head pillowed on his shaggy hair and his heavy pillow covering his chest. The girl shook him gently. "Father!" she called. There was no reply. "Father!" she said again, growing pale and startled.

I went nearer and laid a hand on the old man's brow. It was icy cold.

"How long has your father been lying here? I asked.

"He lay down about eleven o'clock," she answered in a tremulous voice.

"Be brave," I said, my heart going out in sympathy to her, "I fear that your father is dead."

"Dead!" she cried. "No, not dead! Oh, kind sir, tell me he is not dead!"

"I sympathize deeply with you," I said, "but evidently he has been dead for several hours."

Overpowered by this sudden overwhelming sorrow, the grief-stricken girl buried

her face on her father's bosom, and sobbed aloud, while I silently withdrew to the little window and raised the sash, for the air in the small room had become damp and stifling.

Far to the southeast the dawn was breaking through the scattering clouds. For a long while I stood there in the silence of the room, watching the first bright streaks of morning, and listening to the roaring of the mighty flood that was sweeping down the river. When I turned from the window, the girl had brushed away her tears and was standing there, a sorrowful look on her sweet young face enhancing even more her queenly beauty.

Suddenly she dropped to her knees beside the dead man's couch, and, while I bent over a chair, through the open window, on the crisp November air, her rich young voice floated heavenward, as she poured out her soul in prayer.

When she had finished, she arose to her feet, and I, scarcely knowing what I did, clasped her hand in mine, there by the dead man's side. "You are a noble woman," was all I could say.

I heartily agreed with Nell, when, a few minutes ago, she brought little Grace and baby Joe into my study for their usual good-night kiss, that the remainder of my story is entirely too sweet to be told. Suffice it to say, therefore, that I received the thousand-dollar reward for solving the mystery of Rita Station. I was, also, placed in line for promotion, and today I am superintendent of the Western Division of the K. & C. R. R., and the agent who had aroused my suspicion on that dreary night is now my most trusted assistant.

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### MY MIDNIGHT EXPERIENCE.

BY WALTER H. CANDLER.

**E**XPRESS robberies along the G. R. & I. had been growing daily more appalling, and as they came nearer the little station where I was holding down my first night job I grew rather nervous. Not that I had anything especial to fear, for the old safe was perpetually in a proverbial Mother Hubbard cupboard state.

But on this particular night five thousand dollars of express money was to remain in the safe, and I found myself trembling with nervousness when Mr. Humphries, the agent and sole "day man," started to leave. I let him get as far as the door before I could bring myself to make the extraordinary request which had trembled on my lips for full ten minutes.

"Mr. Humphries, please leave me your pistol." I wondered if the voice could be mine, and he evidently wondered, too, for he stared at me incredulously a moment, then broke into a loud laugh, but seeing my seriousness, he asked: "Not losing your nerve, are you Kid?"

"No, I'm not," I returned shortly, "I was just thinking of the company's interest." I drew myself proudly erect with conscious effort, but the effect was lost, for I saw a smile curve his mustache as he went out.

He came back to the counter door to say: "No one knows about the money, there is no danger; whereas, if I leave the revolver, Kiddie might get hurt."

He was gone. I was mad; yea, I was furious. In my innermost realm of thought I consigned money, agent and all to utter oblivion. Among other emotions, I remember a desire that they should find the safe robbed, and me cold in my own blood when the express should come in. That was my idea of revenge.

Righteous anger kept all other emotions away for fully three hours, then the memories of the day, the big circus that had "hit" the town, and the usual flotsam that had followed in its wake, began drifting through my mind, until I feared to turn my head lest I see a burly vagrant behind me.

There was nothing to keep my mind occupied, not even a "work extra" before the three o'clock express.

I tried to read, but found it impossible. My fear was growing into desperation, when I heard steps on the hard ground outside. They came nearer.

The door was violently shaken. I jumped up, and reached the middle of the floor, then I hesitated, with a desire to ask who was there. Meanwhile I heard the

sound of steps going around to the window. I held my breath.

My relief was intense when I saw Mr. Humphries' nose flattened against the pane. In my heart I forgave him, and hastened to open the door, ashamed that he had found it locked.

"I have come on special business, he said, when I had let him in, and he drew from his pocket a toy pistol, which he proffered with much ado, and when we turned to sit down he took it and placed it in a empty file case near the door, laughingly remarking: "For safety."

I silently blessed Mr. Humphries at his going. He had spent an hour, pleasantly narrating incidents of his early career, and my nervousness had vanished, so much so that when I turned back from the door, after telling him good-night, I did not even turn the latch again.

I took up my book, and was soon so deeply interested that I heard nothing until someone spoke at the ticket window. I started up.

There stood a tramp of the most decided type, battered hat, tattered garb, and sooty face. He asked, in mumbling tones, if he might sleep in the waiting room. I know naught of psychology nor what impulse moved me to give him permission against every rule, only that any human being, it mattered not how vicious, was preferable to the solitude.

He went into the waiting room and went to sleep. At least I presumed so, and I forgot him.

I finished the novel before twelve, and laid it aside. Still deep in its plot, I ate my lunch. As I was not sleepy, I called up the fellow at "Vn," the next station, and was engrossed in conversation with him when someone spoke at the window.

I looked around, impatient at the interruption, and saw a young man of about thirty years. "What time is the express due?" he asked.

"Three a. m." I replied, turning back to the key. I was deeply interested in reminiscences of the fellow's early days, as he rapidly ticked them off, when suddenly the

nervousness of the early night was on me again.

I have never experienced the feeling before or since, but my mind was dominated by some irresistible force. Drawn by it, I turned and saw the man had come around to the counter door. His gaze held mine, and I feared the spell of his will.

"Give me a ticket to Ft. Wayne," he said. I informed him that the ticket case was not open, and turned back to the key. I was ticking off an apology for having "opened up" when the man behind me began again: "Look here!" His voice bore a command, and without stopping to think why I did so, I arose, leaving the key open, and took half a dozen steps toward him.

At the same time he came inside the counter door, and then I saw that he was not alone. Another man followed him.

Instinctively, I realized that I was in the power of a pair of desperate men.

I was hopelessly in their power. The station "Vn" and my friend, were but three miles away; all kinds of schemes rushed through my brain.

I knew that if I could get my hand upon the key I was saved. "Will you give us tickets, please," said the last comer, and in pretended compliance, I turned, extending my left hand for the ticket case key, and reaching for the telegraph key with my other. I was sure my friend at "Vn" would hear the first click of distress—"One click, and you are dead." My hand dropped heavily.

I thought while they both stood covering me, that could I get the toy capshooter, I might bluff them momentarily, pending the arrival of some chance comer. But I could not see it, where it lay in the file case. I was wholly at the mercy of the robbers, and well I knew the efficacy of their Colts. I knew that I must give up the combination sooner or later, or hope for small mercies.

I also remember that my rash wish of the early evening recurred to me, and I denounced the mood in which I had made it as childish. It was inversely, I suppose, the truth of the quotation: "Ease would recant the vows made in sorrow and suffer-

ing as null and void." At any rate, under cover of two revolvers, I fairly quailed in my insignificance, and thought little of martyrdom.

The one who had appeared last began: "Now we want that combination, and if—" he let the full portention of the words impress me in the silence that followed. Some of the intensity of my purpose asserted itself under this covert threat. "But suppose I refuse to give it to you?" I said, and wondered at myself.

"We'll get it, or leave you dead," the first comer said coolly. He glanced to the clock, with a muttered sentence about not having all night to waste, then continued, addressing me: "When I count three, its all off." I knew he spoke the truth.

"One!"

Deep silence reigned through the office, except for the ticking of the clock. I seemed to be fast sinking under some potent hypnotic spell; my whole mind was concentrated upon the revolver barrels; my power as a free moral agent was gone.

"Two!"

I glanced at his face, and my mind registered the impression of blurred features, dominated by resolute chin, and eyes filled with intensity. I found myself listening for the "three," and wondering how I would feel—when I saw the door steal softly open and the first comer, the tramp, enter, a revolver in each hand. At that moment I reproached my self for having misjudged that specimen of human nature, and betrayed myself into the hands of the robbers.

"Three!"

I saw the tramp suddenly knock the pistol upward, and send the ball wide. Hands up!" he commanded, and the robbers wheeled around to find themselves both covered.

I was too amazed to comprehend, and the voice of the tramp aroused me. "Get these handcuffs out of my pocket and put them on," he commanded, I followed instructions, and with demoniac joy snapped them upon the domineering burglar.

"There's another pair in the other pocket," the tramp said, and I applied them

to the other one. "Now the feet," he commanded, and following his terse directions I soon had the foremost one bound. The tramp laid down his pistols, and helped me to fetter the other one.

After they were bound, it occurred to me that it was like a fairy tale, this tramp turning up at the crucial moment, with a full outfit for the capture. But he deemed no explanation necessary. He picked up the two captive's pistols, where I had laid them. "Take whichever you choose, for your bravery," he said. It dawned across me that he was a detective in disguise, and I was suddenly proud of the part I had played. I said modestly that I should like them both. I got them.

It was not until the express rolled in that I learned more regarding the detective. He was an expert in the service of the G. R. & I., and had been trailing these two most clever criminals of the day for months. I was vanquished by the greatness of the man, and a fear grew out of a consciousness of his power.

When he was about to board the train, I stepped up, and under the guise of shaking hands, said: "You know it is against the rules of the company to let tramps sleep in the waiting rooms, and I hope you won't."

He dropped my hand, and swung aboard, turning to say: "Young man, I am no tramp!"

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### MUMFORD'S PAVEMENT.

CERT. 118.

There's a little town in old New England that sets upon the banks of the slowly ebbing and flowing river, where the winter winds howl and the snow-flakes fall thick and fast.

On one of those cold snapping evenings last week some one accidentally upset a bucket of water on Mumford's pavement, Jack-frost slipping along soon after transformed it into a sheet of glistening, bone-breaking ice.

Mumford, wholly unconscious of the pit-fall in front of his door, had just taken a seat at the basement window, when a stout

old gentleman came along, carrying a half-peck of cranberries tied up in brown paper, and softly humming:

I wish I was a turtle-dove,  
I wish I was a sparrow,  
I'd fly away to —————

Je-ru-sa-lem! he exclaimed, as his legs spread themselves suddenly apart, a frightened daze crept into his eyes, and a few seconds later he had bursted the suspender buttons off of his pantaloons, and hopelessly ruined a new eight-dollar silk hat trying to butt a barrel of ashes into the gutter, while the air in that vicinity was filled with blue profanity and red cranberries.

Owing to the thermometer being down a flight of stairs below zero, and the old gentleman not having Calcium light in his vest pocket, he concluded not to pick up the eighty-eight thousand and odd cranberries scattered around, but contented himself by shaking his fist violently in Mumford's direction and yelling, "I can lick the stuffing out of a hull cart load of such smarties as you!"

"Mercy what a funny old gentleman! first he falls down then he jumps up and blames me for it," remarks Mumford to his wife, who was sitting by the light sewing; he can not to this hour recollect what reply his wife made, his whole attention being riveted upon a very tall, thin woman with a long nose and big feet, who was dragging a fat dumpling built little boy along by the hand; she reached about the same spot where the old gentleman a few minutes before had been doing stunts, when she stopped suddenly, clutched wildly at vacancy, tried to kick her bonnet off, missed it by a few of the shortest kind of inches, tripped up the boy and sat down upon him with a force that threatened to drive him through the earth to China. The prompt use of the boy-preserver, saved bones from destruction, but it flattened the sacrificing youth to the thickness of a Jack-of-Clubs in a euchre deck.

"Don't you grin at me you nasty big baboon, you!" she screamed, nodding her head at Mumford, while she groped around for her false teeth that had slipped out of her mouth in the confusion.

"She certainly must be drunk!" soliloquized Mumford, watching her actions with amazement.

"If I was a man I'd skin you alive for this, you wretch!" she shouted when she got her teeth back, and her bonnet on.

"Drunk and a lunatic both, what have I got to do with her slamming herself around on the sidewalk, I'd like to know?" he asked himself, as he watched her fading away in the darkness with her flattened boy in tow.

A few moments later he was flattening his nose against the window pane, a pair of lovers came tripping along.

"And Amy, love," said the gentleman, "I can hardly realize that so soon you are to be my little darling ducky—" "Suffering Alligator!" he shrieked, as his legs opened like a pair of compasses and he struck the sidewalk with a jar that loosened his back teeth, lifted his scalp an inch or two, cooled his love, started his eyes full of tears and made him regret bitterly that he had forgotten so much of his boyhood profanity, "Oh, Freddie!" exclaimed his fiancée, trying to lift him up by his paper collar, and the next instant his charmer's feet slipped on the ice and after swaying to and fro violently for a moment, she attempted to turn a backward somersault, which her lover did not look upon as a success, owing probably to the fact of her kicking him in the ear as she went over with more force than a Missouri mule.

They got up, glanced sheepishly around to see if anyone had noticed them, tried to coax up a sickly smile and limped away, trying to look as if they didn't want to rub themselves.

"Hang it all, why in thunder don't you sprinkle some sand or ashes on that ice, called out a grocer, who had skated off in the gutter and smashed three dozen eggs, the back of his head and a bottle of olive oil, in falling.

"Oh, there's ice there, so that accounts for the gymnastics," said Mumford, filling a scuttle with hot coals and ashes and hurrying out.

Some of the neighbors who happened to be looking out of their front windows,

about that time, have said since that it was grand and aweinspiring to see Mumford, after remaining for a second on his back, pointing at the twinkling stars with his heels and emptying his pockets on the sidewalk, suddenly collapsed into a tangled, scorched and bruised heap and shrieks and more sparks than a fireworks explosion would make.

A policeman helped his wife and cook carry him into the house, and he has informed the attending physician that as soon as he can cultivate enough skin to cover the bruised places, he is going to move to a climate where it don't freeze once in a billion years.

His wife thinks that she has read of such a place in the bible.

### LOVE OF MONEY.

By A. H. MODRICKER.

IT has been quoted from time immemorial that "the love of money is the root of all evil." And some modern wit (?) has seen fit to air the few remaining bits of "wisdom" in his belfry by making the following observation: "Give us plenty of root." His "wit" must have been death to him—with no great loss to the world.

But, seriously, did he not strike the nail on the head? Fool that he was, the desire that he expressed is possessed not only by hundreds, but thousands of mortals today. The rush of the civilized world is for money, and gladly do we plunge with the others into the whirling maze of the financial rapids to glean from its uncertain depths the gold that we will fondle so lovingly in our old age, or spend in riotous living in our youth—according to our varied inclinations.

So swiftly are some of us carried down the swirling waters that love for those nearest and dearest to us, mother, father, sister, brother, evaporates before that one consuming flame—the love of money. Having eyes, we see not; having ears, we hear not the warning swash of the angry waters on the jagged rocks beyond. The emblem of youth—the almighty dollar—like

an apparition, forever appears before us, gliding as we glide, slowing up as we slow up; but forever leading us on, on to our ultimate destruction, if we heed not the warning bell of danger—that bell called Moderation.

And, after all, riches do not always bring contentment, nor joy, nor pleasure, nor health. A happy life depends not upon a fat purse. If we but lead an upright, straightforward existence, even if we only steer the middle course, being neither wealthy nor poor, having a healthy ambition, doing good with what we have, helping those in trouble and distress—our days will be filled with joy, our bodies with health and our hearts with love—not temporal wealth, but for God and our fellow-men.

### SPRING FASHIONS.

BY CARL M. HAUGEN.

**N**OW shall we succumb to the long green frock, modeled on the chase, yet graceful line of a string bean, with the double row of buttons scattered along the ribs like the stops on an organ? Or shall we allow our errant fancies to be wooed into the melodious drama by the modist one-button cutaway as worn with the fashionable waistcoat of the new squashed cantaloupe tint? Shall we have the scalloped effect or the turned back cuffs? Or shall I order some of these tasty side pockets that are set on a curve and put on the bias like a shark's smile.

It's all an open question to me, and I will probably need the help of a few discriminating friends to make a selection.

You see there is such a confusion of directions coming from those that are most qualified to speak out and advise an excited public. One leading authority says that the broad line of wavy braid running down the outer seams of the trousers or pants, if made west of Pittsburg, would provide a truly winsome effect on a business suit for forenoon wear.

Another who is of an equal standing in the profession, especially recommends that they be made loose and carefree about the hips, but turned up at the bottoms as far

as the dictates of good taste and the size of the knee joints will allow.

Personally I have a haunting dread that the long and clinging frock coat will not fit me. It would be fine for a willowy and slender form, say like that of Secretary von Meyer, who is really the only Gibson girl statesman we have left. But I have a good figure that is only pleasantly plump, still I am willing to admit that I am getting what you would call lumpy in spots. That is what makes me hesitate in my selection of those close-fitting or princess effect garments.

It's no wonder that so many of our young men are breaking down under the nervous strain of trying to do the right thing, in the face of such conflicting and contradicting advices.

It would look, from my readings, that a man that dresses up like a human being this season, is in great danger of being jeered at as one lacking in the mere rudiment.

One article that I saw in the paper says that not only the coatings, and the pantings and vestings, but even the under-shirtings and porous plastering, if such be worn, must follow a common tint, such as mauve, shrimp, pink or a muskmelon tan to stamp a fellow as a dresser of discrimination and individuality.

Now a man of even the simplest tastes will need at least six walking canes, and as for cuff-buttons and scarf pins there will soon be no limit.

It certainly makes me envious to read of the garments that are going to be worn by the world of fashion the next month. Our stock sprang from the primeval soil at too recent a period to qualify me to wear those Pain's fire works clothes. If I should become an owner of a pair of those fashionable egg half-hose, formerly socks, having the design of Southern smilax twined around the ankles, and holly hocks in their natural colors running up the legs, I'd feel that I'd have to walk on my hands to get my money's worth. But the mamma-born, as the poets say, can go paddling around in society with his southern terminals thus en-

meshed in beauty's weave and never let on any more than if he were barefooted.

It takes about three generations of persistent wealth and the kind of culture you get while railroading to reach the point where you can put on these garments and look as if you were wearing them. With most of us it would look as if the clothes were wearing us.

This clothes proposition is a funny game any-way you take it. When our healthy ancestors were inhabiting the swamps of Briton, wearing their own teeth and hair, and with no excess baggage to speak of, then they were savages; when they fell into the habit of wrapping up their legs the same as comic opera banditti and wearing outer garments that fit them as badly as if they had been made by an up-to-date tailor of the present day, then they were semi-barbarians. But in this century when a man puts on a pair of suspenders that saw into his better nature and cut his disposition into two jagged fragments, and when he inserts his feet into pointed toed shoes, that have enabled so many of our leading men to buy country places, and encases his dome in an opera hat that would be a concertina in itself, if it had works in it, and backs into an overcoat that fits like a dog

tent, and sometimes even falls for one of those tweed suits with such nice broad stripes in it that you have to walk around behind him to see the rest of the pattern, then he is a crowning product of civilization.

We are all slaves of some sectorial tyranny or other, whether we get it from an almanac by the light of a log fire, or buy them direct from a high-priced specialist on Fifth Avenue. The main difference is that out in the provinces they do not go after the new tailor-shop goods every time the calendar moulds a page. They seem to stick closer to the old idols.

A highly shellaced white shirt with a white tie and a diamond stud—that's a gambler; same with the tie, but without the stud—that's the local pastor; same with the tie slipping around under the ear and a marble design of tobacco juice on the bosom—that's a member of the legislature; same with no tie, no stud and carving a trip to the laundry—that's the man that cleans up around the place for fifty cents a week.

A person in the back-woods district can always hold his own and a little of somebody else's if he clings to two things, his power of speech and his Prince Albert coat.





### Praise of Homely Women.

Prate not of pretty girls to me,  
Of ruby lips and dreamy eyes,  
That beauty can not cease to be  
An ever fresh and sweet surprise;  
I care not though her face be fair,  
And framed as in a wreath of curls—  
For pretty maids I do not care;  
I sing the praise of homely girls.

I sing of her whose nose is pug,  
Though even to the side 'tis tipped,  
Whose figure's like old Omar's jug  
Which mourned the potter's hand had slipped;  
And say you that she squints a bit?  
What odds? And in her speaking halts?  
Nay, girls who squint possess the wit  
To squint a man's most glaring faults.

A dainty, slender foot, no doubt,  
Is pleasing, when all's said and done,  
But husbands later find it out  
That larger feet are best to run  
Their little errands, fetch their shoes  
When home they come at day's demisc.  
For dainty feet possess no wings—  
Big-footed girls are for the wise.

The pearly, peach-blow cheeks has fears  
Lest cooking spoil its lovely tint.  
Cerulean eyes dare shed no tears,  
Or show of Sympathy a hint  
The hand of Venus smoothes no brow,  
Unless it be a Duke's or Earl's—  
And so when you would choose a frau  
Do not forget the homely girls.

—*Philadelphia Press.*

### The Sweat-Shop Suit.

It tells of the sweatshop's misery,  
It speaks of the toiler's strife;  
It calls to mind human suffering  
That ends with the worker's life;  
It sings of the hot, foul attic,  
Where twenty long hours a day  
A horde of men, women and children  
Are wearing their lives away.

It tells of the fainting creature  
Sewing on at the endless seam;  
It pictures the crowded quarters  
That reek with the heat and steam;  
It represents human life-blood,  
The price that it costs to live;  
The cost of the bread and butter  
Some starving mortal must give.

It shows in its shabby make-up  
The injustice that gave it birth;  
It speaks in its shoddy finish  
Its uttermost lack of worth;  
Its sag and its thousand wrinkles  
Tell plainly where it was made,  
As though even it were ashamed to be seen—  
The suit of the sweatshop grade.

Then why do you buy it, brother?  
Those clothes that are stamped unfair;  
Those garments of filth and squalor  
That the smell of the sweatshop share  
Refuse them and look for the label;  
Your conscience won't trouble you then,  
Don't accept the product of starvation—  
Wear union-made clothing, like men.

—M. DASH.

### Say Something Good.

Pick out the folks you like the least and watch  
'em for awhile;  
They never waste a kindly word, they never waste  
a smile,  
They criticise their fellow men at every chance  
they get,  
They never found a human just to suit their  
fancy yet.  
From them I guess you'd learn some things, if  
they were pointed out—  
Some things that every one of us should know a  
lot about.  
When some one "knocks" a brother, pass around  
the loving cup—  
Say something good about him if you have to  
make it up.

It's safe to say that every man God made holds  
trace of good  
That he would fain exhibit to his fellows if he  
could;  
The kindly deeds in many a soul are hibernating  
there  
Awaiting the encouragement of other souls that  
dare  
To show the best that's in them, and a universal  
move.  
Would start the whole world running in a hope-  
ful, helpful groove.  
Say something sweet to paralyze the "knocker"  
on the spot—  
Speak kindly of his victim, if you know the  
man or not.

—*Baltimore American.*



## Co-operation.

"Help one another," the snowflakes said,  
As they cuddled down in their fleecy bed;  
"One of us here would not be felt,  
One of us here would quickly melt;  
But I'll help you and you'll help me,  
And then what a big, white drift we'll see."

"Help one another," the maple spray  
Said to its fellow leaves one day;  
"The sun would wither me here alone,  
Long enough 'ere the day is gone;  
But I'll help you and you'll help me,  
And then what a splendid shade there'll be!"

"Help one another," the dewdrop cried,  
Seeing another drop close by its side;  
"This warm south breeze would drive me away,  
And I should be gone 'ere noon today;  
But I'll help you and you'll help me,  
And we'll make a brook and run to the sea."

"Help one another," a grain of sand  
Said to another grain just at hand;  
"The wind may carry me over the sea,  
And then, Oh, what will become of me?  
But come, my brother, give me your hand;  
We'll build a mountain and there we'll stand."  
—Selected.

## A Pertinent Query.

We've the modern horseless carriage and the wire-  
less telegram,  
Likewise smokeless powder now in use from New  
York to Siam,  
We've the 'soundless war torpedo coursing under-  
neath the sea,  
While no doubt the wingless airship is a thing  
that's soon to be;  
So 'tis natural to wonder if the time is far  
away,  
When the moonbeams will be beamless and the  
sun give rayless rays,  
When the earth's crust will be crustless, purchased  
by a trustless trust,  
And all microbes will grow lifeless living in  
a dustless dust.

When we'll rest until we're restless, breathing in  
the airless air,  
Smoking smokeless cut-tobacco while we comb our  
hairless hair;  
When from seedless seeds will issue goodly crops  
of fruitless fruits,  
Upon treeless trees well nourished by some sturdy  
rootless roots,  
When the cities and the country will be full of  
noiseless noise,  
Painless pain and sleepless sleeping and a thou-  
sand other joys,

When we'll drink of juiceless juices just to please  
a tasteless taste,  
And the show-bills will be pasted on the boards  
with pasteless paste.

When the nurse will drop the baby 'mid a rush  
of careless cares,  
And he'll roll with bumpless bumping safely down  
the stairless stairs;  
When the tireless tire-woman will be sponging spot-  
less spots,  
From the leading lady's dresses rich with dotless  
polka dots;  
When the birds with wingless wings will sit on  
limbless limbs and spark,  
While they leave the leafless leaves to rustle gently  
in the park;  
When the listless maid will listen to her lover's  
toneless tones,  
As he sounds a soundless wooing over phoneless  
telephones.

When rheumatics will not worry in a world of  
jointless joints,  
And the pins in all the cushions will be stuck on  
pointless points;  
When the after-dinner speaker will delight with  
speechless speech,  
And the nation's eagle-bird be trained to do a  
screechless screech;  
When the railroads of the country will be running  
trainless trains,  
While we'll find forsooth, the final end of endless  
chainless chains;  
And when, lastly, nothing will be less than noth-  
ing, who can say,  
Is the time when all these things will be, so  
very far away?

—ARTHUR MACDONALD DOLE, in *Sunset Magazine*.

## Poverty.

The people call him rich; his lands  
Stretch very far and very wide;  
They call him rich, yet there he stands  
Ill-clad and bent and hollow-eyed.

The people call him rich; his gold  
Is piled in many a yellow heap,  
But he is all alone and old,  
And when he dies no one will weep.

They call him rich, but where he dwells  
The floors are bare, the walls are bleak;  
They call him rich; he buys and sells,  
But no fond fingers stroke his cheek.

They call him rich; he does not know  
The happiness of standing where  
Sweet winds across the meadows blow  
And toss the verdant billows there.

—S. E. Kiser, in *Harper's*.

# FACETIOUS

## His Gain.

"How did Harry enjoy his trip abroad?"

"Very much. He looks happy, and has gained one hundred and fifteen pounds."

"One hundred and fifteen pounds?"

"Yes; and she's an heiress."—*Brooklyn Life.*

## What Was Needed.

"John, the landlord says he'll make any repairs on the house that are needed."

"Well, Maria, the house is all right except one thing."

"What is it, John?"

"Well, Maria, several times lately I've nearly broken my neck reaching for another step at the head of the stairs when I got home late, so I guess he'd better put another step there."—*Ex. Gaz.*

## Unfortunate.

"Eunice says she is the unluckiest girl in the world."

"What's the matter now?"

"She was just about to marry a traveling man when he was admitted to the firm, and now he will be at home all the time."—*New York Globe.*

## Very Plausible.

Two Irishmen were digging a sewer. One of them was a big, strong man about six feet four inches in height, and the other one was a little puny man about four feet six inches. The foreman came along to see how the work was progressing, and noticed that one of them was doing more work than the other. "Look here," he cried, "how is it that little Dennis Dugan, who is only half your size, is doing nearly twice as much work as you, Patrick?" Glancing down to his partner, Pat replied: "And why shouldn't he? Ain't he nearer to it?"—*Kansas City Independent.*

## Hardly.

A Laramie woman went to the theater the other night with some friends, but when they were seated she was separated from her friends by a man and woman who seemed to pay no attention to each other. The woman figured out that if the two people would sit over a seat she could sit with her friends. Bracing up her nerve, she said sweetly to the man, "Beg pardon, are you here alone?" The man stared at the curtain as if he were drawing a salary for it. "I beg pardon," the woman said a little louder, "are you alone?" "Get wise," whispered the man hoarsely through the extreme corner of his mouth, "this is my wife."—*Exchange.*

## A Double End Collision.

"What was your most exciting experience in a fast machine?" was asked of Oscar Figman, an auto fiend who sleeps with his goggles on.

"My most harrowing experience," said Figman, with a shudder, "my most terrible ride in an automobile occurred in an upper berth on a B. & O. train. I dreamed that I was five miles ahead in the Vanderbilt Cup race.

"All of a sudden my machine broke down, and it looked as if I was going to lose after all. I leaped out and crawled under the machine to make repairs. There came a most horrible explosion and I was blown into—the aisle!

"I awoke flat on my back, with the sounds of a woman's screams echoing around me. It seems there was a timorous young woman in the lower berth when I crawled under my phantom racing auto to make repairs.

"The porter and some other kindly souls saw me off at the next station—and I was glad to get off."

**The Reason.**

A lawyer, who had recently come into Boston, placed his shingle outside his door. It read, "A. Swindler." A gentleman who was passing by saw the sign, and entering the lawyer's office, said:

"Man alive, look at that sign! Put in your name in full—Alexander or whatever it is. Don't you see how it reads now?"

"Oh, yes, I know," replied the lawyer; "but I don't exactly like to do it."

"Why not?" said the stranger. "It looks mighty bad as it is. What is your name?"

"Adam Swindler."

**Polite Man.**

A lady had an amusing experience in a Buffalo street car. The car was empty, with the exception of one man, and he was the reverse of the car. As she entered he rose, made her an unsteady but magnificent bow, and said, "Madam, please be kind enough to take thish plashe." Rather than offend the man, there was nothing else for her to do, so she thanked him and sat down. And for seven blocks he hung from the strap, swaying in the breeze, with not a soul in the car but the two. The lady says it is frequently that she is taken for other women, but never before had any one thought she was a carful.—*The Argonaut*.

**An Amusing Incident.**

Signaling in all its branches by the international code, by the hand-flags, the semaphore, the Morse code, form a part of the English naval officers' education. Quite an amusing incident occurred to an officer consequent upon his acquaintance with the last-named methods, which is, of course, the same as the telegraph system. He was traveling on the train from Liverpool to Manchester in a carriage, of which the only other occupants were two very young ladies, evidently telegraph operators. Scarcely had he settled down to enjoy his morning paper when his attention was arrested by a tick-tick, tick-tick from the other end of the carriage. Presently he found himself listening and spelling out the letters as they were ticked off, and this is what he read:

First Girl: "Sailor."

Second Girl: "Undoubtedly."

First Girl: "Nice looking."

Second Girl: "Adorable."

First Girl: "Like to kiss him."

Before the second girl could reply, the officer, grasping the situation, had dropped his paper and ticked off on the window frame with the bowl of his pipe, "Come on, both of you!" The consternation of the girls can be better imagined than described.—*J. G. W.*

**Paid For.**

An Irishman entered a country inn and called for a glass of the best Irish whisky. After being supplied he drank it and was about to walk out when the following conversation took place:

Landlord—Here, sir; you haven't paid for that whisky you ordered. Irishman—What's that you say? Landlord—I said you hadn't paid for that whisky you ordered. Irishman—Did you pay for it? Landlord—Of course I did. Irishman—well, then, what's the good of both of us paying for it?—*London Tit-Bits*.

**Where Counsel Failed.**

A barrister "for the defence" was conscious that he had a weak case, and his only chance was winning the sympathy of the jury.

He was cross-examining his last witness.

"Have you any occupation, my lad?" he asked the witness.

"No, sir."

"Don't you do any work?"

"No, sir."

"You mean to say you loaf about?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well, what does your father do?"

"Same as me, sir."

"How does he support the home then?"

"He doesn't, sir. Mother does mangling."

Counsel grew indignant.

"The fact is you and your father are worthless fellows; no good to anybody. Does your father drink?"

"Hadn't you better ask him?" replied the lad. "There he is in the jury box; third from the end!"

# Our Correspondents



## THE PIVOT OF HUMAN LIFE.

**P**ROFESSOR SELIGMAN, one of our great dabblers on modern industrial problems and turmoils, has recently said: "The economists of today in our colleges are more in sympathy with producers than with consumers. Hence they favor high tariff taxation more emphatically than in former times."

To chatter about tariff taxation or any other kind of the many with which all nations have always been cursed, without first trying to ascertain if they are inevitable or not, indispensable or not, to honest, human development—what kind of logic is that? In the realm of human government, no question is properly answered, no assertion is proved to be sound, no method or process or details can be set down as honest and sensible until we try to ascertain the quality of the taxation we may have as favoring the evolution of industrial monopolies or preventing, making that evolution fragment of God's planet anywhere, for any length of time.

The only method of taxation that can be honest, with the honesty of the golden rule law, is that which would leave all men, as plain workers, free to use and develop any fragment of God's planet any where, for any healthy, useful occupation in the industrial fabric of human life. That is just what no method of taxation has ever done. They all have done just the reverse. All our tax methods are but copies of those devised by the worst heathen despotisms. We have simply made them work, in their fatal results to all of us. The grand totality of evil is bound to grow in proportion as population increases all over the earth, and we keep the land monopolist, the land gambler, the land speculator, the corporation, the trust, the merger, the syndicate,

or any franchise industrial combination between God's plant and the multitude of workers who alone can properly develop that planet of ours.

The planet in question belongs to the workers of nations. It is principally through rotten, idiotic systems of taxation that all nations, heathen or christian, have given the absolute, even if indirect control of that whole planet, to groups of men, for them to fix the conditions on which the bulk of the most indispensable workers would be allowed to work and live a mean existence, when not a very wretched one, in relation to the kind all workers could have under the supremacy of golden rule principles in human laws.

All assertions or discussions on human development and growth are worthless, a waste of time, as long as we refuse to even grasp the fundamental social crime that has poisoned the life of all men, in all ages and generations, from saint to sinner, generally speaking. We mean the legalized crime of all nations as far back as we see fit to go. That crime has been allowed to grow and bloom, because it has never been taken cognizance of, because we don't want to even recognize its existence. Hence the many sins and wrongs we keep suppressing, we say. Hence the many wrongs and sins we keep alive and growing.

Our absence of taste to go down to the fundamentals of our life, comes from the fact that our education has not taught men that we only have the right to look for enjoyments when no one may need to suffer from them. We thus discard the eternal condition on which alone we all can have boundless joys. Outside of that simple condition we all are subject to have boundless sorrows. We all then have to pay some penalty for the Godless civilization we

do our best to develop, even if we don't mean that. Given certain causes, certain results shall follow.

It is very depressing to notice that the wisdom of men has never seen fit to recognize the following fundamental verity: Either we must have a sound, social and national environment, or a bad, rotten, disgraceful one, because there is no middle term between the right and the wrong, between the true and the false. Well, under a wrong social environment, because of selfish human laws, laws of land and wealth monopoly, we all condemn ourselves to live and work for the badness and unhappiness of all of us. It is only through a sound social environment, and so under the action of unselfish laws, and hence laws of equal rights to all, that we can work for the goodness and happiness of self and everybody else. Is not that as self-evident as possible? And yet neither civil nor religious education tells men the simple processes by which to establish a natural, normal social media.

Every now and then some of our good men try to dwell on what Christ would do or say if He was here among us, as He was among the men of the nineteen centuries ago. Christ is here all along, has never left us. He is here with His constant new revelations to men, they being simply fresh expansions of what He told us nineteen centuries ago. He gave us then—the plentitude of God's wisdom, in relation to our duties on earth. That wisdom gives us—the mathematics of righteous conscious development. It does that in forms even more simple and exact than we find it in the mathematics of the physical universe.

The plain people of modern nations do today, perhaps, as well as they can, as it was very likely the case with all previous generations. What right have we to deny that, we, the fellows that could remodel civilization in a few short years, because we have or can obtain the power and knowledge needed to place humanity in peace with God?

As soon as we see fit to live grouped in nations, or social agreements, we establish a pivot, a central point around which the

life of everyone of us is bound to turn, to rest upon, to condition the essentials of our conduct and behavior. Each one of us becomes then more or less responsible for the sins of the rest of us, if we have not established the right kind of pivot. We have never yet seen fit to even try to discriminate between a healthy and a sickly pivot for our combined development. We keep stuck to the distorted pivot of a dishonest national and social income, through dishonest methods of taxation. We know, or know how we can learn to establish nations on the sound basis of an honest national and social income, through a simple, honest, practical, natural, ethical tax system.

When we see fit to develop under the action or influence of the healthy national pivot we have mentioned, then each one of us shall only be responsible for our individualized deviations of ethical and moral law. The social organism shall then leave to all the glorious freedom of laws divine. It shall give to no one the direct or indirect power to oppress anybody under the mantle of monopoly laws. Few, if any, shall then be idiotic enough to oppress anybody, when all shall have the opportunity to live a full life without the trouble of getting on top of others. And if any body tried that trick, soon, very soon would he starve and perish, or human laws would vanish the fellows in question into the wilderness, there to live "*a mere animal life.*"

JOSE GROES.

#### THE STUDENT QUESTION.

It would appear to be within the bounds of possibility that we will want to adopt a different policy a year or so hence, than the one which has governed us in the past in regard to teaching the art of telegraphy.

Formerly, the force of numbers and the strike were our only recourse toward enforcing our demands for readjustment of wages or improved working conditions, but now when the clouds of discontentment become threatening, the civil authorities are alert to promote arbitration before the storm begins.

Conditions, two or three years ago when telegraphers were so hard to find when wanted to fill a vacancy, and also, during the past year when there has been so many idle telegraphers, are satisfactory proof that the supply or demand does not entirely govern the wages now. It is "Organization" that solves the problem, and the more complete the organization the fewer the figures that are required to "do the sum."

The student as taught now is very poorly trained for the important duties of telegrapher in a train-order or block office, even though the teacher be a "Dispatcher and a main line wire in the room," as we are often told. It lacks that fundamental element, *Observation*, which is so important in thoroughly learning anything concerning the duties of a railroad employe at a local station or in handling trains. Mr. Student is located *away-back*, or, up-stairs in some private room in a sky-scraper where he sees no trains, passengers, freight, baggage, express or business of any kind, nor does he hear any of the thousand and one inquiries for information in regard to telegrams, tickets, freight bills, rates, routing, arguments, kicking, fool questions and *damns* that a railroad telegrapher must go up against every day of his service. Forcing the railroad companies to employ men who have been trained in this manner as they were compelled to do two years ago, is eloquent logic in favor of the \$45 or \$50 minimum remaining at that figure, and it is also ample reason for using the telephone in lieu of the telegraph. Some say the companies ought to pay more and get the good men back that have left the service for better positions elsewhere, forgetting, apparently, that our committees go up once a year and agree upon a schedule of wages that are to remain in effect one year, and the chief dispatcher who employs the men has no more authority to change the figures in that schedule than he would have to change a freight or ticket tariff. It is up to him to secure telegraphers with that document, and if he can not do it the superintendent will proceed to find a man who can. Just at the present time there is an abundance of good telegraphers, but

there are not many good men out of a job and there will soon be a demand for more men, and it is for us to say whether the chief dispatchers will be compelled to go to the "Factories" for untrained men, or will we furnish them good and properly trained telegraphers for all vacancies, men that are worth more than \$50 per. People concerned in other occupations endeavor, individually and collectively, to gather all there is of knowledge concerning their peculiar industry for the benefit of every member whether he be leader or layman, expert or tyro, and thus by their mutual advancement, elevate their moral and intellectual standing and financial worth to a higher plane of civilization.

The railroad telegraph office is the only proper place to produce a competent railroad telegrapher. To be a good "Morse" linguist is but a very small portion of the knowledge he must possess to be thoroughly reliable and trustworthy, and he can acquire an up-to-date knowledge nowhere except in a railroad office, and there only by actual practice and long experience in the service, and under the guidance of a practical knight of the key. There he learns, step by step, the numberless different duties that must not be overlooked, the methods and customs in vogue in doing the work, the book of rules and time card instructions, and as he becomes more proficient in the art he learns the office calls, the abbreviations, the numerals and short cuts in continual usage for words, phrases and expressions, and the different forms of messages, bulletins, train orders, block signal usages, etc., etc., and their application to the service. His advancement is so gradual day by day that he scarcely realizes the progress he is making, but finally he is aware of the fact that he is doing a good share of the most important work of the office, and needs no prompting as to what is the next thing to be done. By and by a vacancy occurs and he becomes a full-fledged telegrapher, and enters into the spirit of the work with the air of a veteran. The dispatcher calls a bunch of offices, using that familiar "9" and he is called with the others. "Cy 9" is what he hears, the "9" being as much

like the preceding "9" as two silver dollars are alike, but with lightning quickness the scanty context conveys to his well-trained mind that there is quite a difference in their meaning. With nerves relaxed and in an affable and business-like manner he copies the order in plain legible style and delivers a copy to each of the four conductors and engineers.

But how about the "Factory" student who has had no opportunity to learn the numerous, intricate and important details of the duties of the position to which he has been assigned. He approaches his task suffering with a nervous rigor. The call from the dispatcher's office almost palsies his arm, and before his frenzied effort at revising and touching-up the order trying to make the writing appear legible, is ended, the condition of his mind is verging on emotional insanity; and little do the occupants of the trains governed by that order realize that they are thus menaced with being maimed, mangled and slaughtered, because of the employment of untrained men to handle train orders.

Telegraphic orders for the movement of trains are worked out in the dispatcher's office with mathematical precision, and their faithful, careful and correct execution rests jointly and alike upon the telegrapher and the trainmen, and the necessity for experienced, reliable and trustworthy men is just as great in one position as the other. Without thorough, practical training and experience by the employes, no train is safe to go ahead, back up, or even to stand still on the main track or side track.

Because of the changed conditions I believe we ought to teach the art ourselves and teach it right; and when I say this I do not mean to say that we should all enter into a promiscuous contest to see who could produce the greatest number of telegraphers, but we should go at it systematically, and in a way that would give the O. R. T. officials a complete record of every student. I would suggest the adoption of a student's clause in our constitution and by-laws, authorizing a student's card and a button, making a nominal charge therefor, having the obligation taken, and making the

student an honorary member of the Order with the privilege of speaking in our meetings, but not to vote; the selections to be made say by the chief dispatcher and local chairman, on the recommendation of the brother who proposed to do the teaching and the approval of President Perham, from young men just out of school who would be required to pass a mental and physical examination similar to that of Uncle Sam's cadets, or by the employes of some roads on entering their service. The cynic, of course, will be expected to do his duty by knocking on the *boys*, but the finest of our craft who possess the essential qualification of swift and sure judgment and decisions in emergencies, and the ability to solve any problem of moving trains in a congested district, and do it in a space of time that can be measured only in fractions of a minute, in a tower or train order office where the unit of time is seconds, learned the art in their young days, and when men of experience are remarkable in this respect, I am prone to believe that it is an inheritance preserved from their early life, rather than a faculty acquired after arriving at the age of mature years.

We should teach only on roads whose managements would enter into an iron-clad agreement that no other teaching was to be allowed, and while we should teach enough men to supply the demand on that road there should be no unnecessary excess or surplus of men instructed in the art when they might be employed in some other vocation, instead of idling away good time waiting for some one to die or resign.

An agreement of this character should bring about mutual action between the division officials of the roads and the representatives of the Order, instead of that eternal vigilance of each to out-Herod the other, bring about better discipline and more loyalty to the dispatcher, promote a better service, secure for us a higher consideration by the trainmen who would be most benefited by the greater security to themselves and family, and also command public opinion generally in our favor. I believe it was Abraham Lincoln who once said that "public opinion in this country is everything." CERT. 2254, GRAND DIV.

**SUNDAY LABOR.**

What we wish to obtain through legislation in regard to Sunday labor, is for railroads and large factories to be compelled to recognize the law of the land the same as smaller organizations which are prohibited from Sunday labor throughout our land.

We do not wish to force some strange religious faith upon the people, as the brother signing Cert. 61, Div. 111, in the March number would intimate, far from that. We only ask what is fair from a physical as well as a religious standpoint.

All laboring men need one day in the week for rest, whether they be employed by a railroad corporation or a factory, in order for their bodies to have a relaxation and rest from duty, and it is impossible to obtain that necessary weekly rest while working in certain vocations for many different corporations, including those mentioned herein.

Am on duty twelve consecutive hours every Sabbath in the year, as a telegrapher, with exception of a few hours occasionally granted me by the trick dispatcher. And many Sundays are harder and more of a strain than the week days, as our road believes Sunday to be a "cleaning-up" day, and put all the trains on the road that they consistently can to clean up the business on this day. And from a religious standpoint I think we should have and recognize a National Sabbath day, a day on which people would be free from their labors and have an opportunity to serve God if they so desire; one day out of every week should be set apart for religious observance, whether it be the first day or the seventh that could be called which ever day the denomination saw fit, so long as one day of each week was set apart for the glory and worship of God, and allow the masses to be the judge which day that should be, as it's impossible to hold more than one National Sabbath day.

Separate God's commandments from the laws of our nation and you would have left a mere useless skeleton of no account.

CERT. 3, Div. GV.

**COMMERCIAL POWER OF THE  
O. R. T.**

I think the time has arrived for the organization to make use of the vast amount of traffic which moves as a means of furthering our interest.

I have given this feature as explained below, a great deal of close thought and study, and am firmly convinced that we can branch out into a field heretofore undeveloped by our labor organizations, and one presenting greater possibilities than any yet tried.

During my visits as an organizer for the past eleven years among the telegraphers and agents, I have taken pains to observe whether or not there was a tendency on the part of members to route freight and passengers via lines friendly to our organization. I find that they are not as careful as they should be in this respect.

They have been instructed and appealed to in the past, and we all know the result: "Not as it Should Have Been."

I firmly believe that the organization, O. R. T., should engage the services of competent traffic men (there are many enrolled), whose duties would be as follows:

To ascertain at each station visited whether or not any traffic moves from station in question "via" unfriendly or unscheduled lines, and if so to see the shippers, ascertain the volume of traffic to move, and request that it be routed via lines friendly to the O. R. T. (Not necessary to mention the O. R. T., but mention the friendly competitive lines.)

His duties do not end here:

He would then communicate with the man having charge of traffic at the office of the Grand Division, who in turn would take it up with the man in the field in the territory of the unfriendly line, who could go to the traffic department of the friendly line or lines whom it was desired to favor with the traffic. I feel certain the traffic department of friendly lines would only be too glad to send a representative to secure the business.

Personal interviews with representatives of several friendly lines touching on this subject, has thoroughly convinced me that



we could control enough traffic, if the plan be properly worked, to make the O. R. T. a commercial power, viz., to enable the President of the Order to go before the management of any company and promise to increase their business in return for consideration given our members.

As already stated, have talked with representatives of friendly lines, of course not giving them any plan, also have talked with members of our organization, and men very friendly to the O. R. T. who are traffic men, and find they would favor any organization who could by a systematic effort assist them in a business way of routing their business or traffic via lines friendly to this Order.

If we did control this traffic, we would have a standing with the traffic departments of the railroads which would go a long way toward off-setting the feeling against us on the part of operating officials.

I find a member of the B. of R. T. holding the position of traffic manager for one of the largest manufacturers of threshing machines and threshing machine engines in the country. Another good friend of ours, and ex-railroad man receives THE TELEGRAPHER, would be a member if he was eligible to membership, is secretary of a Board of trade, also traffic manager for a Shippers' Association controlling a large volume of valuable business, amounting to thousands of carloads of the following commodities: cement, lumber, hides, leather, paper and forest products, yearly.

Then another, who has been an ardent worker for the Order, now holds a very prominent and important position, and in a position to dictate (I might say to the Traffic Department of Railroads), would undoubtedly co-operate with the policy outlined to increase business for our friends, which would bring our friends to a higher standing financially as well as morally.

There are many gentlemen in the same standing, if properly approached, some of them telegraphers now employed in the

general freight or passenger departments of railroads as clerks, who could be induced to route a vast volume of traffic now moving via other lines, over lines more friendly to us. When the attention of the traffic officials of a scheduled line be called to the fact, that we had secured or been instrumental in routing a certain number of cars or passengers via his line, he would not lose sight of the fact, as the traffic is the heart of the carrier and their prosperity pulsates accordingly. Some of the organizers now in the field could no doubt be very useful in the traffic department at the same time, hold our membership together by their visitations, or if necessary use these men as regular organizers. Many members would take a new lease on life were such a plan to be put into operation, and would give the Grand Division officers information regarding traffic movements enough to keep the field men busy.

Allow me to say this is not the result of a sudden inspiration, but is the result of long and careful study, and a close observance of the features introduced in the operation of such a plan.

Our traffic representatives could obtain reliable data regarding volume of traffic, earnings, etc., for comparative purposes from the different State Railroad Commissions, at the same time cultivate a friendship with the commissioners which would prove valuable in more ways than one.

I believe such men would be self supporting by reason of their good offices in holding the membership now enrolled, and opening the way for new or improved schedules as when a railroad is threatened by a power that can deliver the goods, a good deal of the delay usually attendant upon negotiations would be avoided, the cost reduced, etc., etc. While this plan would involve an additional expense for the Order, yet I absolutely believe it would prove successful if tried.

J. A. BRANDON, *Organizer.*



### Harrisburg Div., No. 3.

*Penna. Ry., Tyrone Branch—*

Our genial relief man, Mr. Goodlander, formerly secretary and instructor in telegraphy, Y. M. C. A., at Tyrone, Pa., has tendered his resignation to seek more congenial companions.

The student pest is still in evidence. At a great many towers along this branch may be seen the classical features of this element.

This is a miserable condition to find ourselves in. Who can frame an excuse? Much has been said about getting after the non. Why not get after those who claim to be members and make *men* of them? Then get after the non.

Our superintendent says: "No one except employees in discharge of their duty may be allowed inside towers and telegraph offices." Why not take advantage of this protection, and use our sole-leathers on those persistent young men who want "posting" six or eight months?

Bro. J. D. Schaeffer, agent at Beech Creek, has purchased a new auto, and is enjoying himself immensely.

Business shows a slight increase with prospects of soon becoming brighter. **SHAMROCK.**

### Lancaster Div., No. 3.

The meetings held during the months of April and May were not so well attended as they should have been, but the faithful who turned out to help go through routine of business were well repaid, as the meetings are getting spicier each time. Matters of vital importance to the craft were discussed, and these meetings as a whole are very interesting and should not be missed, especially by those who work such hours as to be able to attend. Sick benefits paid, \$36.00.

Bro. H. N. Borngesser returned to duty April 26th.

Bro. H. W. Good, reported sick, we are glad to note has returned to duty.

Bro. B. G. Kern bid in "ES," 11 to 7.

Bro. W. G. McCuen is relieving Telegrapher Clair on account of sickness.

Bro. Frank Spink is working extra on train wire, in "F," Harrisburg, covering vacations.

The boys at our last meeting were very agreeably surprised by having the choicest Havanas handed around, which were enjoyed by all present.

So far very few have sent items to the correspondent. Get busy boys, and help your scribe.

**Div. Con.**

### Sunbury Div., No. 12.

The following changes have been made: Bro. B. F. Williams, from Wolverton, second trick, to "SB" office, Sunbury, doing extra work while the train dispatchers and telegraphers in "S" and "SB" offices are enjoying vacations.

Bro. A. G. Jarrett worked extra at Wolverton, second trick, a few days, after which he returned to his regular position, Keefer, second trick.

Bro. W. T. Dyer is now working extra on second trick, and Mr. H. L. Dewitt on third trick at Wolverton.

Bro. T. C. Phillips, of Bluf, third trick, has moved from Bluf to Catawissa.

Bro. C. M. Cornelison has been transferred from the third trick, to the second trick at Rupert tower.

Bro. C. L. Hawbecker assigned from third trick at East Bloomsburg to third trick at Rupert Tower.

Bro. Joseph Nucklas assigned to East Bloomsburg, third trick.

Mr. H. W. Lennon, who had been working extra at Nescopeck since last fall, was assigned to "RX," L. & S. Junc., second trick, and later to "HO" tower, third trick.

Bro. C. L. Keyser, of relief schedule No. 4, did the extra work at Nescopeck for about a week, after which he was relieved by Mr. S. J. Doherty, a new man on the road.

Bro. F. A. Zuern, of Port, second trick, is contemplating a trip to Seattle, Wash., this summer, to visit the Alaska-Yukon Pacific Exposition. We wish him good luck and pleasure on the trip.

Bro. G. E. Minemier has resigned to accept a position as agent on the D. L. & W.

Bro. W. A. Groff is working extra at "UN" tower, second trick. I understand he expects to get a position as clerk at Mocanaqua in the near future, and will then leave the telegraph service.

Bro. W. G. Levan is working extra at "HO" tower, second trick.

Bro. J. J. Murray, of Nanticoke, second trick, has had a visit of good luck. He has been willed a fortune and a pension of fifty dollars per month. Bro. Murray has sent in his resignation to take effect may 30th. We are glad to hear this good news and trust that even if Bro. Murray does leave the telegraph service, he will still remember his brother telegraphers, and retain his membership in our Order.

Bro. A. B. Calhoun, of Milroy, spent a few days in Pittsburg recently, visiting friends.

Bros. C. W. Kase and G. O. Stahl attended our convention at Atlanta, Ga.

Bro. T. J. Coan was buried at Frackville, April 29th, and one day after the funeral, claim blanks were sent to his family, and our Mutual Benefit Department was ready to pay the \$1,000 insurance on his life; this shows the solid foundation of our Order. This should also put to thinking those few nons and others who are always balking at paying the small dues that are necessary in order to be a member in the O. R. T. Have you not realized that some day you will die too; then is when your wife or parents will see the importance of this matter. There is always danger in delay, and in this case there is special danger, for death often comes when we do not expect it; therefore, join the O. R. T. today and always keep your dues paid up.

Bro. Joseph Hall has been assigned to Boston Run Junc., second trick, which vacancy was caused by the death of Bro. Coan.

There were five assistant correspondents appointed several months ago, and I was informed they would give me some assistance in gathering news for this column. Up to this time I have not heard from any of them. Brothers, if you are still alive I would be greatly pleased if you would send me some news before the twentieth of the month.

Remember the time our next meeting will be held, and be sure to make arrangements to be present. This is important. Div. Com.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our highly esteemed and beloved Bro. T. J. Coan, be it

*Resolved*, That we thus express our high appreciation of his long service to the cause of truth and right, his sterling manhood and kindly disposition, qualities that endeared him to all, and be it

*Resolved*, That we extend to his bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of sorrow, and point them to the true source of comfort in affliction our Divine Creator, as their strength and refuge, and be it further

*Resolved*, By Sunbury Division No. 12, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that a copy of this memorial be spread upon our minutes, a copy sent to the bereaved family, and one to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. D. METTLER,

G. N. COOKE,

W. D. GRANT,

Committee.

#### A CARD OF THANKS.

I desire, through the columns of our noble journal, to extend my sincere thanks and deep appreciation to the members of Sunbury Division, No. 12, and especially to W. D. Grant, for the kindness shown me during the time of my great bereavement, occasioned by the death of my brother, Thos. J. Coan, at Philadelphia, on April 25th, and for the beautiful O. R. T. floral pillow furnished.

J. T. COAN, *Cert.* 37.

#### Baltimore Div., No. 17.

Division No. 17 is falling in line with the other Railroad Brotherhoods, and while they are holding mass meetings in large theatres, Division No. 17 will celebrate in our regular meeting place, 8. p. m., June 2nd. This meeting promises to be the "Best Yet," in fact Bro. J. B. SeBastian tells us we will have speakers of national reputation, fine music, etc. All will be amply repaid for coming. The delegate will have returned from Atlanta, and will be pleased to give you particulars of the convention.

Bro. T. C. Hunter, of Parkton, is undergoing a surgical operation at the Maryland University Hospital. His case is a critical one, but we hope for a speedy recovery.

Bro. E. C. Bange has been compelled to take a rest, on account of ill-health. We are glad to hear Bro. Bange back at the key, and trust that ere long he will enjoy his usual health and vigor.

We hear the wedding bells over the wireless, and they tell us that our good Bro. C. S. Lowe will ere long take unto himself a better-half.

Our worthy Chief, Bro. Wm. M. Skinner, has reappointed his official staff, viz: Bros. W. A. Schubert, W. B. Brenize and Wm. M. Rollins. We are glad that these brothers co-operate so heartily with our chief, thus Division No. 17 moves along as one happy family, now and again adding a few new members to its long list.

MAYFIELD.

#### Williamsport Div., No. 24.

First regular meeting of May called to order by Chief Telegrapher Bro. J. I. Klingenberg. While the attendance was not what it should have been, what was lacking in numbers was made up in enthusiasm. Don't overlook the date of our meetings, second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

Owing to the sickness of the wife of Representative Bro. J. N. Sponsler, Alternate Bro. T. R. Hepler is representing Division No. 24 at the bi-ennial convention at Atlanta, Ga.

Bro. J. E. Rubendall is working a few days in "GO," Williamsport, during the absence of Bro. Hepler.

How about creating a sick benefit department? Have you ever thought of it? Attend the meetings, and if you think it a good thing advocate it and have it adopted.

Bro. C. M. Bickel made a short visit with friends and relatives at Millersville recently.

It is hoped that after the regular correspondent and his assistants get in the harness, that Division No. 24 will be represented each month in THE TELEGRAPHER.

How about that non next door, have you asked him to join us, or have you merely insinuated that it would be nice to have him join?

Who said that we would hold a picnic the coming summer, a real O. R. T. picnic? Why couldn't we?

Since No. 62 is a flag stop at Herndon, we think Bro. Riland could attend each meeting, how about it?

Bro. P. A. Herman, proprietor of the "Square Deal" coal yard, at Selinsgrove, has recently purchased more land adjacent to his yard, to enlarge same on account of the continual increase of his business. May it never cease. CERT. 23.

### New Haven Div., No. 29.

I was not present at the May meeting, but understand that the session was as short as possible to enable some of the delegates to catch an early train enroute to Atlanta.

The delegates should have some interesting tales to tell at the June meeting, and let us hope that there will be a good attendance.

I wish the brothers on the C. N. E., and on the other divisions of the New Haven, would send me a few notes. Don't wait for the other fellow to do it, but if you know of changes or news of any kind send it along, it may not seem of interest to you, but it will interest the membership at large.

We rise to remark that we have a fine set of officials, and we know this to be especially true of the officials of the Western Division. Let us all show that we appreciate the many favors granted by them, by attending strictly to our duties and giving the best service possible, if we do this we will find them always ready to treat us fairly. I know some will scoff at such talk, but after they have scoffed sufficiently let them try the course suggested, and we will guarantee satisfaction.

T. A. ALLEN, Div. Cor.

### Western Division—

Bro. Holian, of Sheffield, bid in the agency at Newtown.

Bro. Smith, of Lime Rock, is acting agent at Sheffield for a few weeks.

Bro. Ryan, agent at Still River, is on the sick list. Bro. Smith relieving him.

Bro. Percy, telegrapher and ticket clerk at New Milford for over (20) twenty years, has bid in the agency at that station.

Mr. Frank Foster, late of "JC" office, New Haven, has been awarded third trick at Tolles Cabin.

Bro. J. C. Webb, at New Britain, is making the dust fly with his "gas wagon."

Bro. Reddish has been awarded Terryville on bid.

Bro. Ryan, agent at Still River, was the successful bidder for first trick at New Milford.

Bro. Kane, extra, is covering Bro. Osborne's job at Brookfield Jct. Bro. Osborne is not yet able to resume duty.

Bro. Powell, at New Milford, has bid in the agency at Sheffield, thus returning to the position he held for several years previous to coming to New Milford.

Bro. Shepherd, third trick at New Milford, is covering first, and Bro. McKnight is covering third trick until first trick is awarded.

Bro. Eustace, of Plainville, has bid in Southport.

Eight hours on duty,  
Sixteen for play,  
Stay on the job,  
Keep out of the hay.

Mr. E. Clark, for a number of years located at Danbury as station lineman, has been chosen by Mr. Smith to fill the newly created office of "Inspector of Telegraph Offices," a position he is well qualified to fill, and we all rejoice with him over his well deserved promotion.

Bro. Howard Tuttle, second trick at Brewster, writes insurance policies during his spare hours. He is only too glad to enumerate the many superior features of the company he represents.

In recognition of his many years of faithfulness and hard work, Bro. O. S. Culver, of "NH" office, New Haven, was elected Great Keeper of Wampum, of the Great Council of Connecticut Red Men, at the Great Council of that body held at New Britain, Wednesday, May 11th. The honor came as a pleasant surprise to Bro. Culver, since it was entirely unsolicited and wholly unexpected. After filling this office, Bro. Culver is entitled to still higher honors, being a Past Grand Sachem, and entitled to a seat as representative at the U. S. Council.

Some one is doing too much interrupting on the wires, a senseless practice, cut it out.

Bro. Flynn, of Towantic, attended the wedding of a friend at Eastford recently.

We understand that Bros. Kane and Kelly, at Hopewell, have developed into crack ball players, and have signed with the club of that town.

Bro. Dunbar, second trick at Danbury, is covering first, and Bro. R. G. Halsted is covering Bro. Dunbar's trick during the absence of Bro. Dowd, who is a delegate to the Atlanta Convention.

T. A. A.

### Midland Division—

As usual the May meeting was well represented by brothers from the Hartford Terminal.

Bro. James O'Day casts a mournful eye at all the fine eight-hour positions that are being posted on the Shore Line, and regrets coming over to the Midland.

With the opening of the summer season, Bro. Baker, at State St., will have his hands full, and he should have a man to handle the outside work.

Bro. and Mrs. Kingsland spent a few days recently at their old home in Walingford, calling on relatives and renewing old acquaintances.

Bro. Normandine had the misfortune to severely sprain his ankle while on duty a short time ago, but we are glad to note that he has returned to work after a few days lay-off.

Bro. Swaine has taken the agency for an automobile firm located in Chicago.

Manchester Station has taken on a new coat of paint, and added a new member, which makes the house solid; may it always stay that way.

A recent edition of the *Rockville Journal* had the following item: "Mr. James Costello, the congenial first trick man at Vernon tower, has leased two acres of ground near his home, and will endeavor to show his friends his ability as an agriculturist."

Mr. Shaw, of Bolton, is located on top of the mountain where it should be easy for him to look both ways, back to the days of nine per week, and forward to what we are getting now, and it can not be very hard for him to discern who got it for him. I feel sure that the three good brothers at Steeles could land him if they set about it right.

Your local chairman has divided the Midland Division into three districts, as follows:

District "A," Hartford to Willimantic, inclusive, and Northford to Chestnut Hill, inclusive, also the Springfield Branch, which he will look out for personally.

District "B," from North Windham to Norwood Central, inclusive, and from West Thompson to Southbridge, inclusive, is in charge of Bro. M. E. Jacobs, of Franklin Jct., to whom you should refer all matters that need attention.

District "C," from South Windham to Cranton, inclusive, and from Navy Yard to Dayville, inclusive; this district is in charge of Bro. M. E. Weeks, of Washington, R. I., and though Bro. Weeks is a new man on this part of the division, he is an old-timer on the road and will take care of all of your troubles.

We were very glad to see Bro. Stoughton at the meetings, and hope he will be a regular attendant.

Bro. White, of Westchester, was a visitor in Hartford last Sunday.

Bro. Pierce, one of our oldest agents (in point of service), was down to the April meeting, and was so well pleased that he is going to arrange to attend them all.

Bro. John Lewis is with us "for keeps" this time.

"E.N."

#### Providence Div., No. 35.

May meeting found thirty brothers present, and all were eager for news from the seat of war, as it were. Atlanta was upon all tongues, the mere mention of that city assured the speaker a listening and appreciative audience. Meeting was called to order by First vice Bro. McCabe, as acting chief; Bro. Smith, marshal; Bros. Trainor, Simmons and Farley, as acting secretary and treasurer, first vice and past chief, respectively; Bro. Conant, second vice, with Bros. Moore and Healy as inside and outside sentinels. Much more than the usual amount of business came before the meeting, and was disposed of with neatness and dispatch. The addresses of the visiting brothers were given close attention and were enjoyed by all.

Bro. Leete, local chairman of the Midland Division, was a most welcome visitor at the meeting, and was "there with the goods" in the shape of six applications, together with an instructive ad-

dress which gave his hearers plenty of food for thought.

Bro. Malstrom, of Division No. 102, was another welcome visitor, and his account of conditions where he came from was very interesting and instructive.

Bro. Byron P. Greene was recently stricken with pleuro-pneumonia together with congestion of the liver and kidneys, and for several days his condition was very critical; so much so that one rumor had it that he had passed to the "great beyond," but we are very thankful, indeed, to say that at this writing he is on the road to recovery. And it is the hope of his many friends that he will soon be making regular trips to Olive St. tower at Attleboro.

The "grim reaper" has again invaded our midst and removed another of our old and popular brothers to that land from which there is no return. On Friday morning, May 14th, Bro. D. Cushing, of Westminster St. tower, while on duty suffered an apoplectic shock, affecting his entire left side. He was placed upon No. 72, taken to Providence, where an ambulance was in readiness and removed to the R. I. Hospital, where death ended his sufferings at about 8:50 a. m., Monday the 17th inst. He is survived by a widow and four daughters. Bro. Cushing, who was about forty-five years of age, was among the oldest towermen in point of service employed in this vicinity, having entered the employ in April, 1891, for several years previous he was employed as telegrapher on the old New England Railroad. By his unflinching good nature and sunny disposition he endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact. He will be greatly missed by his sorrowing relatives and friends who can only bow their heads and murmur: "Thy will be done."

The General Assembly, which recently adjourned, passed an act which all labor and social organizations are interested in, and each member should do all in his power to stamp out the practice at which it aims. The act makes it a penal offense to wear the pin or emblem of an organization, unless the person wearing it is a member. We are aware of the great extent to which such practice is carried on by a certain class of "parasites," who tell hard luck stories of sickness, etc. Let us all join in and make "Little Rhody" too warm for them.

The news that Bro. R. A. Brown, our most popular secretary and treasurer, was again compelled, through sickness, to cease work, came as a shock to his many friends, and we hope ere this appears in print that "Bob" will be back in the harness none the worse for his enforced lay-off.

The professor of that "factory" in the vicinity of Ashton, R. I., who averages about one or two partly cured "hams" per year, should take a few lessons himself at the "key," so that he could recognize his own office call at the rate of ten words per.

We were very sorry that Bro. McDermott was compelled to leave early at the April meeting in

order to catch the train for home. We all enjoy "Mac's" visits very much.

Bro. C. R. Weeks has been transferred from Midway to second trick at Orms St. tower.

Bro. Farley, from second trick at Orms St., to first trick at Dexter St.

Bro. Masterton, from second trick at Blackstone Station, to third trick at Park St. tower at Attleboro.

Bro. McCluskey, first trick at Niantic tower, is again at work after a two weeks' siege of sickness.

Bro. Smith, second trick man at Davisville, was off duty several days on account of neuralgia. Bro. Dykeman relieved him.

Bro. Byrns, second trick at Kingston tower, transferred to second trick at Midway, "MA" tower.

Bro. Dykeman, from New York, is one of the latest arrivals posted at East Greenwich tower, and made good.

Bro. Darrow recently attended meeting, we believe for the first time. We hope the present schedule of trains will allow the brother to be present each month.

The painters and decorators have been busy for several days upon the Holden St. tower, Attleboro Annex, making it a thing of beauty and joy forever.

Bro. Giles, first trick at East Junction, was off for a few days, on a trip to Gardiner, Mass., visiting his mother. His position covered by Bro. J. C. Clark.

Bro. Henry Benoit, of Millville Station, was the successful bidder on second trick at "CK" tower, Attleboro.

Bro. Henry Savaria, from second trick at "CK" tower, Attleboro, to third trick helper at Northup Ave. tower.

Bro. F. Bayley, first trick at West Mansfield tower, is again at work, he having recovered from a lingering illness. We are glad to see his smiling face once more.

Mr. Withington is covering third trick, Olive St., Attleboro, in Bro. Greene's absence.

Mr. W. H. Mattison is covering second trick at Olive St., Attleboro, pending assignment.

Mr. Sargent covered first trick at West Mansfield during Bro. Bayley's absence.

It certainly is a source of great pleasure to know that all the old officials of our beloved Order have been elected to succeed themselves for another term; thus insuring for the organization another two years of go-aheaditiveness. May it ever be thus.

The Order is certainly jumping from one extreme to another in regard to convention cities, from the Sunny South to the Frozen North is sure "going some."

#### *P. V. Branch—*

Bro. Wood, of Harris, is farming, and in addition looking after his real estate.

Haven't seen Bro. Luboskey, of Auburn, at meetings lately. Something must be wrong, for Sammy used to be a regular attendant.

#### *Third District, Electric—*

The advent of the summer season on this branch is at hand, and bids fair to be the biggest and busiest yet.

The opening of the tunnel taking our trains into the Union Station, and the heavier travel which will naturally result from the improved connections, and facilities for reaching the shore resorts and the installation of a straight ticket system, will have a tendency to keep all the station employes on the branch running in circles from May 30th until Labor day, inclusive.

Bro. Brown, of East Providence tower, whose illness prevented his attending the convention, is at the present writing slowly improving. Bro. "Si" Haley covering the first trick at East Providence during Bro. Brown's absence.

The new tower at East Water St. opened in March. Bro. Bishop, first trick; Bro. Hedges, second trick, and Carter, third trick.

A new tower is now being erected at Waterman St., and is expected to be put in service soon.

Bro. C. A. Brown, formerly of Wrentham, relieved Bro. D. M. Callis at Touisset, while he attended the convention as alternate for Bro. R. A. Brown.

Bro. A. M. Ross, of Valley Falls, was a visitor a few days since, in pursuit of the festive clam.

Bro. Ed. Phillips called on us while on his way home last week, and reports progress. Ed. is getting more or less familiar with the rail and water routes of Eastern Maine in the interest of the Oliver typewriter, and we are pleased to state is making good.

#### *Old Colony Division—*

Bro. Hathaway, first trick at Somerset Jct. tower, who has been off sick for the last month, has returned to work.

Bro. Hathaway was relieved by Bro. Callaghan, second trick man. Mr. White relieving on the second trick.

Somerset draw-bridge has been double tracked and a new electric machine installed for the operation of the draw and interlocking. The big freight engines will commence running over the draw on the new time table.

Bro. John Trainor was in Fall River recently, renewing old acquaintances. Bro. Trainor has been out of the ranks of the actively employed telegraphers for some years, but has retained his membership in the O. R. T., and always has a good word for the boys.

Bro. Ambrose Winslow, agent at Assonet, has been laid up since last fall with a severe attack of rheumatism, but will return to work soon. Bro. "Jim" Riley has been holding down the job in the absence of Bro. Winslow.

Sister Pare, telegrapher at Fall River Wharf, is negotiating for a new sending machine.

Bro. Cushman, of North Easton, has bid in the spare towerman's job.

North Easton is now up for bid. Div. Cor.

FALL RIVER, MASS., May 1, 1909.

The annual banquet of the telegraphers of Fall River and vicinity, has become an event looked forward to by all who have been fortunate enough to secure invitations. The 1909 gathering was one that will long be remembered with pleasure by all present, and was such an unqualified success, that it is expected that the committee will enlarge a little on the plans for next year, so as to include more of the membership in the territory covered by the Boston and Providence Divisions in the list of invitations.

The arrangements for the banquet just held were made by Bro. Fred. I. Walker, and Bro. Wilson, of the Fall River station, and were above criticism. The scene of the gathering was the Hotel Savoy, Fall River, and Mr. McCarthy, the genial host, outdid himself to give the boys a good time.

Bro. Ross, local chairman of the Old Colony Division, acted as toastmaster and proved to the satisfaction of all, that besides looking the part he possessed a whole lot of ability.

Bros. Trainor and Wilson spoke on subjects of interest, and the discussion became general, all present taking part.

The time and place of the 1910 affair has not yet been decided on, but as the same committee has charge of the arrangements it is a foregone conclusion that it will be a success. Cor.

ARNOLD MILLS, R. I., April 16, 1909.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the members of Providence Division No. 35, O. R. T., and all other friends for their generous contributions to me in my present sickness. Words can not express my appreciation, and I wish it were possible for me to thank them all personally.

Yours fraternally,

W. M. Wood.

### New Rochelle Div., No. 37.

What's the matter with Division No. 37? Two months have passed and no items. How can we claim that No. 37 is one of the most progressive divisions in the East unless we have a write-up each month thereby letting other divisions see we are not dead ones.

A word to members in New Rochelle: We have at least fifteen members here and the average attendance is about three. This does not look well when other members come fifty miles to be present. Those who are married should coax their better halves to let them have the second Friday each month off, and if they refuse they (the members) should show their independence by coming any way. The chief will appoint a committee to escort all such members home in safety.

Bro. F. R. Gallagher, agent at Bethel, accompanied by his family, is spending a few weeks in the Catskill mountains.

Bro. F. N. Taylor, who was injured while on duty at Oak Point Yard, is able to be out, after the lapse of five weeks. Ere this is in print he will be back on duty.

Bro. T. J. Gallagher was not at our May meeting on account of being in attendance at the convention. Come to the June meeting and hear all about it.

The committee has been appointed to make arrangements for our annual clam bake, and no doubt it will be up to the standard if not better than on former occasions. Every one is looking forward to it, and from all accounts it will be "better than ever."

Bro. Tiffany is spending his vacation in Susquehanna and vicinity. He formerly resided in Susquehanna.

Cos Cob and Harrison have been silenced in regard to reporting trains. We understand they are to be discontinued June 1st.

Many of the boys are wondering what will become of us when the branch towers are closed. Cheer up, we can go fishing. CERT. 10.

### Springfield Div., No. 38.

At our May meeting we had a very-much-alive crowd, and things moved along nicely. Among the items of business transacted was the reception of five (5) petitions for membership, and advice from three of the five members who were in arrears to the effect that they would do the needful in the course of a few days. Thus the good work is going on among us; the prospects are very good for a prosperous future for this division. Individual effort has certainly been the real thing with us; but it must be admitted, however, that some of us have really exerted ourselves but very little, and a few have done about all the work. We notice that the larger our membership becomes the faster it grows accordingly, and will continue to grow until such time as all of the material (nons) is exhausted and solid organization will be the result of our activity in converting the available material into the finished product, good loyal members of the Order. Should this article reach any "dead ones" it is earnestly hoped that they will get busy and do their little bit, each and every one do something in their own locality, let this appeal not be in vain, if you have already done well you can do better. This means you and me and all of us. An especial effort should be made and made now. How many of us will do our share? I desire to remind one and all that we should have a better attendance at our meetings, in view of the fact that there are a good many members living within a short distance of Springfield; there certainly should be a larger attendance at all of these meetings. Many brothers go to a great deal of inconvenience, losing rest and undergoing more or less expense for the purpose of attending division meet-

ings. These men deserve much credit and will long be remembered for their faithfulness.

They can feel the satisfaction of the righteous, and are not afraid to look another brother square in the eye, because they are right with their conscience. I believe every man has a conscience, although it's sometimes a difficult matter to find it.

There is another class of men who really do not seem to make any effort whatever to get to our meetings; this doesn't mean the "other man," it means you if you don't attend when there is no better reason for your absence than the picture-shows, bowling alleys, etc., etc. Some of the boys who live within fifteen minutes trolley ride, and others not over fifteen minutes walk from the division room, do not seem to care what is done at meetings, but if you meet them later they will show a very lively interest. We know these boys are really interested, but it's simply a question of careless indifference. We believe they simply do not realize the importance of being at meetings, keeping informed and learning the work which every good O. R. T. man should participate in at one time or another. Then again: some of the out-of-town members travel many miles, undoubtedly with the intention of being on hand for the meetings; some will arrive in town, and right in sight of the division room will turn the other way (there is not much chance for a change of moral attitude between the station and division room across the street), and roam over the city seeing the sights when without a doubt they would feel much more like men the next day had they attended the meeting.

Now then, brothers, won't you take this unto yourselves and come out to the meetings and help in the conducting of same, all these matters which come up in a division are of vital importance to you all, do your duty. If anyone has a grouse come and thrash it out, don't sulk like a child. If any brother has met with opposition in the division room (because all could not agree with him on some particular question), just think it over deliberately and see if it does not occur to you that the majority of members should have the moral and legal right to decide all matters. Come along to meetings one and all, there will certainly be plenty to keep you interested once you come in.

Let us remember the rule. Get the beam out of our own eye, and then the other fellow may look different to us. Few of us but have some fault, let us forgive any of these little faults we find in others, to the end that we may expect to likewise be forgiven.

Bro. Freehan has gone to Panama, did not hear further particulars. We are sorry to see him go, and he has the best wishes of all, wherever he may be.

Those of us who met Bro. Powers at the train, on his way to the convention, were pleased to see his jaw at the proper angle, and that he would make good.

The writer would like to see some of the ladies along the road, but it's almost impossible just

now. Would like to see some one of our members "act the gallant," and maybe we would have a larger attendance of the opposite sex. They should be given the opportunity to grace the meetings.

Here is hoping that our division correspondent will "come out of it."

SETH.

#### Boston Div., No. 41.

At a recent meeting, when the matter of a spread was being discussed, a suggestion was made which might be acted upon to good advantage by the members of this division. More or less attention has been given in the past, and with very good results, to the matter of feeding the stomach. These gatherings create a closer bond of fellowship among the men and should be encouraged. However, there is another equally or more important appetite which needs attention. I refer to feeding the mind as well. With a little effort on our part, and little or no expense, speakers could be obtained thoroughly qualified to inform us on leading topics of the day. Let us think for a moment what they might talk about. First they might tell us just what we are organized for, and just what union labor stands for. Perhaps you already know. It has, however, been my experience to note that in an argument with a non the majority of members are not able to hold up their side of the question. If they were, there would be no nons.

Have the unions benefited the unionists? Of course all will admit this. If these were all that were benefited we might well be accused of mercenary motives. Is the principle of unionism beneficial to the public and society at large? There is no room for doubt in this direction either. First, it has raised the standard of life among all classes of society and assured all of a living wage. The hours of work have been shortened, giving an opportunity for education and recreation, and greatly diminishing the number of accidents. Unionism is responsible for the elimination of the sweat shop, and improved sanitary conditions; likewise the child-labor law, and the limiting of the number of hours that women may work, thus safeguarding the health of those upon whom posterity so vitally depends.

Has it benefited the employer? It would probably be difficult for you to make some of them admit it, but it is true, nevertheless. In establishing a definite labor cost for a definite period of time, industry itself is steadied, and a uniformity otherwise impossible is secured. In the shortening of the hours statistics show that a much greater efficiency has been obtained, thus directly benefiting him. The increased wage comes back to him in an increased ability to produce and in increased consumption.

To sum up, the unionist, the public and the employer all share the benefits in this onward march of progress.

What about the injunction? Can you tell the inquirer why you do not favor it? The tendency of the times is toward giving every man the right of trial by his peers. The injunction takes away



this right, and in this is wrong in principle. The absolute lack of uniformity in its operation, as applied at different times, also makes as to just where its abuse will end. That it is being applied in a manner contrary to what was intended by its creators there is no doubt.

In Germany and England it was the abuse of these matters that finally brought the labor party together and obtained there what will be impossible here until the very fountain head itself is reached. In this country labor has constantly endeavored to avoid any political party, but the climax is being forced upon us and there seems but one relief and that is through the powers at Washington and politics. Let us have a campaign of education.

With the rapidly increasing membership of our division, and consequent increase in number of the calls for assistance made by members, in time of sickness, it would seem that the time is at hand when some means should be devised whereby our sick members could be aided without constant demands upon our local treasury. As it now stands our treasury is ample for all running expenses, and for calls from the general committee, besides leaving a fair sum for emergencies. Up to this time we have been able to render substantial aid to our members in time of trouble, without circulating many subscription papers, but it is a question of how long we will be able to do this without levying an assessment, which should only be done as a last resort.

The question of a sick benefit fund has been agitated by a number of the members, and it seems now as if it were one of the best things that could be brought about, and the question will be brought before the division. The members will be given a chance to debate on the matter and the best means of going about it. With such a membership as we have, a sick benefit of some kind could easily be established, and would no doubt be a success; for example starting with a contribution of some set amount, say one dollar from each member wishing to join, and a small monthly contribution of a certain amount to be agreed upon, when the matter is brought before the division, or when the idea becomes a reality, we could easily raise a fund which would be independent of our treasury, and which would give to sick members, who belong to the association, a certain sum for a stated period of time, when they are in need of it. Such a fund could be handled by trustees, who could be appointed by the members, and be entirely independent of the local treasury, or could be handled by our secretary-treasurer in connection with the division funds, but still be kept separate. The members should think this matter over carefully, and when the matter is brought up before the division, they should each and every one have something to say on the subject, and any suggestions or ideas from members who are unable to attend the meetings on account of distance, or by reason of their hours of work interfering, will be gladly received by the chief telegrapher or by the secretary and

presented at the meeting. Something of this kind has been adopted by other divisions and by a local organization, and as far as can be learned has met with success.

The business part of the May meeting had to be cut very short on account of time given to committee on the "Pension Bill." The workings of the bill was very clearly explained by members of the committee, and will be continued at the June meeting, when more time can be devoted to discussion of it; there was a good attendance, and every one present seemed to take an interest in the subject; it is to be hoped that we will have as large attendance at the next meeting, as it is a subject that interests each and every one of us. Several of the members took advantage of the opportunity to question the committee upon different points of the bill. A word of caution and advice may come in place here, regarding the entirely unnecessary and uncalled for demonstration made by some of the members at the meeting. It was, to say the least, in extremely bad taste and reflected on the Order as a body. The speakers were invited to be present at the meeting by request of a number of our members, therefore, in a sense, they were our guests, and entitled to respect as such, and even if all of the explanations were not clearly understood by every one present, there was no call for demonstrations of this kind. It places our Order in a bad light as an Order, and reflected on every well-meaning member present at the meeting. We should remember that at all times when the division is in session business must be conducted in an orderly business-like manner, and that while at times arguments may become a little warm, and perhaps a little feeling may be shown, the courtesy of the Order should be shown toward non members and visitors.

**Eastern Division**—Bro. Eccleston has taken Beverly, ticket job, in the place of Bro. E. C. Clifford, deceased, and Bro. Aronson went to Newburyport, third trick, vice Mr. Hall, deceased.

**Western Division**—Bro. B. G. Tuck goes to Bradford, Mass., as ticket agent, and Bro. Collins to Wakefield, in place of our former Secretary-Treasurer J. A. Tuck, who has left the service.

**Southern Division**—Bro. McDougall, of Coldbrook, bid in Gilbertville, vice Bro. Walcott, who has resigned; Bro. Hunt of Rutland, second trick, taking Coldbrook station.

**Fitchburg Division**—Mr. Simpson, of first trick at Gardner, is on a vacation in Brunswick, Maine. Bro. Alden of Orange, Mass., is enjoying a leave of absence. The agent's job at Peterboro, N. H., which was put up for bid last month, was bulletined in error. The agent was sick and off duty, but has returned to work. Bros. Porter and Roseberry, at Royalston, took in the May meeting, Bro. Roseberry being relieved by Mr. E. D. Smith, who is now relieving Bro. Alden at Orange.

A great deal of work is looked for by the brothers when the summer schedule becomes effective, June 21st. Every one will be on the jump until fall. Stevens station is again on the

map, snow has been shoveled out, and the difference of opinion regarding price of live stock between shippers at Woburn and consignee at West Somerville has been adjusted and matters are now O. K.

CERT. 80.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It seemed fitting to God to remove from our midst Bro. E. C. Clifford, late ticket agent at Beverly, Mass., be it therefore

*Resolved*, That we extend to his widow, his children and his mother, our sympathy in this their hour of grief, and be it further

*Resolved*, That Division No. 41 drape its charter as a symbol of sorrow, and mark of mourning, for the young life which glided away so early, and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our division, a copy be sent to his widow and children, and that a copy be sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. B. BODE,

J. H. ECCLESTON,

H. F. CUNNINGHAM,  
*Committee.*

Edward C. Clifford, of Division No. 41, died at his home in Essex, Mass., after a long illness. Bro. Clifford was ticket agent at Beverly, Mass., for the past three or four years, and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. He leaves a mother, wife and two children.

The funeral was held from his late home in Essex, Sunday, April 18th, and was largely attended. The floral tributes were many and beautiful, including a wreath from Division No. 41.

The bearers were Bros. F. E. Lambert, J. H. Eccleston, M. Freedman, J. Aronson, J. J. Lehan and Mr. J. F. Crowley, all of Salem.

The interment was at Essex.

#### New York Div., No. 44.

The regular meeting for the month of May was held at the usual time and place, with a very small attendance.

President S. J. Konenkamp, of the C. T. U. A., dropped in to see how we do business in old No. 44, and he was heard to remark, after the meeting adjourned, that it put him in mind of old No. 52.

Bro. Konenkamp favored us with a few remarks, which were well received, and all who heard him hope to have him favor us with another visit whenever it is convenient for him to do so.

A few excuses from the brothers who failed to attend the meeting: "I was tired," from an eight-hour man. "I forgot all about it," from another that was told during the day. "I had a date," from another one, and so on. Now brothers, this won't do, you expect the Order to look out for your interests and you fail to look out for the Order's interests. This means dollars and cents to you, just the same as it does to the man that has his capital invested in a store or any other en-

terprise. Come out once a month and lend us your assistance, it won't hurt you, and we know it will do you lots of good.

We are reliably informed that Bro. E. B. Collyer has invented a new combined box relay and sounder, and has applied for a patent. We hope he will meet with success in the venture.

Bro. F. Carlough bid in first trick at "EX," Flatbush Avenue.

Bro. E. M. Jones bid in third trick at "JE," Jamaica.

Bro. Andrew Doxey bid in third trick at Hollis.

The many friends of Bro. P. L. Donovan are pleased to see him again on the job, after a few weeks' illness.

The new tower at Hicksville is about completed, and will go into service in a few days. This is a forty-eight lever machine, and will make Bro. Hewlett sweat some this summer.

Bro. P. L. Donovan is handling the tower at Belmont Park during the races, with Bros. Knecht and Vorhees at the Wye end of it.

The new station at Floral Park is about completed, and Bro. Kaufman is walking around with a broad smile on his face.

#### NOTICE.

The semi-annual dues for the term ending December 31st are due July 1st, and should be remitted to the secretary and treasurer, A. A. Leonard, No. 365 Shelton Ave., Jamaica, N. Y. The amount is \$4.50.

KNOCKER.

#### Wilmington Div., No. 58.

##### Maryland Division—

Our secretary and treasurer, Bro. Melvin, is at this time attending the convention at Atlanta, Ga. According to newspaper reports the delegates were received very cordially by the Governor of Georgia and the Mayor of Atlanta. No doubt the boys are enjoying their trip South.

Bro. Gibson has been absent several days (on account of sickness), Mr. Callaghan filling his post.

Bro. Dempsey, of Newark, is spending several days of his vacation in the country, and is being relieved by an extra man.

Bro. Cassidy attended Ringling Bros.' circus, May 14th.

Iron-Hill, "SK" tower, has just received a new suit of spring clothes, in the form of a coat of paint.

Our relief man on lower end of B. & P. has a new stopping place on his journey, and has also received notice of a raise in his salary by the additional block at Glendale, "GA," which is being held down by extra men as yet. This new office was opened at noon April 15th, and makes a very close block with Seabrook.

The office at Lanham, "DX," which has been in service since March 1st, has at last been assigned its regular men. Bro. Pettibone, first; Messrs. Brahler and McDaniel, second and third,

respectively. Seabrook has also been filled: Mr. Vitek, second, and Bro. Greenly, third.

Bro. Ober bid in second trick at "JU," Anacostia Freight Yard, which for some time was filled by extra men.

Bro. Mickey, who did such fine work at "DS," Bay-View, has bid in second trick at Calverton Block.

Bro. Cosden, of "CU," Shellpot-Cut-Off, is filling extra trick in Wilmington.

There seem to be a few nons left, but they are coming our way slowly. Get after them boys, and see if we can not have a solid O. R. T. division. Div. Com.

#### *Delaware Division—*

Mr. E. H. Taylor, agent at Hursley, was quarantined for two weeks in May, on account of diphtheria in his family; relieved by Bro. Megee.

We learn that Extra Agent Roe spent part of May on the D. M. & V., relieving agents at Ironshire and Redden.

Our superintendent and party was down the D. M. & V. one day this month, inspecting.

Bro. A. G. Smith held forth on the B. & D. B. branch during May, relieving agents at Black, Still Pond and Lynch. We would all be relief agents if we could get such jobs as these.

By the time this appears in print the berry rush will be almost over.

Bro. A. E. Culver, the telegrapher at Easton, spent two days in Showell recently.

Bro. Vansant, of Delmar, spent his relief day in Crumpton as usual.

Bro. Easom, of "DA," was in Wilmington on his relief day; relieved by Mr. Dickerson.

Mr. Russell dropped down to Redden during May, to relieve the agent a few days. Finding he could not secure any boarding place there, asked our division operator, on the wire, if he could board in Georgetown. In reply he was asked why he could not board at Redden as the other relief men had been doing. The following was his reply: "The last extra man who worked here skipped his board bill, and the man who has been taking the extra telegraphers to board as an accommodation refuses to board any more." Because one man was a grand rascal, those who are all right have to suffer for his acts. The party who skipped his board bill at Redden is known to some of us, and if we hear of another similar occurrence, we will give you his name for your benefit. We are mighty glad to say that this man was one that we can not call a "brother." We understand this party left another bill along the division unpaid this spring, and if he should happen to see this we hope he will take warning. Mr. Russell only stayed at Redden one day, and was relieved by Extr Agent Roe, who was also unable to get board.

It seems very strange that even though our boys have been blessed with an eight-hour day they can not give the company good service. Now is the very time that good service is required by every one of us to show our ability and prove to

the company that we are a part of the employees that they can not very well do without. The new telephone system went in effect May 6th, and all train work is being done on it. This system seems to work very satisfactory so far, but we yet fail to see the improvement over the old "telegraph."

Our faithful and well-known Local Chairman L. G. Jenkins has tendered his resignation, to take effect in the near future. Bro. Jenkins has acted in this capacity for the past three years, and his services have been very satisfactory.

Bro. Thos. W. Truitt, of Clayton, is attending the convention.

Bro. Liffe, of Millsboro, spent a few days with his father at Hursley recently.

Bro. W. O. Merrick, of Easton, spent a Sunday with Extra Freight Conductor Anderson at Oxford during May.

Business all over the Delaware Division shows an increase over last year, and from present prospects it will continue to improve during the balance of the year. This is good news for the company as well as its employees.

Bro. T. E. Allen worked in "X" office during Mr. Atwell's vacation.

"BE" and "M" Blocks opened up April 17th, and the tricks were bid in as follows: "BE," first, Mr. W. S. Whitlock; second, Mr. H. Sterling; third, Mr. M. J. Elliott. "M," first, Mr. A. M. Eskridge; second, Bro. Leon Stein; third, Mr. R. H. Todd. It looks as though some one up in that district would have to do some missionary work.

Quite a number of the boys attended Ringling Brothers' circus in Wilmington, May 14th.

Bros. Byrd, Truitt and Butler spent their relief days at home. Bro. Taylor spent his in Philadelphia. Div. Com.

#### **Moncton Div., No. 63.**

We have begun the new year with almost a perfect front, all over our division, from end to end. There are a few telegraphers who have just started in the service. We should secure them while the cheap rates are in effect.

Bro. G. O. Forbes, secretary of the Board of Directors, Spring Hill Junction, left for St. Louis, Mo., to attend the telegraphers' board meeting. He was relieved by Bro. W. F. McGrath, relieving agent, of Truro Division.

Bro. R. M. Scribner, of Amherst has been quite ill for the last few weeks. Relieved by Bro. Dalton.

Bro. R. R. Smith, of Amherst, who has been away on his vacation, has returned to work.

Bro. P. C. Ryder, of Hampton, is relieving Chief Clerk H. W. Lusby, at the Amherst freight office.

Bro. Harry Lowerson, of Evans, is spending his vacation in New York. Relieved by Bro. Frank Wheaton.

Bro. H. W. Wiles, agent at Calhouns, is absent for two weeks, owing to the illness of his mother. Relieved by Bro. Roy Morton.

Telegrapher Roy Williams is working the night trick.

Bro. Frank Landry, who has been ill for the last month, has returned to work.

Bro. A. A. Jones, of Petiscodiac, who has been very ill for the last six months, has returned to work. He was relieved by Telegrapher Ross Brown while absent.

Bro. A. J. Gray, relieving agent for Moncton Division, is now at Cold Brook for a few days.

Bro. Driscoll, of the ticket office at St. John depot, has been at the freight department during the past season, and is soon expected to return to his own position. Div. Com.

### Oskaloosa Div., No. 71.

Changes are few and far between this month, but we've got what few there are, so here goes:

Bro. A. K. Leverick, formerly of Hampton, who was transferred from Division No. 2 to No. 71, has now been transferred to the Grand Division, he having left the service of the Iowa Central.

Bro. M. J. Cahill of Union agency, has been transferred from Division No. 52 to No. 71. We like to have the brothers and sisters belong to our division as long as they are working on the line.

Sister Charlotte M. Weldon has been transferred from Division No. 31 to No. 71. Sister Weldon is holding down first trick at Mason City.

Bro. Clyde Hunter has gone from Little York to Berwick, he having traded jobs with Bro. H. A. Sweigard, who comes to us from Division No. 54, and who will be found at Little York for the present.

Bro. H. E. Aye, of Division No. 76, is now the new agent at Cramers. We notice that when the company gets hold of a new man with an up-to-date, he generally understands his business. Very few of the boomers can show the pasteboard. Bro. Aye will be transferred as soon as he has been here the necessary length of time.

Fred J. Yenney is the new agent at Marsh. Think we will have to do some missionary work around Marsh.

Tom Ray is again at Hedrick days.

Bro. O. L. Davis, of Richland, has been away since the 10th of May, attending the session of the Grand Division at Atlanta, Ga. W. P. Vannoy has been doing the relief act.

We understand that Bro. Davis was late in getting to the convention, as the company failed to get his relief, and he had to furnish it himself at the eleventh hour.

Effective April 26th, F. E. Martin's jurisdiction as chief dispatcher was extended over the Northern and Southern Divisions and Branches.

Another change of agents at Mason City Junction, but can not say who got "soaked" this time.

There is a change of third trick men at Hampton. A gentleman by the name of Miller is on the job at present.

Bro. E. A. Cross is agent at Eldora while Bro. Edwards is taking a short vacation.

Bro. E. E. Carder is again agent at Gifford and we understand he will be until they can find some

one else for the job. What's the use of hunting any further?

Bro. Ed Urbine resigned the job at Union after a "jangle" with one of the dispatchers because a certain newspaper said "he did not have six hands and could not be in half a dozen different places at once." He was relieved by Bro. M. J. Cahill. Can't say what Ed's plans are for the future.

In last month's items we reported Bro. Cahill as having gone to Montana which was an error.

Bro. Ralph Mitchell has left Marshalltown third trick and we understand that he has gone to Canada. He was relieved by a Mr. Carmichael.

We understand that Sullivan, at Grinnell, has been promoted to the position of cashier at the freight house. Don't know if you would call it a promotion or not if you could see the inside of that place. Ziska is reported to have worked himself to death in the place, such a condition was it in.

Olaf station on the Algona Branch has been opened, an agent having been appointed there, but no wires have been cut in.

No card, no favors.

CORRESPONDENT.

### Trenton Div., No. 85.

#### *Belvidere Division—*

At our meeting on May 21st, the Belvidere Division was well represented. Our worthy chief telegrapher, Bro. M. T. Bryson, who was also our delegate to the Atlanta convention, explained to us what was done at the convention, and every one enjoyed it very much. Bro. Bryson was given a rising vote of thanks for the interest he had taken as our delegate. After all the business was attended to, the meeting adjourned at 11 p. m.

Bro. Goddard seems to have a liking for other people's overcoats. At the meeting he exchanged with Bro. Bryson and did not notice it until told about it two hours afterwards.

Mr. W. P. Maloney was off for two weeks. Mr. W. H. Wilmot, Jr., third trick at "X" Wilburtha, filling Mr. Maloney's place at "DK" Dickinson, during the time. Bro. A. W. Stoudt filled Mr. Wilmot's place.

We understand that Mr. Ashcroft bid in third trick at "FJ" Flemington Junction.

Mr. Foy bid in second trick at Moore which was made vacant by Mr. Ashcroft going to "FJ."

Bro. Harte bid in second trick at "FH" Lambertville.

Mr. T. E. Ryan third trick at "FJ" Flemington Junction, has resigned to accept a position with the P. & R. Bro. Northrup also resigned to accept a position with the P. & R.

Mr. T. J. Laine has been transferred from first trick at "FD" Frenchtown, to last trick "FG" Trenton. Mr. F. N. Gordon, second trick at "FD" Frenchtown, to first trick at that place.

Bro. Decker, who was filling in at "FG" Trenton, is back at "G" L. & H. Junction first trick.

Bro. W. R. Weaver, from first trick at "G" L. & H. Junction, to twelve hour job at "C" Belvidere, his regular job.

Am unable to give much upper end news this month as I did not receive any. Will try to do better next time.

The following positions are up for bid at present writing: First trick at "N" Niece, third trick at "N" Niece, and second trick at "RX" Roxburg. Div. Cor.

### Chicago Div., No. 91.

WHEREAS, it has pleased Almighty God to call to Himself our dearly beloved brother, William Clancy, and

WHEREAS, the absence of this dearly beloved brother creates a void in our hearts and a break in the ranks of our organization; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, By Chicago Division No. 91, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, in regular meeting assembled, that we express our growing sense of our heavy loss; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her who misses him most of all, as the one most capable of appreciating the void he leaves in our hearts; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our honored president, as the one most capable of appreciating the void he leaves in our organization; and be it further

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this body, and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER, with a request for publication therein.

E. M. MOORE,  
W. E. CARTER,  
W. F. McDONALD,  
*Committee.*

### Elmira Div., No. 100.

Elmira Division, No. 100, still continues to be in a prosperous and harmonious condition with the best of feeling prevailing between telegraphers and officials. Our members are enthusiastic and meetings are well attended considering the distance many have to come.

We have one member for each mile and a half of track covered by the division. Can any division on a single track road beat this?

We are sorry to say that at this writing Bro. W. U. Phillips of Horseheads is seriously ill. Bro. Phillips is our new correspondent for the journal, and on account of sickness he was unable to represent us in the May number. We all miss him and trust that he will soon be with us again.

The familiar "fist" of Bro. Cayward is again heard at Hall, after an absence of over one month. He has returned from a trip to the West, where he went to look over some copper mines in which he and Ashley Pond are interested. Bro. Cayward combined pleasure with business and visited a sister at Regan, Neb., while absent. He also visited a few small cities in that part of the country, including Denver and Chicago. He reports having a pleasant and successful trip, but we can not understand how a man traveling alone could see so much and have so many thrilling adventures.

Bro. Fuller went to Washington several weeks ago to meet his brother, who is one of Uncle Sam's sailor boys. Bro. Fuller thought he would get a few pictures of the navy yard, but he had pressed the button only about twice before he was arrested. After being taken before nearly all the officers, from the corporal of the guard to the officer of the day, and showing them all his papers and Pennsylvania railroad passes he finally convinced them that he was not a Jap. spy and was then released. Bro. Dunning has written a serial story on this adventure.

Bro. Elliott is riding around over the road these days studying yards and sidings. He will soon be an extra dispatcher and we know he will make good.

Mr. Hatch, a new man on the road, is working third trick at Starkey. I do not see him wearing the button, although I have it from good authority that he is a member of the N. Y. C. System Division, and have seen kodak pictures of him wearing the button, and from some of them would judge that he is not opposed to unions. He should send in his card and be transferred.

Bro. Tipton, the relief agent, is working a few days for the agent at Phelps Junction. He reports this a busy place and says the telephone takes up considerable of his time.

Bro. Bob Holdredge has taken unto himself a wife and is now leading the happy life.

Bro. Fox, extra agent is at present working at Marsh Hill Junction.

Miss Hayes has gone back to third trick at McKinney.

The writer recently relieved the agent at Rock Stream for one day and Telegrapher Martin furnished so many good things to eat and drink that it was almost impossible to do any work.

Bro. Harry Gibbs who has more friends on this pike than any telegrapher we know is married and living the happy life of a hen-pecked husband at Oil City, Pa., where he is engaged in the meat business for Armour & Co.

It was our pleasure to shake the hand of Bro. G. W. Gesler a few days ago. Bro. Gesler left the road about three years ago and is now in the leather business. His many friends are always glad to hear from him and to know that he still carries a card.

The pay car now runs over the north end every two weeks but this does not meet with much favor from the employees.

Any one having items for the journal please send them in. We are unable to see everything that goes on over the entire division. If you do not see just what you are looking for it is your own fault.

Sister Clemie Miller is working the second trick at Horseheads during the absence of Bro. Wood, who is attending the big doings in Atlanta..

Bro. Osgood is spending his mornings planting flowers.

*South End Notes—*

Bro. Stub Gray attended the meeting May 11th, but positively refused to partake of the ice cream. His brother however, managed to get away with enough to do for the pair.

Harry D. Hammond, one of our charter members has taken up his residence at Indiana, Pa. We miss him greatly at our gatherings, but wish him well.

At the convention in Atlanta a Ladies' Auxiliary was formed, which certainly was a good move, and we trust that the organization will be greatly benefited by it.

Those who failed to attend our meeting May 11th certainly missed a great treat. Refreshments were served and music furnished by both sisters and brothers present.

Remember the dates of meetings: The second Tuesdays at 10:30 a. m. and the fourth Tuesdays at 9 p. m.

Bro. W. H. Marquardt, at Cogan Valley, has been called home on account of the illness of his father. Relieved by Mr. White.

Bro. Bryant recently visited friends in New Jersey.

Bro. O. E. Miller is holding down the first trick at Trout Run.

Bro. Eaden is working the third trick at Bodine Siding, and Bro. Irwin is working second.

Bro. Fish has been transferred to Ralston third trick on bid.

Bro. Hoag has been transferred from Ralston third trick to "M" tower second trick.

Mr. Livingston is now working second trick at Marsh Hill Junction.

Bro. Lewis has been transferred to Starkey from Marsh Hill Junction, on bid.

Bro. C. S. Robinson landed first trick at Marsh Hill Junction, on bid.

Bro. B. P. Evans landed first trick at Fassett Siding, on bid, vacating third trick at Roaring Branch, which was bid in by Bro. H. E. Gray.

Bro. Bennett is still doing first trick stunt at Penbryn.

Bro. H. G. Furman was transferred from third trick at Fassett to third trick at Penbryn, on bid.

Bro. Bill Peterman is doing the third trick stunt and Bro. Andrews the first at Canton.

Bro. H. C. Jones, of Col. X Roads was off duty a few days, fishing at Roaring Branch.

If some good brother will kindly keep me informed as to what is doing on the upper end each month, his kindness will be appreciated and will be a great help to me in writing up the Elmira Division. Bro. C. R. Elliott will be glad to advise where to send communications. Cor.

munications read which set the boys to thinking about right on certain matters, and not a few were filled with indignation at the present outlook, but it is to be hoped that by good generalship on the part of our leaders, certain rights wherein our Order is deeply concerned may be duly respected. There is no denying the fact that our organization has made some very rapid strides in the way of achievements in the great cause of labor generally, notwithstanding the strongest powers in the universe have concentrated their efforts against us; and still the grand cause of God and humanity has more than held its own, which beautifully exemplifies the fact that "right, not might, must prevail." Therefore, let us not become discouraged at the injustice which labor has received at the hands of the capitalistic class and certain decisions recently handed down by a judge high in authority. All this goes to show how important it is to vote right and elect men to office who are not adverse to the interests of labor.

Since our last write-up, death has claimed two of the brothers in Division No. 109. Bro. George T. Plotner, first trick telegrapher at "W" tower, after a protracted illness of several weeks, died on April 17th, 1909, of Bright's disease. As a private member of the Order we always found him the same faithful, unselfish friend, ever ready to do anything in his power to further the interests of the Order. To the grief-stricken family, which consists of a wife, one son and two daughters, we tender the assurance of our sincere sympathy in their irreparable loss, a loss while great to us and the community as a model citizen, is far greater to them, inasmuch as it deprives them of a kind and loving husband and father.

Bro. Thomas Eathorn, a member of Cresson Springs Division, No. 109, and a resident of Carnegie, Pa., was suddenly summoned on April 25th, his death being due to heart failure. He was a brother of sterling manhood and kindly disposition, qualities that endeared him to all, and while we bow with humble submission to Him, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to members of his family and those who will miss his presence.

At our regular meeting, held in May, a committee of three was appointed to draft resolutions covering the deaths of the two departed brothers as noted above, and which will be found elsewhere in the journal.

In conclusion, I might add that we had one applicant for membership in the Order at our May meeting, which was favorably acted upon, admitting another member to the fold.

CORRESPONDENT.

### Cresson Div., No. 109.

Cresson Division, No. 109 held its regular monthly meetings on March 6 April 3, and May 1, 1909, respectively. While the attendance was comparatively small, there was a keen interest manifested in the various topics under discussion by those present. Especially was this true of our April meeting, there having been several com-

### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst our loyal brother and co-worker, Bro. George T. Plotner; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That we express our high appreciation of his long service to the cause of truth and right.

his sterling manhood and kindly disposition, that endeared him to all who knew him; and, be it

*Resolved*, That we, the members of Cresson Division, No. 109, extend to the members of his bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of sorrow, and point them to the true source of comfort, our Divine Creator, as their strength and refuge; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this memorial be sent to the family of our deceased brother, and a copy spread upon the minutes of the division, and a copy be sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication, and that our charter be draped in mourning for thirty days in commemoration thereof.

THOMAS W. RYAN,  
WM. H. PICKERILL,  
LOUIS BITER,  
*Committee.*

Conemaugh, Pa., May 1, 1909.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Divine Creator to remove from our midst our esteemed brother, Thomas Eathorn, and while we humbly submit in this decree of the All-Wise, and know that our brother has received a promotion, we can but feel deeply the loss of his presence; and be it

*Resolved*, That we desire to express our respect, love and appreciation for our departed brother, who was a faithful and loyal member; and be it further

*Resolved*, That we extend to the members of his family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this, their great bereavement; and be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Division, No. 109, sent to the bereaved family, and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication, and our charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days in memory thereof.

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#### Renovo Div., No. 110.

The regular May meeting was held in Kane, at 10:45 a. m., Monday, May 17th, with a fairly good attendance. We were glad to see some of the sisters present, and hope that this is only the beginning of a regular attendance of the sisters of this division. We have some of the finest and are justly proud of them. Among those present were Sisters Geary and Thorsten, of Kane, and Bros. Griskey, Barner and Schroff; Bro. Griskey acting as C. T., Bro. Barner as S. and T. The next meeting at Kane will be held in the Knights of Pythias Hall, on Fraley Street, at 10:30 a. m., instead of 3 p. m. as was first decided. A good attendance from the second and third trick members is earnestly solicited.

The regular June meeting will be held in the St. Charles Hotel hall, at Emporium, on June

16th, at 8 o'clock p. m. This is a very important meeting as the delegate's report will be read, and Bros. Edwards and Perry will give a very interesting talk on the outlook of the Order. Please try and be present at this meeting if possible. Our representatives at the convention will return prepared to give us full details of the situation in an intelligent and interesting manner. Let everybody turn out and make a good showing.

Aside from the wife of Bro. Newberry, of "AK," Renovo, being ill, I am glad to say that all members are in good health at this time, and everybody working.

Telegrapher Wiggins has been awarded third trick at Howards.

Bro. Bryant, from the Chautauqua Division, is working third trick at Rathbun, and will transfer to Division No. 110 next month.

Telegrapher Hoag has been awarded the second trick at "F" tower, Cameron.

Bro. Sullivan, of "HY" tower, Huntley, leaves us on June 1st, to accept an agency on the P. S. & N. R. R. at Shawmut, Pa.

In the April Discipline Bulletin I note that six telegraphers received suspensions and reprimands. Sleeping and poor service seem to be the complaints. These shortcomings should be remedied at once. I wish when any of the members of this division are disciplined they would communicate with me in order that it can be shown whether or not the union men or the nons are causing this trouble. We don't want any thing charged to us for which we are not responsible. On the other hand, if O. R. T. men are disciplined, we want an opportunity to counsel them.

Bro. W. A. Russel, of Keating, enjoyed a fishing trip on Lake Erie a short time since, and brought home a nice basket full of sea bass.

Bro. Bechtold, of "MS," Wistar, is relieving Bro. Perry, at Keating, while the latter is acting as alternate to the convention.

Bro. Booth, of Columbia, Pa., is posting on the Manual block work at Cameron and Sterling Run, and will probably be awarded the third trick at Cameron.

Telegrapher Gakle, of Keating, is relieving Bro. Bechtold at Wistar.

Sister G. J. Kane, the popular and efficient second trick telegrapher at "AK," Renovo yard, has been complimented by the officials on her good service while in that office. Sister Kane holds the respect and esteem of all of the trainmen, telegraphers, dispatchers, and, in fact, everybody with whom she has occasion to work, and is a credit to Division No. 110. We wish her continued success.

Bro. L. R. Newberry, first trick at "AK," Renovo, is having his cup of trouble filled to the brim. His wife's life was despaired of for many days. However, we are glad to announce that Mrs. Newberry is out of immediate danger, at this writing, and strong hopes are entertained for her recovery.

Papers and letters received from Bros. Edwards and Perry, who are representing the division at Atlanta, show that the delegates are being well

received, and entertained royally as befits the well-known Southern hospitality.

Sister McGraw, of "WY" tower, Kane, is enjoying a two weeks' visit; relieved by Telegrapher Barner, who has the second trick at that point. Mr. Barner relieved by Relief Telegrapher Cupp.

Bro. Jacobson, of Ludlow, second trick, is off on jury duty; relieved by Telegrapher Johnson, of Wetmore.

Bro. Campbell, of Sheffield, has accepted second trick at "MS," Wistar, and is doing good work.

Telegrapher Ganey, of Wilcox, is holding down third trick at Sheffield.

Sister Kiernan, of Clarendon, is enjoying a weeks' visit in Pittsburg; relieved by Relief Telegrapher Cupp.

Miss Fairchilds, third trick at Union City, is attending the funeral of her sister-in-law; relieved by Telegrapher Hovis, of Sheffield.

Bro. W. S. Barner, of Kane, is at Clarendon relieving Bro. Carlson, who was taken suddenly ill a short time ago; we hope for Bro. Carlson's speedy recovery.

Telegrapher Williams, of the B. & A. V. Division, is relieving Bro. Barner, at "WY" tower, Kane.

Bro. Krape, who has held the second trick at "F" tower, Cameron, has been awarded the first trick at that office, recently made vacant by Bro. Page being transferred into the signal department.

"Lest we forget," don't give any green blocks to pay cars without a message from the superintendent, or a "19" order to cover.

We are informed that Sister Floyd, who formerly held the first trick at "KS" tower, Sinemahoning, has accepted a position with the Great Northern, at Seattle.

Bro. Pfoutz, of "HU," Huling, and Bro. Barner, of Kane, are making a neck and neck race to win the pennant for securing the most new members. Both of these brothers are hustlers, and indications are that a non can not be found on the Renovo Division with a fine tooth comb before the summer is over.

Plymouth Rock says:

"Our Order don't need any drones in the hive; To line up the nons, let every one strive.

Tear the scales from their eyes and teach them to see

The blessings in Union, through the great O. R. T."

"Truly an up-to-date card is a mark of true Americanism. The principles for which we are fighting now are the same as those our forefathers fought for in 1776—freedom from oppression. Nons hunt up a history of the American Revolution and read it, and if you hesitate to join the Order after that, I fear you are lost souls. How can you accept the good things the Order has secured, without contributing your share towards returning something for the many favors received at her hands. Don't be drones any longer! Line up and be men among men!"

"PLYMOUTH ROCK."

### Shamokin Div., No. 117.

For several months I have been soliciting notes from the membership of Division No. 117, and I am forced to admit that the response has been very generous—up to date the grand total amounts to something like naught. But we are not so easily discouraged in this neck of the woods. A membership of almost a decade in the noble O. R. T. has schooled us to expect these things. So, brothers, if you have an idea that you can force a blank space in the journal where notes from this division ought to be, you are doomed to disappointment. Therefore, wake up, send me something; if there is nothing of interest, go out after that non—they are quite plentiful on this pike—scalp him, send me the scalp, and you will receive due credit in these columns.

Brothers, there seems to be something eternally wrong with this division, and I am beginning to think that we are not made of the right kind of stuff—the kind that has made this grand Order of ours one of the greatest organizations of its kind in the world. We have enough members to do the work, and we have plenty of material to work on. Who will name the day when each one of us shall scalp at least one Indian? If we wish to succeed fully, we must have that non; there is no other way; now, all together.

I have just read an article that is going the rounds of the various newspapers, relative to a record made by the P. R. R. system during the past year, in which time not one passenger, out of the millions that were carried, was killed. I believe many other lines can say the same thing. This speaks volumes for our nine-hour law. It is an argument that can not be beaten. Let the public learn this truth and there is not a lawmaker in all the land who would dare cast his vote to abolish this law; there is not a judge on the bench of the Supreme Court who would dare declare it unconstitutional. Therefore, brothers, let us do all in our power to avoid mistakes. When an accident occurs, let it not be said that the telegrapher was at fault. We owe this to the public; we owe it to the men who struggled for us in the halls of Congress; we owe it to those who fought for us when the enemies of this law were trying to batter it down before the Interstate Commerce Commission; we owe it to our employer, and last of all we owe it to ourselves.

It grieves us beyond measure to have to chronicle the deaths of two of our old friends, Mr. G. W. Culton, first trick operator at "UR" tower, Lewisburg, Pa., and Bro. J. C. Collins, of Mahanoy City, who resigned his position with the P. & R. a few days ago to accept a clerkship at Maple Hill colliery.

Mr. Culton was a man of sterling quality, young in years, being only about forty-five, yet ripe in experience. He had been with the P. & R. for many years, at one time was a train dispatcher and was always one of its most trusted employes. At the time of his death Mr. Culton was not a member of the Order, but from a conversation the writer had with him a few



months since I believe he seriously intended to become a member during the summer. Mr. Culton was a gentleman in every sense of the word, he was a devout christian, and at various times and places filled pulpits in the absence of the regular pastor. One meets such men rarely, and you know them only to love them.

What has been said of Mr. Culton may also be said of Bro. Collins. His was a nature that knew no evil. Having worked in the same office with him for years, we learned to know his big heart. He was ever ready to do one a favor, his was a friendship of pure gold. Always cheerful and of a light heart, he cast sunshine all about him. Even when the dreaded white plague sunk its deadly fangs into his system and death threw its skeleton arms about him, he did not murmur, but smiled in his old way as he went marching to the grave. Bro. Collins was only twenty-eight years of age.

And so, as Mother Nature was putting on her beautiful spring gown, we robbed these two for the tomb. And we may glean a lesson from the thousands that pressed about their caskets to gain a last look of these well-loved friends. They had reared their own monuments, not of clay nor even of solid rock, but something more enduring, for, indelibly, their deeds are written upon the hearts of men.

Mr. Nogle has been appointed to first trick at "UR" tower. Mr. McLaughlin has bid in second trick, vacated by Mr. Nogle, at the same point.

Mr. Baker, formerly at "WD," Williamsport, has resigned his position and gone to the Penn'a.

Bro. Nelson, now with the Penn'a, was around shaking hands with his old comrades a few days since.

Bro. Lyons, of N. B. Jet., called on some of the brothers on the C. & W. branch recently.

Quite a number of the boys took in the lecture on explosives, at Newberry, on the third.

Mr. Hagey has been appointed to second trick at West Milton. Bro. Ranck, please take notice.

Don't forget the notes, and, also, our next meeting.

CERT. 17.

#### North Adams Div., No. 139.

We hereby notify all the members that Bro. Nellis, of Williamstown, has ventured into business, and is running a restaurant, ice cream parlor and confectionery, directly in front of X station. His place of business is open all hours, and we hope you fellows will appreciate the fact that he is up-to-date, and call for dinner.

See that Bro. Hennessey, Bro. Jones and Bro. Hayner are going to race in the marathon, July 4th, with Bro. Woodlock as relay, also Mr. Bardwell will be relief after the 20th mile point. Race to come off at Mantague under the supervision of Bro. Cary.

Towerman Wickham is working as relief agent at Hoosick, while Bro. Potter is attending the convention.

Bro. Butler, of Schaghticoke, has been working in Troy for Union R. R., while Bro. Batson was in New York.

We understand that Sister Georgiana Moak will soon be leaving the tiresome trick at Schaghticoke.

Bro. Moston, of Buskirks, will make a tour of the States sometime in June, to get food for the novels he is writing.

Bro. Miller, of Scotia, was a visitor at Hoosick Tunnel, Saturday, May 15th, and came home with about twenty-five nice trout.

Telegrapher Borne is working third trick at Johnsonville, in place of Bro. VanWert who resigned to accept a position in Waltham watch works.

Bro. Brown, of Eagle Bridge, is still working extra, claiming he can earn more money and that he can learn the road much quicker, and in that way catch a side wire job, which means a future dispatcher sure.

Bro. Miller, of Valley Falls, is now working twelve hours per day, instead of his previous sixteen hours. He says this is the only time he ever enjoyed life so well, and learned what it was to have an evening off and get a good sleep.

Bro. Bringman, of Blackinton, was off sick recently, and Bro. Downing relieved him.

The following are the present officers of Division No. 139: O. A. Pitcher, chief; Frank Cook, secretary and treasurer; Chas. Downing, first vice-chief; Bro. C. E. Mosten, second vice-chief, with T. E. Powers, past chief; Charles Potter, chairman.

HENRY VAN FLE.

#### Grand Trunk Ry.

##### *Southern Division—*

Nearly all the men along the line are in their accustomed places, which goes to show that they are giving their undivided attention to the company's business, and should there be an exception to this rule, we hope he will follow suit. While I have an opportunity, would the membership permit me to draw attention to the fact that there are still a few individuals who are allowing the willing ones to shoulder their burden. To all such let me say, it is unfair, and should be discontinued. Get into the harness, where you belong, and assist in the work. If you stop to think a moment, you will bring to mind something you can do to help things along, which is a duty you owe your organization, so why not make good. Each one is responsible to the Order for his share. Another question of importance is that four agents along our line are still engaged in teaching students, and for what reason we are unable to understand. Surely when they take a good, honest look into their own hearts they must feel anything but manly, in face of the fact that they are receiving the fruits of organized labor, and in return for it, they are apparently trying to destroy the effect of the honest effort of their fellowmen, which, if they were eventually successful, would even rob themselves of an important part of their own daily bread. To those let me

say, why not be men? Cut out the student business so you can face your fellow-workers on even ground and give them a brotherly look, and shake of the hand when you meet them. Life is too short to curtail your own happiness in such a way, while you are at the same time withholding brotherly love from your fellow-workers, having placed a barrier between yourselves and them. Why not choose the better way and make life worth living. Think it over seriously, and cast your lot with the vast majority. Join the union which is the never failing friend of all wage earners, and come out before the world a whole-hearted, honest man in support of your God-given rights, and see that you get what is yours. When you have done your duty, just take notice of the results. They surely will please you, for you will be wiser and better paid men, and also possessors of sweetened souls, capable of giving to some unfortunate brother, something to cheer him on his way, thereby making this world better, because you have lived in it. Finding fault with your neighbor and the Order to which he belongs, won't remedy the supposed or imaginary evil, but on the other hand will bring trouble. Get right yourself and then dig in to help those who are pushing forward to the goal of victory. Don't be afraid to "right-about-face," when it is in the right direction. There is honor in so doing, and such acts are worthy of the highest commendation. Your co-workers will rejoice and give you their sympathy and assist you to maintain the position in life you will have obtained.

Now, boys, make a try. Let bygones be such. Strike out afresh and push on to the goal of victory.

"A kindness shown unto a brother, will fill your cup some day or other."

Before closing, I would especially invite the attention of the younger telegraphers among us who have not yet joined our ranks, to the fact that they have all been supplied with application papers, and to say that we are expecting to hear from them. We have gone through the list from station to station, and find a few not enrolled. When, please, may we hear from you. "Surely they don't mean me!" Yes, we mean just you. You have not been passed over, and it's a personal matter between you and us. Let our worthy General Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. D. L. Shaw, 769 King St., London, Ont., or our worthy Local Chairman, Bro. W. P. Hoffman, Paynes, Ont., or a brotherhood man next door hear from you, in order that you may get your papers fixed up as soon as possible, thereby placing yourself on record as having done the square thing to get right with your neighbor. We need your good-will, your membership and your assistance, in return for which you will be repaid ten-fold, and enjoy the higher and better life only known to true union men and women. This matter should not be put off until tomorrow. Make a move today and let the people know you count one in the world of progress. Who will be first? Don't delay. Dig in. Do something.

CERT. 597.

### Kansas City Southern Ry.

Bro. H. R. Bettis, who has been working third trick at Stilwell, has been relieved by Mr. H. B. Dettra. Unders and Bro. Bettis is going to Texas to visit his parents.

Mr. G. L. Presson is the owl at Grovett. Bro. Dad Pearson, formerly owl of Grovett, is now at the same old business in Arizona.

Bro. W. Southworth, at Siloam Springs, days, and Bro. R. S. Wilson, nights.

Mr. Dettra has left Stilwell; relieved by Bro. N. A. Iverson. Bro. Iverson relieved by Bro. O. H. Schwandt. Bro. Iverson transferred to Mena yard office, second trick.

Bro. S. A. Phillips, of Heavener, was badly frightened when the doctor told him he had small pox. So he grabbed his little grip and flew to his ma at Ashdown. After six days of careful nursing they discovered he had nothing but a bad cold. Bro. Phillips now holds forth at Panama, days.

Bro. E. E. Brehm, day telegrapher at Heavener, is fast gaining a reputation as an actor. He played "Saunders" in "The Snow Ball," with other Heavener home talent.

Bro. W. W. Ludlum is back at his old post, nights, at Rich Mountain, after enjoying thirty days' vacation.

Mr. Luther Thomas, of Mena yard, has been at "NA" office for a few nights, while Mr. Crawford was off.

Panama Station has been turned over to an entirely different force within the past few weeks, as follows: Mr. W. D. Williams relieving Bro. J. F. Kessler as agent, March 26th; Mr. C. P. Sullivan, of Salt Lake City, Utah yards, relieved Mr. B. F. Lee as yard master, March 25th; Bro. S. A. Phillips, of Division No. 5, relieved Bro. O. H. Schwandt, March 27th, as day telegrapher. This station was opened as a night telegraph office March 15th, by Bro. R. C. Parsons, formerly of Division No. 126.

Bro. W. W. Slaughter, our general secretary and treasurer, at "HN," nights, was away two weeks last month, being called to Independence, Mo., on account sickness of his wife; was relieved by Bro. L. L. Wood, of Frisco Division No. 32, also by Bro. L. P. Fleschner, of Frisco Division No. 32.

Bro. R. M. Iliff, third trick at Knoche Jct., was recently called to Mount City, Kan., by the death of his grandmother.

Bro. L. L. Wood is working as relief agent at Asbury, relieving Mr. Armstrong.

Telegrapher L. P. Fleschner relieved Mr. Curtis, night telegrapher at Cleveland, while Curtis relieved the agent at that point. Later Telegrapher Willie, from Stilwell, relieved Fleschner at Cleveland, and Fleschner relieved Telegrapher Mansfield at Drexel. Curtis and Mansfield both go to Stilwell.

Bro. Munea, our general chairman, is taking a vacation during May, attending the convention at Atlanta, and doing a little visiting around on the side. He was relieved by Bro. L. L. Wood,

of the Frisco. Bro. Wood also relieved Mr. Rightmire, agent at Asbury, during April.

Bro. Walter Wilson has been transferred from Nelson to Redland.

Telegrapher Rabun, who worked nights at Asbury during Bro. Clopton's sickness in March and April, is back doing the helper stunt at Sulphur Springs. Con.

### Union Pacific Ry.

#### Utah Division—

The end of double track extended from Riner to Cherokee on the 15th. It is expected to be completed to Wamsutter by July 1st. This will result in the closing of both Latham and Creston offices.

New office opened at Cherokee, box car, with Bros. McClain, Davis and Statzell handing up the 19's. No boarding house at Cherokee, necessitates the brothers all huddling in Bro. McClain's domicile at Riner, never crowded, however.

Telegrapher Olson, from Wamsutter was to work third trick at Cherokee, but the sheep dip around Wamsutter made him sick, and he was forced to go where he could get treatment. Bro. Leahy being sent to Cherokee to fill in, closing Riner for the day.

There is some class to that Riner job now. It will be a three-man job as soon as the double track is completed, with nothing to do but look wise and sign the pay roll.

Bro. Leahy, accompanied by his sister, is contemplating a trip to Port, Seattle, Van Couver and Minneapolis, next month.

Bro. Brown has left the seventh, and gone to work at Morgan on the ninth, juggling cream and eggs on the incline.

Creston is a three-man job for a few days. Sister Ford is being assisted by Messrs. Dettra and Livesay.

Bros. Ford and Dooley, first trick telegrapher and agent at Wamsutter, have left the service, and intend to seek their fortune farther West. Two worthy brothers; may success attend them.

Mr. Bishop, from Rawlins, relieved Bro. Dooley as agent at Wamsutter, Bro. Sherman relieving Bro. Ford as first trick telegrapher. Bro. Elby, from C. R. I. & P. working second, and a Mr. Smith working third.

Mr. Lepper, who "picked the currants" at Latham, has left the service, and is now herding sheep for the W. W. Daley Sheep Co., near Rawlins.

Messrs. Dettra, Livesay and Anderson are doing stunts at Latham.

Bro. Burch, of Bitter Creek, has left the service and is at present spending a few weeks' vacation in Colorado.

Marston closed, not for the want of telegraphers, but another case of too much "Sheep dip."

Second trick at Morgan has been bid in by Bro. J. P. Flaherty, who just landed from the Emerald Isle a fortnight ago. At first he persisted in addressing Mr. Agent as Lord Cleveland, but has

gotten over that idea, and has just quit taking his hat off to every man with a white collar on

Sister Gamble, at Uenta, has been laying off a few days on account of sickness, but at present writing she is well and has resumed duty.

Bro. J. P. Flaherty, of Morgan, will gladly furnish anyone with the necessary blanks and information, that feels inclined to do the proper thing, and we have a hunch that the brother will come across with an advance to enable the worthy non to join now.

Bro. C. E. G. Winert is practicing base ball between calls.

Mr. B. W. Stephens, new arrival on the 8th. "13" is making the usual promise.

Bro. E. V. Merrigan having practiced in several offices has finally hung up his hat at Evanston.

Telegrapher A. E. Davis, of Aspen, is on the sick list; relieved by Chas. Ammons, a C. T. U. A. member.

Bros. H. F. Switzer and G. A. Davis are kept "25" at Spring Valley, giving "DS" the water situation and pulling plugs from the switch board for "G" office.

Think LeRoy is closed, can not get anything from there.

Sister Gathercole, of Church Buttes, is away on a vacation; relieved by Bro. E. T. Harris.

Bro. A. W. Cue, of Granger, is again on duty after a week's absence. He took his little son East for medical treatment, and advises the little fellow is now recovering nicely.

Bro. Cue relieved by Bro. E. V. Merrigan. O. T. Bell working second trick, Bro. Howard Gordon, third trick.

Telegrapher Fred O'Hara, recently second trick at Granger, is now working a trick at Evanston.

Bros. L. W. Coa and Geo. Hendrickson have left the service and returned East.

Same old changes at Marston and Bryan: Marston closed, Bryan accommodating quite a number of the boys toward making a little stake.

I wish to thank Certs. 794-24562 and "OJ" for items received, and invite "P" to come through next month sure. CART. 410.

#### Kansas Division—

Bro. Pinett has been transferred from R. I. Junction to Junction City, nights. C. W. Meyers from the Iron Mountain relieving.

Bro. Klasse is relievin at Williamstown. ... understand that Mr. Edgar has something better in sight.

Bro. Farrell from Perry to St. Mary; T. E. Adams from Wamego to Perry.

Bro. Webb, of Belvue, is senior applicant for R. I. Jct. nights. Mr. Hooven is senior applicant for Belvue.

Mr. A. C. Broyles is senior applicant for Ft. Riley.

Bro. Meierotta from Ogdensburg to Junction City, relieving Bro. Hughey, while Bro. Hughey and the "Frau" attended the convention and visited home folks. Bro. Meierotta was relieved by a Mr. Race, from some official packing plant.

Bro. C. F. Fisher is extra at Tolton.

Mr. A. E. Adams, a brand new recruit to the Harriman lines, is relieving Mr. Miller at Idana. Bro. Armstrong relieved at Ellsworth, while Bro. Allan took a trip through Texas and Mexico. Bro. Mohler, of Ellsworth, has cancelled his resignation.

Mr. Schum, of Salina, is off duty several days, taking a few degrees in the Masonic Order. While he is in the notion some one hand him seven dollars worth of degrees in the O. R. T.

Bro. J. P. Ackors, of Ellsworth, was off duty several days on account of sickness.

Bro. F. W. Klasse is senior applicant for the agency at Detroit. Through an error Bro. Denison was advised that he was senior applicant, and his position bulletined.

Bro. Owens is senior applicant for Natoma.

Bro. W. E. Packard has gone from Kanapolis to Codell.

In passing out your favors, remember that Mr. Hughes, of Niles, is of the opinion that the Order never did, and never will benefit him or any one else, and that he feels that paying dues is throwing money away. Strange that a man so dwarfed in intellect should be capable of feeling.

Mr. Clark, of Simpson, is another west end man who hasn't more than the minimum number of favors coming to him. If he considers that the Order has helped the members after the next revision he will join, he will not, however help bring about such a state of affairs by lining up and pushing, he is ready though to accept all raises that may be secured. We can not help but wonder just what grounds he has for expecting an increase at the hands of the committee, and just how much of an effort the committee will make in his behalf.

The chances are that by the time this is in print we will have started on the new term, try to do just a little more in the next term than you have in this one, don't make a lot of good resolutions and pigeon hole them, think of the last bunch of resolutions made and their fate, and then instead of spoiling a clean page in the same old way, cut out the resolutions and dig in for results. Resolutions do not buy you any thing, nor help you on your way, but some good old hard work at the right time will do wonders. The Order expects every brother to do his duty. Are you doing yours?

When the information blanks reach you, give them some consideration, realize that you are furnishing the ammunition with which the committee will make its fight, and see that it is fresh and strong.

Realize that through your local chairman you are making your own fight. The correspondent of a Southern journal in a recent write-up has the following to say of the non, and as it is such a neat fit it should bear repeating: "There is no stigma attached to the name of a railroad telegrapher that bears such odium as the word non, written before the name of a man who partakes of the bounty derived from the earnest and

persistent efforts of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and yet refuses to bear his share of the burden.

"It is the very incarnation of ingratitude; the sum of moral turpitude and degrading alike to the individual and the calling he follows. Get on the right side; do as you would be done by; be fair with the rest of the craft; and, if after pay day you have but one dollar left after paying your dues you will be possessed of the supreme satisfaction of knowing that it is wholly your own, an honest dollar, part of which has not been filched from your comrades, who have contributed their time, their brains and their money, in making your position and its surroundings what they are." How small indeed, a non must feel; what a perverted set of morals and decrepit bunch of reasoning machinery he must possess. Con.

#### Wyoming Division—

Like at "N," Cheyenne, changes in the day force at Laramie come only at long intervals, but Bro. Burnsmeyer broke the spell, recently, when he was appointed agent at Paxton, Nebr. This allowed Bros. Grayson and Grogan to step up a notch, giving the former a straight day trick, and the latter, who was "all night telegrapher," the evening trick. Bro. W. T. Conklin, originally from the I. C. at Dubuque, Ia., but more recently third trick man at Hermosa, relieved Bro. Grogan on the night job, but, fortunately enough he, too, gets some day work, while Bro. Grayson gets his thirty days' vacation in the East.

Bro. T. B. Doyle, who is a student at the university of Wyoming, has not been engaged in the "profession" for some two or three years, but when I met him in Laramie the other day, his card was the same color as mine, and mine is up-to-date.

Bro. G. S. Cessna, who recently worked nights at Lakhota, has resigned and gone to Ogden, Utah. He will enter the service of the S. P. from that point.

Bro. Virgil Martin, second trick telegrapher at Walcott, is leaving the latter part of June for an extended trip East. Rumor has it that he will not return alone. Bro. Martin refused to be interviewed on the subject, however.

Bro. F. C. Hunter and Miss Edna M. Beecher were married on Wednesday, April 28th, at the home of the bride's parents, Lincoln, Neb. The happy couple will make their home at Fort Steel, Wyo., at which point Bro. Hunter is auditor for the Carbon Timber Company in Wyoming.

Bro. C. E. Reynolds, second trick at Sherman, experienced the sensation of missing "the last train out" when he was in Cheyenne, pay day.

For some reason the Borie Cut-off was not placed in service with the appearance of the new time card, hence the tower at that point has not been opened, although everything appears to be ready for the world. There is no truth in the rumor that Bro. and Sister Horton are to take the first and second tricks there, so there will be

need for three good strong telegraphers there in the near future, with the emphasis on the "strong."

Getting a day job at "KI," Laramie, so effected Bro. Grogan that he is going to take a plunge in the matrimonial sea soon. The fair one comes from Kansas City.

C. T. U. A. Bro. Brown relieved Telegrapher Brummell a few days at Barton, while Brummell got married.

Telegrapher Downing, at Purda, is an artist on the violin, and frequently entertains the boys along the line with some fine selections.

Seems to be a hoodoo on the Hershey station. No one seems to care for it. Bro. Besey recently relieved A. J. Branscome there, but almost immediately requested relief. It didn't look good to him.

Telegrapher Henry, of Dexter, bid in Julesburg, second trick. Now would be a good time for him to get a card, while the committee is preparing to descend on Omaha.

Bro. Baker secured Kolton, days. Telegrapher W. J. Dobbs taking his place at Weir.

Bro. E. C. Miles, for two years telegrapher at Buford, leaves on the second inst. We regret to lose him from Division No. 6. He goes to S. P. Co.

Bro. Mohr is now emergency telegrapher, and is doing a lot of traveling.

Bro. Johnson, for sometime third trick operator at Sherman, is senior applicant for second trick at Pine Bluff; relieved by Bro. Probst, of the Great Northern. Div. Cor.

### Canadian Pacific Ry.

#### *Central Division, District No. 3—*

The boys have been looking for a few items from this part of the system until they are about ready to accept any old thing; so they appointed me to do the needful, and, as usual, I have been fairly flooded with letters from the members, giving me all the latest changes—what's that? Yes, I am mistaken.

There have been several switches in our lineup since the last local appeared in THE TELEGRAPHER.

At Elkhorn, Man., we miss the genial face of Bro. Patterson. He is away rustication for the summer having accepted the agency at Welwyn.

Bro. W. Chandler takes Elkhorn days.

Bro. Clark of Oak Lake has retired from railroad work having opened up a real estate office in Oak Lake. He is succeeded by Bro. W. Baynham, from Kirkella.

Bro. G. Hyde is at present relieving at Kirkella, pending the arrival of the regular agent. Have not yet heard who gets this place. We were all glad to hear that Bro. Lake, of Esterhazy, had returned to work. He had a very severe case of appendicitis, which nearly proved fatal.

Our genial general treasurer, Bro. G. S. Morris, is at the convention, and we all hope he will have a pleasant trip and bring back a full report of the proceedings of the convention. Bro. Russell is working the day trick during Bro. Morris' absence.

Rumor has it that we are going to lose Bro. Campbell, of Kemnay, he having beguiled some poor innocent out of his "script," and as one has to dwell in the wilderness three years to get the "script" land, perhaps the other fellow is not to be pitied.

Last meeting was held in Brandon on April 18th. There was a good attendance and all were more than pleased with the result. It seems too bad than some of the Branch men do not make an effort to get to these meetings they are a real benefit to the ones who attend—matters of every-day welfare are threshed out and it is surprising the good ideas that are brought out.

Bro. Morris gave us a lengthy statement of the condition of System Division, No. 7, financially and otherwise, and it is surely a treat to see how well the West has done. The Order made no mistake when they gave the West the secretary-treasurer, and Bro. Morris is deserving of great praise for the way he has brought order out of chaos.

Well, will cut out now, and, say, brothers, don't forget to let me have a few lines from you relative to changes or any other matter of interest.

CERT. No. 250.

#### *Western Division, First District—*

Having been appointed division correspondent for this district, I wish first of all to direct an appeal to those interested for some little assistance in the shape of news items, changes, etc., or any subject matter suitable for discussion in these columns. Criticism also is heartily invited, as by this means the writer will be enabled to keep in touch with the views of the various members on all matters at issue.

A meeting was held at Moose Jaw on Sunday, May 9th, Bro. McLeod, local chairman, presiding. Owing to the lapse of time since the last meeting, the discussion turned largely to the reorganizing of the lodge, appointment of officers, etc., resolutions being passed as follows:

That regular meetings be held in future on the second Sunday in each alternate month, commencing July 11th.

That each member contribute 25 cents monthly to defray incidental expenses, such as hall rent, stationery, etc., this amount to be forwarded to Bro. G. Hillier, at Moose Jaw.

That the next meeting be devoted to the election of officers and the arrangement of details necessary to place the lodge on a business footing.

All things being considered, the attendance was a fair one, the stations represented being as follows: North Portal, Bro. Wilson; Estevan, Bro. Hopper; Weyburn, Bro. G. F. Guernsey; Yellow Grass, Bro. A. McLeod; Drinkwater, Bro. Wheeler. From the east end, Indian Head was well to the front with Bros. Boyd and McClure; Belle Plaine, Bro. Kirkpatrick; Pasqua, Bro. W. M. Owens; McLean, Bro. M. F. Hanley, relief agent. Tuxford Branch, Bro. C. F. McElhone, Brownlee; Bro. Rutherford, Tuxford, and Bro. Angus, Eyebrow. The dispatcher's office was well represented by Bros. J. W. Kipp and G. Hillier, also Bro.

Moriarty. The meeting closed with a friendly discussion in which all took part.

Attention is called to the date of the next meeting, July 11th, next. In view of the very convenient train service from almost every part of the district, there seems to be no particular reason why this should not be a record meeting in point of attendance. Applications should be made for leave and passes in good time to avoid misunderstanding.

An attempt will be made next month to give a complete lineup of the district. News items should be addressed to Bro. McLeod of Yellow Grass, who will forward them to the correspondent. CERT. 973.

#### *District No. 4, Central Division—*

Another month has rolled around and news items are again in order. I will endeavor to contribute as much as possible to the journal this month, although in spite of repeated requests addressed to the members, I have failed to receive any items.

Since the last write-up our local committee met the superintendent, Mr. MacGregor, and straightened out a number of old grievances, and reduced a few "Brownies" for some of the boys. Mr. MacGregor treated the committee with fairness and respect, and stated that he was always glad to be able to do anything he could to help the district to run smoothly, so we ought to give him the best service at all times.

I understand there is to be a meeting at Napinka about May 28, and hope there will be a good attendance.

Business has fallen off considerably since February and at present only the way freight crews with two chain gang crews are taking care of all the business that is moving.

The C. P. R. Athletic Association was formed at Souris in April for the purpose of giving all the employees of the company pleasant recreation when off duty, a baseball and football department being formed. Mr. J. E. Ryan, our chief dispatcher, is president of the association; Bro. G. A. Caughill, the third trick dispatcher, treasurer; Bro. W. M. McLeod, manager baseball department, and Bro. A. S. McKechnie, secretary. If any of the brothers want to get up a match with the team in their own town just write in and they will try to accommodate them.

There have been very few changes lately on this district, so will enumerate them here.

Bro. T. G. Connon, of Pipestone, on leave of absence owing to sickness of his mother; relieved by Bro. W. F. Vergowe, of La Riviere.

R. T. Rodaway from night telegrapher at Arcola to night telegrapher at LaRiviere.

Bros. F. W. Gliddon and A. S. McKechnie are arranging to attend the annual convention of Train Dispatchers of America at Columbus, Ohio, along with Bro. J. Walker, of Winnipeg. They expect to be able to handle trains by telephone should it become necessary.

Our worthy chief dispatcher, Mr. J. E. Ryan passed a box of cigars around the office last week in honor of the arrival of a little girl at his place.

The new time table to take effect in June will liven things up a bit, there being two new passenger trains going on in addition to the present quota.

Will close this now, in hopes that some brother will help out next month.

CERT. 957.

#### *Central Division, District No. 5—*

As this is the first contribution from our new district, there is much to be said that has already become stale news, so your correspondent hopes to be pardoned if he refers more to such matters as concern us in the present than those that have already become of minor importance. For those on other districts who may be interested we will draw a brief sketch of our history, which dates from December, 1908. In that month our first meeting was held at our district headquarters at Saskatoon, Bro. J. T. Scott, of Viscount, acting as chairman. The principal business was the organizing of the district, Bro. Scott being nominated by Bros. Cobb, Stewart and undersigned for position of local chairman, nominations forwarded to general secretary and treasurer in usual way. Bros. J. T. Scott, G. C. Cobb and W. A. Sewell were elected as our local board of adjustment. Since that time we have had regular meetings on the third Sunday of each month, in the Flanagan House, Saskatoon, and considering the disadvantages which have to be met, the attendance has been very good. We would like to see more of our friends east of Strasburg. I am of the opinion that the brothers west at points where there are night operators would be glad to make some arrangement in the way of relief, taking turn about. This could easily be arranged if the members on the eastern end would give it a little attention, and endeavor to obtain relief along that if unobtainable otherwise. We are in need of their presence as well as they in need of the benefits of our meetings.

A few late changes are here referred to: Bros. McMurphy, Galloway and Ball returning to the Kenora dispatching office, where they expect to enjoy a much-needed rest. Our new staff consists of Bros. G. F. Thompson, G. M. Cordingly, and D. F. Bond, first, second and third tricks, respectively. Bro. Bond is newly appointed. He was relieved at Lockwood by M. R. J. Winter, who has stood by the company as assistant for a couple of years. This is a case where it suited the company's convenience to furnish relief. The matter of relief has become one worthy of attention, and we hope to see some arrangement made soon whereby one can be relieved without being taken sick or called upon to attend the deathbed of a friend or relative.

Those who are looking forward to a summer vacation should see to it that an application is filed early, thus the requirements will be fully known, and no reasonable excuse can be offered for not meeting them.

As your correspondent had the honor of being elected local secretary and treasurer, it may not be out of order to draw your attention to the latest step towards strengthening our division, that is by the establishing of a local fund. This fund is to be drawn on for the purpose of defraying all local expenses, (not including those of the board of adjustment) and it is considered that the small amount of one dollar from each member will be quite sufficient to cover such expense as we have at the present time. I will be pleased to receive your remittances, and also, when you cannot attend our meetings, do the next best: drop a line to our local chairman, Bro. J. T. Scott, Viscount, and present anything you wish brought before the meeting. It would be appreciated, and let us know that your absence is not on account of indifference.

In closing, let us ask ourselves a question. How much have we done to bring influence to bear in the passing of the eight-hour law? Did we write our representative, or did we do our best to furnish Bro. Campbell with a large petition from our town? If not, why not?

Fraternally yours,

F. W. CRAWFORD.

### New York Central Ry.

#### Western Division—

Division No. 8 held their meeting at Pythian Hall, Syracuse, N. Y., May 15, Sister Gorman in the chair. Matters pertaining to the welfare of the Order were taken up, but on account of the small attendance, were laid on the table to be taken up at the next meeting, which will be the third Saturday in July. Please make a note of that, paste it up where you can see it, and let us have a good turnout. There should be interest taken by the brothers sufficient to fill the hall every time, and yet there are very few who make it a practice to attend. Bros. Tobin, Porter, Calahan, Bartholemew, Whiteside and about seventy-five others should make it a point to honor us with their presence next time. Why? Because we are going to have a little entertainment, "call it a feed," that ought to bring you and besides the delegates from the Atlanta convention will be with us with their reports. Important matters will be brought up and a full attendance is desired. The entertainment committee consists of Bros. Deller, Hoyt and Enright, who guarantee a good time to all.

Mr. Harry Bateman has been confined to Dr. Campbell's sanitarium for the past few weeks, undergoing an operation. Relieved at intervals by F. D. Brown, Wheeler, and Bro. Miles.

Telegrapher Cornelius has bumped F. D. Brown at BS 2a. Brown transferred to Memphis.

Telegrapher Wheeler doing a stunt at "LX." Salina. Bro. Callahan is sick.

Bro. Dunn, who recently went into the mail service worked a few nights at Memphis.

Not an item sent in this month from up the road. What's the matter. Has that spasmodic interest that was taken two months ago died a natural death? Or is it on account of the lack of change with which to buy a postal card? No items makes uninteresting reading.

Payday twice a month now, how does that strike you? Conditions are changing, and for the better.

Have you seen the new schedule? If not, come up to the meeting in July, and, with other good things, get a copy.

Bro. R. A. Faber, BS 40a, Batavia, has left the service of the signal department to engage in farming at Dale, N. Y., where he has purchased a large farm.

Local Chairman Hoff has appointed Bros. R. F. Tobin and W. L. Ratigan, of BS 2, Syracuse and 25, Rochester, respectively, as assistant local chairmen for the ensuing term.

Div. Cor.

#### Hudson Division—

While our worthy correspondent is sojourning in the Sunny South, after attending one of the largest conventions ever assembled under the O. R. T. banner, I will endeavor to write a few lines for the perusal of the membership.

This is the month in which to send in our "scrip" to Bro. Blim for the new card, and help replenish our treasury.

The convention is over and our platform is down for two years more, and we are destined in the near future to have an organization that will be second to none, and by affiliation with ten other railroad brotherhoods we will be able to have our just and equitable demands recognized.

It is with regret we chronicle the death of Bro. Freer's father, who was instantly killed by a train at Garrison. Not only does Bro. Freer lose a kind and devoted father, but the community in which he resided a beloved and respected citizen. The sympathies of Division No. 8 are extended to the bereaved in this, their hour of grief.

Bros. Burns and Smith were badly disappointed in not being able to attend the convention. This on account of not being relieved.

Bro. Collins, formerly at 28, has returned West, and is located on a Western road out of Chicago.

Bro. Dougherty is now doing honors at Long Point Comfort, B.S. 57.

The electrical and mechanical departments of the Hudson Division have been consolidated and a new system of operation is in vogue, the change brought back to us one of our old-timers in the signal department, M. Dowd, he being assigned as foreman out of Poughkeepsie. We are all glad to see Marty back.

*Harlem Division—*

I am now in a position to state that we have been very successful and have a solid division except for two or three who will probably be with us in a short time. Everything is running very smoothly.

But two positions were up for bid last month which shows that the boys are not moving around much. Those working more than twelve hours are now getting overtime, and those working split nine-hour tricks are getting a week's vacation with pay.

Another big responsibility taken off a number of agents who have been obliged to take care of switch lights, is the installing of eight-day-burning lamps, which are taken care of by men paid to look after them.

A piece in the Poughkeepsie *Courier* of April 25th, states that the N. Y. C. will soon commence double-tracking the Harlem from Brewster to Chatham.

Have very little news to write this month, as the boys have forgotten to send in items, or else there has not been enough stirring to make any news.

Bro. McDonough, of Tuckahoe, had a very "measly" two weeks' vacation with the measles; Bro. Brennan relieved him and a Mr. E. F. Farrand relieving Brennan.

Bro. Wooding, first trick "BA" tower, Ghent, has been enjoying a couple of weeks' vacation. Relieved by Bro. Larry P. Masterson.

Bro. Lloyd will soon have his hands full at Copake, as we understand that ground has been broken near there preparatory to erecting a large college for boys.

The O. R. T. baseball team organized and started off with a couple of games at Pawling. A number of the boys not having any practice, some very costly errors were made and both games were lost.

Don't forget when you take your vacations, or get married to drop me a line about it so as to have a little "newsy" news here each month.

Bro. Lind, at Boston Corners, was off a couple of weeks on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. L. P. Masterson. Bob.

*Electric Division—*

Owing to the absence of our regular correspondent, who is one of the Atlanta delegates, we will give below what little news we have been able to gather.

The following positions are up for bid:

First trick "JO" tower, Woodlawn, owing to Bro. Pethicks having bid in the trick at terminal, being located at lower "F," new tower recently opened.

Second trick at Bronxville station, owing to Mr. Merritt having bid in third trick at "WC," Wakefield.

Second trick, "MY," Wakefield, owing to Bro. Walker being successful in bidding in second trick at "JO."

First trick Kingsbridge station. It is understood that the present incumbent is leaving the service.

J. H. Moore, agent at Botanical Gardens, has been called to Youngstown, Ohio, on business, and is being relieved by Bro. McGlosson, one of our new members.

Agent Carroll, of Woodlawn, is confined to the house by illness, he having suffered a relapse of a previous attack which confined him indoors for over two months. We understand he is very low. He was relieved by the first assistant at Roselle, who, in turn, was relieved by Bro. Kohn. Extra Telegrapher Farrand covered Bro. Kohn's trick.

Bro. McBane, recently from "EX," and L. I. R. R., is relieving Bro. Altrutz at Fordham, second trick. Bro. Altrutz relieves H. A. Green, second trick at Mott Haven. Green is confined in the Bellevue Hospital, as a result of an operation on his left hand. We understand he will be out in a week or ten days.

Prospects seem to be good for the closing of 183d St. station. The company submitted figures showing a loss of \$235.00 for the year 1908. There will be a public hearing before the Public Service Commission, first district, next week, when final action will undoubtedly be taken.

The day meeting Wednesday, May 12th, was a farce. As no refreshments and cigars were included in the order of business the boys stayed away. This goes to show that the inner man must be considered first of all. Of course, the brothers in attendance at Atlanta are exempt, as they are regulars, hence were elected delegates.

There is a little more work for the boys, owing to dirt extra being put on between G. C. terminal and Mt. Vernon. The fill being used at Mt. Vernon for new cutoff.

Bro. Nelson has just returned from a visit to his wife's relatives in Buffalo and Rochester.

There are enough nons on this division to keep every member busy. This should not be the condition and shows a lack of individual effort. Every member is an organizer and should make some kind of an effort to get at least one application during 1909. There are only a few impossibilities.

We are glad that conventions are not held every month, if the regular correspondent were necessarily a delegate. CERT. 2222.

*Buffalo Division—*

Regular meeting held at the Archer Hotel, North Tonawanda, Wednesday evening, May 5th.

On account of a change in the management of the hotel where our meetings are held, taking effect May 1st, it was impossible to send out written notices in regard to this meeting until new arrangements had been made. However, please take notice that in the future all of our regular bi-monthly meetings will be held at the Archer Hotel, North Tonawanda, unless you are otherwise notified.

It should not be necessary to have to notify each member when regular meetings are to be held. If you have the interest of your organization at heart you will keep posted in this matter. If in doubt at any time as to the meetings you can



inform yourself by consulting the Official Directory published in the last pages of THE TELEGRAPHER.

There is no excuse for a small attendance at any meeting. You can certainly come out once in every two months. I can not understand how any man can neglect a matter that means better conditions and money for himself and family. What would you think of a business man who invests his money in an enterprise and then stays away and lets some one else run it for him. That is just what you are doing when you fail to attend your meetings. You pay your dues, but someone else has to do the work. We are all looking for better things. Why not do your part in helping to get them. Have a voice in the affairs of the organization, if there is anything you don't like make it known, if you have any ideas that you think should be brought to the attention of the general committee, make them known also. Provide yourself with application blanks and keep posted on the fees and dues for each month. Try to get men into the Order who will be a credit to it, and who give the company faithful and conscientious service. If there are any of the other kind pass them by. We want the officials to know that this organization represents their best men. In this way you are not only helping your general committee in their work, but you are helping yourself.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Bro. Macdonald Garratt, of North Tonawanda. Bro. Garratt was attacked by appendicitis while on duty at B. S. 59, Sunday, April 25th. He was taken to the Buffalo General Hospital for treatment but failed to survive the operation, dying Thursday night, April 29th. Bro. Garratt had been in the employ of the New York Central for fourteen years. He had the confidence of his employers and esteem of his fellow-men. "Mack" was one of our oldest and staunchest members, always to the front when there was work to be done or if anyone needed assistance. He was a kind husband and father, a faithful employe and a good Order man. What more can be said? He is survived by his wife and one child who have our heartfelt sympathy.

At this writing Bro. Loftus is attending the Grand Convention at Atlanta, as a delegate from Division No. 8.

Our old stand-by, Bro. Scott, from Black Rock freight office, has been assigned to the agency at Lancaster, which was advertised recently.

Bro. Harlock, at B. S. 50, who has been unable to work for a long time on account of sickness, has returned to duty. Fred had a hard pull, but we are glad to see him around again.

Bro. Miller, at B. S. 47A, has been holding down the afternoon trick at B. S. 47, for a few days. Howard is a handy man in a pinch.

Bro. Seely, at B. S. 47, the popular insurance man, is about to move to a place where merit is recognized. The hundred and fifty million dollar a year limit in this State has shut Harry out.

If any brother on the Buffalo Division hears of items of interest, don't be afraid to let it get away from you, for we all like to know what is going on. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

#### *Beech Creek District—*

Bro. John Heitsenrether, of Lumber, second trick, was off duty a couple of days last month; relieved by Telegrapher McQuown. He visited Mr. Harvey, the second trick dispatcher at Jersey Shore, while in that city.

Bro. D. R. Bitner, of Beech Creek, second trick, was off one day last month; relieved by Miss Quiggle.

Bro. Diehl, of Mahaffey, has bid in "WB" tower, third trick, and is now on the job. Bro. B. F. Sterling, of Curry, second trick, is working "J" tower, second, extra at present. He was relieved at Curry by Bro. J. A. Davis, of Dimeling, third trick. Bro. Davis was relieved by Bro. E. L. Crist.

Bro. Graham, of Lumber, third trick, was off one week last month, on account of moving; relieved by Telegrapher High.

Bro. C. W. Miller, agent at Hayes, has bid in "YA" tower, third trick. The agency at Hayes has been accepted by Bro. McCloskey, formerly agent at Lumber. The agency at this point filled by Bro. May, of "J" tower, third trick, at present the vacancy at "J" tower, filled by Telegrapher Brillhart. It has been bid in by Bro. J. B. Smith, of Dowler Jct., second trick, who we hope soon to see on the job.

Bro. Kennedy, "KI," Kerrmoor, off a week last month; relieved by Telegrapher Miller, of Jersey Shore.

Bro. D. R. Bitner, of Beech Creek, broke ground for a new house near the station, and expects to be in his new home by fall.

Bro. Berry, of Beech Creek, first trick, off for a few days trout fishing. He was relieved by Telegrapher Brown.

Bro. Hunter, agent at Curry, made several hurried trips to Clearfield last month. Bro. Graham, of Lumber, third trick, was also seen in Clearfield last month.

A meeting was held at Lock Haven last month, also one at Clearfield. CERT. 2117.

#### **Norfolk & Western Ry.**

At our Grand Division Bro. Quick stated that our journal space would have to be reduced to some extent, now, brothers, this does not mean that we can not have a nice write-up each month from each division, we certainly must have this, but we must omit some of the changes in the way of relief for vacations, etc., and briefly take up the most important matters of interest.

Your representatives have returned from our Grand Division meeting more fully convinced of the importance of a strong organization, our growth and advancement in the past two years have been marvelous, considering conditions under which we have worked. We should all feel proud of the standing the telegraphers have in the labor

world; our organization is recognized as one of the leaders, and the great benefits we have received have been accomplished by what we might call only a part of an organization. If our men will stand loyal to our great leaders, and see that every man employed in the movement of trains, either by telegraph or telephone, gives his support morally as well as financially to our organization we will accomplish far more in the next two years than we have in the past.

Now, brothers, let us put forth more individual effort and make the N. & W. one of the best; we have a very good schedule, but nothing like what we can have if our committee has the support of every man in our department.

By the time this is in print you will have received a full report of the Grand Division meeting, which contains much valuable information, and I want to urge every member to give this report very careful consideration.

These Grand Division minutes will be taken up at each meeting and explained in detail by your representatives, and we hope the boys will make special efforts to get to the meetings and get the benefit of this information.

M. G. HARPER, *Gen. Cor.*

#### *S. V. Division—*

At the meeting held at Portsmouth, O., there was a good attendance. Bro. B. J. Watts presiding.

Bro. R. H. Chitwood has accepted service with the Virginian Railroad, as agent at Princeton, Va. Best wishes for success follow.

Your correspondent was the honored guest at a meeting of railway clerks, while he was attending an O. R. T. meeting at Portsmouth, O., April 17, and we bespeak for the new organization complete success, while yet in its infancy the membership is numerically a surprise. The Order is made up of first-class men upon whom the railroads depend for the successful handling of their business. The address of welcome by President Talbott was able, clear and interesting.

Bro. J. M. Marcum has resumed his duties as agent at Dunlow, W. Va.

Bro. G. W. Montgomery, the second trick man at Fort Gay, W. Va., has been relieved for his vacation by Bro. J. M. Sotcher.

Fireman B. Canterbury was seriously injured while trains were passing on double track between Nolan, W. Va., and Williamson, W. Va., April 17, being struck by some object.

Conductor Charles McCoy, in charge of train No. 4, was injured at Pritchard, W. Va., April 17th. While taking water, a large lump of coal fell from the tender of the engine striking him on the head with serious results. Dr. A. W. Bromley was called to attend his injuries. At this time his condition is much improved.

Bro. O. C. Knight, agent at Peebles, O., was on his vacation the first fifteen days in May; relieved by Bro. E. L. Peake.

Bro. R. B. Leasure, agent at Higbys, O., relieved by Bro. H. B. Wortman for vacation.

Bro. W. M. Jaynes attended the convention at Atlanta, Ga., May 10th; relieved by Bro. E. L. Ward, who is now permanent agent at Nolan, W. Va.

Bro. George Moates, night telegrapher at Peebles, O., was severely shaken up by a thunderbolt, April 26th. Lightning struck near the office, damaging telegraph instruments, etc. Fortunately no one was injured but Engineer McOat who was in the office at the time, and it is stated that he did not wait for information as to what had happened.

Captain Thomas Rarden, veteran conductor running on the Portsmouth Division of the B. & O. S. W., suffered a paralytic stroke, Sunday, May 2d. Captain Rarden is past seventy years of age, and has been in the service of the above road for a half century. He was employed when the civil war broke out, resigned his position and went to the front. After the close of the rebellion he returned to railway service, his last promotion being to the mail run between Portsmouth, O., and Hamden, O. While his condition is improved, he is not able for service at this time.

Bro. Geo. L. Pake, formerly religious director at the Y. M. C. A., Portsmouth, O., was the victim of a cowardly assault at Chillicothe, O., May 4th, while there in interest of temperance matters.

The C. & O. Company has placed an order for fifty new locomotives with the American Locomotive Works, Richmond, Va., to be delivered by November 1st, this year, at a cost of \$15,000 each.

Engineer C. F. Somers, of the Pennsylvania Lines, is handling a special consisting of an engine and four coaches, has the proud record of handling his train 133 miles in 98 minutes. This is the long distance record of the world 80.81 miles an hour.

Mr. C. T. Weeks, a clerk in Yard Master Sults' office, Portsmouth, O., died of typhoid fever at his home, May 21. A committee of trainmen accompanied the remains to Bedford, Va., where the body was interred according to the trainmen's ritual. He was also a member of the clerk's organization.

General Manager Maher, it is said, has declined receivership of the Norfolk & Southern, which has a salary attachment of \$25,000 a year. He is acknowledged one of the most expert men in his position in the country, and for that reason was offered the receivership of the defunct company, and in time would have become the president.

Bro. C. A. Smith, agent at Winchester, O., is off duty taking his vacation; relieved by Bro. W. M. Jaynes.

Bro. F. C. Stratton, Nolan, W. Va., who has been on the emergency list for a period of two years, has taken service with the "Clinchfield," as agent at Speers Ferry, Va., which is one of the most important stations on this line.

CERT. 750.

*Pocahontas Division—*

Bro. H. C. Calloway, our delegate to the Grand Division, has returned, and reports great things doing. We shall expect a full report in a six-hour speech at the next Bluefield meeting.

Business on the Pocahontas looks better, but it is not yet up to the old time ring.

Bro. J. T. Jewell, of Virginia City, Va., is being relieved by Bro. C. F. Bushman, who was kicked out of North Fork, W. Va., by Bro. Spielman bidding in third trick.

It is with regret we announce the death of Mr. Adams, of Bluefield, W. Va., who had held responsible positions at Bluefield freight station for the past twenty years. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks.

West Vivian, third trick is on the board; can not say who will be the lucky one.

Bro. Hale, of Rock, W. Va., bid in the agency at Devon, W. Va. We understand that Rock is to be closed June 1st.

If reports are true, the C. C. & O. will use N. & W. tracks from St. Paul to Coeburn, for freight service. This will call for more night offices on Clinch.

We are certainly glad to see the Pocahontas Division represented in the journal each month. Let more of us take an interest in this work, and make the old Pocahontas one of the best in THE TELEGRAPHER. CERT. 1102.

*Radford Division—*

The appeal for notes or contributions to the correspondents department seems to fall on deaf ears, but the writer is not the only one who is treated with this seeming indifference by the brothers, as we notice the general and division correspondents from all the roads are making the same complaint. It seems strange that none of the brothers feel like contributing anything or that they do not know of news that will interest the membership.

There is very little discipline being applied, which is evidence that the men are doing all that they can to keep their records clear. Several cases in which trains have been delayed by the telegrapher "losing" a train, did not receive O. K. and office call for same, have recently occurred. This is so easily avoided that it seems strange that any one would let it occur. Brother, be very particular when you "Os" to receive "OK," and the office call, and then there can be no trouble ahead for you nor any delay to a train. It frequently means a delay to an important passenger train, and the company will not stand for this. We found a few little items the other day which has impressed us very seriously, two of them at least, and we submit them to you with the request that you ponder them well and ask yourself frequently the questions:

First. "If you were an employer, would you be glad to employ your present self?"

Second. "What sort of business would it be if every man in it were just like myself?"

Let us make this a glass in which to see ourselves, and if we do not come up to the standard, strive to do so.

The installation of the automatic block signal has cut off all the telegraphers at Salem and West Roanoke, thus throwing some of our oldest men out, and away from their homes. Bro. Vest displaced Bro. Sabine, at Belspring; Bro. Sabine displaced Bro. E. C. Scott, at Saltville; Bro. Scott displaced Bro. Bennett, at Chilhowie, who has just displaced Bro. Desler; Bro. Kerner displaced Bro. Bennett, at Glen Var; Mr. Tucker, from West Roanoke, displaced Bro. Bennett, at Wallace; Bro. Huddle, from Wallace, displacing Bro. Jewell, at Glen Lyn; Bro. Farrow, first trick at Salem, has taken a clerical position there as assistant agent; Mr. Wohlford, at West Roanoke, displaced Mr. A. L. Davis, at Roanoke passenger station, Davis displacing Bro. Williams, at Pulas; Bro. Williams has taken a twelve-hour job with the Virginian, at Roanoke.

The wisdom of making a position subject to pull where the telegrapher has not been on the road five years has been demonstrated very forcibly, much sooner than was anticipated when it was adopted. All the old men who have been cut have had some choice of positions, and are very well satisfied. We frequently hear it said that the telegraphers are to blame for the adoption of the automatic signal and the telephone, by the part they took in the enactment of the nine-hour law. If it is true we have the first man to see who will say he will go back to working twelve hours again, and doubling any time the chief sees fit to make him double, if they will annul the law. If it takes fewer telegraphers, those who work will only work eight hours, and the companies are not going to make any changes unless they know it is to their advantage. When the safety appliance act was passed it cut a brakeman off of every train crew, but have you ever seen men who wanted to have this law annulled in order that more men could be killed by having to couple cars with the old link and pin couplers? In the march of progress it would appear that the labor organizations have done more to aid it, than to retard its movement, and they are never ready to lose ground in order that they may be overworked or killed so that the company may be spared a little extra expense. Conditions will materially adjust themselves to the new order of things and the wisdom of the movement will soon be apparent to the most skeptical.

*Shenandoah Division—*

Bro. A. D. Stockton, agent at Ashby, was relieved for a few days by Bro. McClanahan.

Bro. J. W. Melton has reported for duty on the second trick at Glasgow, which he bid in on bulletin.

Relief Agent Bro. H. H. Burks relieved Bro. G. W. Skelton, on the second trick, at Buena Vista. Bro. Skelton going home for a few days.

Relief Agent Bro. J. S. Biedler has gone to Crimora, to relieve Bro. Walter for a few days.

Bro. Bush relieved Bro. J. W. Melton, second trick, at Glasgow for a few days.

Bro. J. W. Taylor, first trick at Buena Vista, was relieved by Bro. K. A. Painter, while on his vacation. Bro. Painter being relieved on the third trick, at Loch Laird, by Bro. R. Y. Melton.

Relief Agent Bro. H. H. Burks, from the second trick at Buena Vista, has gone to Vesuvius, to relieve the agent, Bro. T. A. Graves; Bro. Graves being on the sick list. Bro. Bush relieving at Buena Vista.

Bro. J. W. Melton, from second trick at Glasgow to first at Stanley, to relieve Bro. Hamrick, who was taken sick. Miss Threlkold is relieving at Glasgow.

Mr. H. A. Fix, second trick at Stanley, was relieved by Bro. McIntosh, while taking his vacation.

Mr. C. B. Lackes, second trick dispatcher at north end, is relieving our Chief Mr. C. A. Graves a few days, while Bro. Jim Apple, with his pretty Morse, is holding down the second trick at north end.

Bro. Mitchell, second trick at Greenville, is still on the sick list, but is reported as improving. We are in hopes that Bro. Mitchell will soon be back to the key.

Bro. T. H. Lankford, first trick at Cloverdale, is off for the convention; relieved by Bro. W. T. Gentry, from first trick at Winston Salem. Do not know who relieved at Winston.

Relief Agent Bro. J. S. Biedler not having anything to do relieved Bro. Gentry at Cloverdale.

Relief Agent H. H. Burks, from Vesuvius, to second trick at Buena Vista, and Bro. Bush, from that point, to third trick at Loch Laird, to relieve Bro. R. Y. Melton, who is on the sick list.

J. H. B.

#### Norfolk Division—

Naturally, all are looking for something extra from the correspondents this issue, especially from those who were sent as representatives from the different railroads. Brothers, you must bear with your delegates until they "kinder" get themselves together, you must remember "near beer" would get some of us fellows twisted, and we must have time to recover from the effects of our most pleasant trip to the convention held in Atlanta. Remember, too, that all of us returned finding plenty of work either at the office or at the home which needed our first attention.

As our Crewe meeting on the 22d was pressing us for time in which to get a report before the brothers, a few of us got busy in our room for the purpose of at least giving a partial report of the convention. We believe our boys appreciate this effort, and that they will fall in line and become active workers for the good of all telegraphers.

If any organization on the globe should feel proud of their Grand Officers, 'tis the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. It is through our support that they have been instrumental in bringing about great things for the telegraphers, and not only

have these things matured, but many other important matters now receiving the careful consideration of our President, H. B. Perham, and his staff.

I put this in the language above, for the reason that it is in substance the way Bro. Perham put it before the delegates, which shows that he takes no special credit to himself (although deserves it), he attributes our success to the earnest support of the membership. I do trust, that if any in our ranks have grown careless and allowed their dues to go unpaid, that they will just wake up to a realization of what will be accomplished, if we will but give the organization our earnest support and influence. Not only what will be accomplished, but, if you please, reflect, "what has already been accomplished." You can not deny it. Now, to those who have never become members of this organization: Will you continue to accept the benefits and allow your brother telegraphers to deny themselves to help pay for what you are getting, absolutely free? Do you not feel that you are imposing upon your brother telegrapher, and can you rest well at night, knowing that the eyes of this great labor world are turned on you? Now in the kindest spirit, will you not be manly and do the right thing, and send in your application? I shall take pleasure in sending you application blanks any time.

Knowing the tendency on the part of all telegraphers to pay little or no attention to the reports from the convention, I want to take this means of asking that you will carefully read the reports of our Grand Officers, especially the report of Bro. Perham and Bro. Quick. In Bro. Quick's report, note our financial condition in the year 1901, showing an indebtedness of \$16,585.69, cash on hand \$144.66, since which time our finances have been increasing as will be shown in his report, and on March 31, 1909, we have no indebtedness, with a cash balance of \$594,525.10, which is deposited in eight different banks in the City of St. Louis.

This report, brothers, shows how well our finances have been managed.

I want to impress upon our brothers the necessity of keeping informed as to the working of the organization. Above all, make a special effort to attend the division meetings. You will be slow to become animated with much interest until you get a coal from off the altar.

In conclusion, I wish to explain to some of the brothers who recently sent me some line-ups, that if they do not find them published in this article, it will be for the reason that this class of matter was voted out at the Atlanta convention.

Since the Ladies' Auxiliary has been established, it has been given a place in our journal, and you may bet we'll hear from our active ladies. In this connection I wish to also say a good word for this branch of our organization. Brothers, let's get busy and give to the ladies our earnest support in this matter. We must organize an auxiliary on our division immediately. I think this was to have been done at the Crewe meeting.

The benefits to grow out of such an organization is immeasurable. You'll find an attractive lady at your office door to see "why you do not come across with your dues" when this organization is put in action.

Now, brothers, as I'm a little under the weather, and to write an article at this time means much energy for me, I want to urge you to become active members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers and do all in your power to keep the membership in line in your vicinity. There is entirely too much of this dropping behind in dues, and we will fail to achieve the highest degree of success unless we can overcome this unbusiness-like feature in our organization.

Brothers, get busy and contribute an article to our journal, sending it to me by the 15th of each month. Give your views on any question that in your judgment would be elevating to our membership.

With kindest regards and best wishes to all.

T. O. M., CERT. 110.

### Michigan Central Ry.

Owing to the absence of our correspondents, who were in attendance at Atlanta, news is somewhat scarce this month. However, there is one matter to which we wish to call the attention of the men. This is in regard to the person who is trying to work the brothers for money. His method is to procure some letterhead from some State prison, which would indicate that he was incarcerated, and then goes on to state that he was there through no fault of his own, but, for lack of funds, was unjustly convicted. However, he is trying to get a new trial, and, with the assistance of the brothers, he hopes to be able to do so. Then he sends on some horse hair watch chains to be disposed of at a dollar apiece to the brothers along the line. He signs himself as formerly a member of the B. & O. Division, but upon investigation the B. & O. brothers say he is a fraud and has been working several other roads, claiming to belong to different divisions. So if any of you receive letters from this person hand them to the waste basket. CERT. 123.

### Canada Division—

Bro. O. E. Baker, formerly telegrapher at St. Thomas, is now connected with the Conservatory of Music at Brantford, as teacher, and is doing well. Bro. Baker deserves great praise and the telegraphers wish him every success.

Bro. Porter nights at Montrose, is relieving Bro. J. H. Staley, days. B. L. Laing, spare, is on nights.

Telegrapher F. C. Muller has resumed as agent at Springfield, after a year's absence. Bro. D. Campbell will resume nights.

Hugh Williams, dispatcher, is in Winnipeg for his health. Mr. Williams is very poorly, and it is hoped the trip will benefit him. P. McNabb is relieving Mr. Williams.

The agency at Leamington, which was recently bulletined, was bid in by D. A. Young, Rodney,

and Telegrapher John Bentley, Windsor, nights, has been transferred to the agency at Rodney. Bro. H. C. Phillips, from Windsor yard, nights, has been transferred to Windsor station, nights, and E. L. Conlon, Tilsonburg, nights, has accepted Windsor yard, nights.

Telegrapher J. A. Abbott, Essex, who was recently off duty owing to serious illness, has resumed duty. Bro. Clunas relieved days.

Business on this division has had a decided increase since the embargo on live stock was raised. Several crews have been put back on regular, and we are all very glad to see business coming back to normal again.

James Holway, one of the oldest agents on this division, is dead. Mr. Holway was agent at Windsor for years, and was one of the best agents the company had. He was obliging and willing to do a favor for anyone, and has left behind kind remembrances which will not soon be forgotten. W. J. Sedge, agent at Tilsonburg, has accepted the agency at Windsor. The appointment of agent at Tilsonburg has not been made.

W. H. McNabb, telegrapher at "DS," St. Thomas, nights, is relieving the Pere Marquette dispatcher at St. Thomas for a couple of weeks.

Bro. H. L. Oliver, telegrapher at Niagara Falls, Ont., was off for a week, owing to illness. Bro. Farr took the day shift, and Telegrapher W. W. Graht the night shift.

Owing to other business Bro. J. H. Staley is unable to continue the duties of local chairman, but still retains his office as general secretary and treasurer, with headquarters at Ridgemount, Ont. Bro. David Hoy, Fletcher, assumes the duties of local chairman.

### West End Division—

The dispatchers are making their trips on local trains in order to familiarize themselves with the road.

Bro. Murphy, at Michigan City, days, is relieving Bro. Quance. Bro. Anderson is relieving Bro. Murphy nights.

Office at "Lydick," on Benton Harbor Division, will be opened Friday. Understand Telegrapher Fuller goes there.

Bro. C. V. O'Connor is working first trick at New Buffalo while Bro. LaCrone is off duty. Understand Bro. LaCrone was called away on account of death in his family. DIV. COR.

### Middle Division and Main Line—

Bro. Don Spencer, one of the oldest in point of service on this division, who held second trick at Niles, has resigned, and, with his family, has moved to Jackson. Bro. Rennor, from Colon, third trick, bid in the vacancy. Bro. Northrop, who has been working the second trick until the change was made, resumes third trick at Niles and telegrapher McGilward, who relieved Bro. Northrop, went to Grand Rapids to work second trick at that point.

Bro. Keefe, third at Kalamazoo, was off sick a couple of weeks, but am glad to say he is OK and

back to work again. Telegrapher Sweeney, from Jackson relief force, relieved him.

Bro. Ketchum, second at Kalamazoo, is enjoying a few days' vacation. Bro. Kitchen, a new man on the road, is relieving him.

Bro. Bergy, who has been off on a vacation lasting about two weeks, is at work again, first trick at Battle Creek. Bro. Slowey, from Albion, second, relieved him, and Telegrapher Kitchen relieved Bro. Slowey.

Bro. Eagle, from extra list, secured third trick at Colon on the bulletin, relieving Bro. Rennor when he went to Niles.

Bro. Calkins, the general chairman, is attending the convention at Atlanta.

Bro. Helt is working the first trick at Albion during his absence.

Bro. Brown, local chairman, also attending the convention. Bro. Miller is working the first trick at Harris, and Bro. Brewer is working Bro. Miller's third trick there.

Bro. R. J. Ramsey, of the examining car, is working as yardmaster at Niles, while Yardmasters Seeley and Zane are taking their annual vacation. Frank Allen, extra dispatcher, is holding down the examiner's job during his absence.

The dispatchers are going over the road, and Extra Dispatcher Cummins is relieving them. Two new men from W. U. relieving in "SF" office, Jackson. Did not learn their names.

In last month's news I was in error concerning agent at Glenwood. It was Bro. Louks instead of Bro. Lutz that bid in the position. Bro. Louks says he is keeping batch, as there is no place to board near by.

Business is good and there are several extra conductors on the board. Our extra men are all busy, too. Our slogan should be "Organize," and remember to ask for the card when a telegrapher strikes you for a stake. "No card, no favors."

CERT. 414.

#### *West Joliet and Benton Harbor Divisions—*

Bro. Main, of "DO," Chicago, was called to Detroit by the death of his mother last month; relieved by Bro. McAninch, recently of the U. P. Ry. On Bro. Main's return, Bro. McAninch went to "CA," Kensington, third trick, for a few nights, relieving Bro. Martin on account of sickness.

We are glad to be able to call T. A. Mitchell brother. He is working third trick at Galien, relieving Mr. Drier, who, we understand, is now convalescing and may be expected to be around again in about a month. Mr. Glover has taken his regular second trick at Galien, after doing relief agent work for some time.

Mr. O'Connor, who has been relieving Bro. LaCrone at New Buffalo, has resumed work on third trick at that station, Bro. LaCrone having returned. Bro. Mohler, who was relieving Mr. O'Connor at New Buffalo, is at present working first trick at "KD," Kensington, relieving Bro. Thoms, who, we understand, sprained an ankle.

Mr. H. Covey, late of the Iowa Central, who was relieving at New Buffalo, is working days at "DO," Chicago, at present.

Bro. Redding, second trick at New Buffalo, has resumed duty after a ten days' vacation, which he spent with home folks in Indianapolis.

Bro. Alexander, of East Gary, was recently called to Ann Arbor, on account of the death of a relative, and was absent for several days; relieved by Mr. Vedo, a new man on the road.

Mr. R. C. Fuller is filling the temporary position at the Lydick gravel pit during the construction work which is being done there.

We are glad to note that the west end is now nearly solid, and with a little more individual effort we can easily make it solid and keep it so.

A meeting may be called some time during the present month, and we must all try to make it a record breaker in point of attendance. Keep up the good work and send in any items you may know of, so we can have a write-up each month.

UNCLE DUDLEY.

#### **The New York, Chicago & St. Louis Ry.**

##### *Cleveland Division—*

When you read this, just ask yourself how much of it you contributed.

The services of the copier in the dispatchers office at Cleveland have been dispensed with. Mr. J. E. Burnap has gone back to "CD" office, first trick, bumping Mr. H. O. Wiltsie. Mr. Wiltsie bumped Bro. K. C. Smith who went to Woodland second trick which he received later on bid.

Bro. V. J. Beaumont, second trick at Euclid, and Mr. J. E. Ross, second trick at Woodland, have resigned. Both accepted positions with the W. U. Tel. Co. at Cleveland. Bro. A. C. Stiles is holding down second trick at Euclid at present.

Bro. E. G. Manson, first trick at Vermillion, off one day, while making a flying trip to Cleveland. Relieved by Bro. Chas. Walton, an extra man.

Mr. W. J. Howey, who is working at Sheffield, an old-timer at the business and an ex-member of the Order has put a handle to his name. It is Prof. Howey now, as he is running a ham factory at Sheffield. He dropped out of the Order giving that old, old and threadbare excuse, "Hard up, no money to pay dues." The boys did not think he was so old in the business that he was getting feeble minded, but his actions show that there is something radically wrong in his upper story.

Bro. L. L. Gerhardt, second trick at Kimball, is off duty at present, serving on the grand jury at Norwalk, Ohio. He is being relieved by Telegrapher Austin.

The third trick at Euclid, second trick at Woodland and third trick at Kimball were advertised this month, and the following named receiving same on bid. Mr. E. R. Shepard, third trick at Kimball, Bro. K. C. Smith, second trick at Woodland and Mr. E. P. LaMoreaux, third trick at Euclid.

Telegrapher McGurdy, third trick at East Lorain, off a few days, being relieved by Bro. Chas. Walton.

There are a couple of up-to-date members on this division who are violating their obligation to the Order by harboring students. I don't see how they can do this with a clear conscience after what the Order has done for them. I hope these members will see the mistake they are making, and discontinue the practice, as it is contrary to the laws of the organization and those who indulge in it are subject to expulsion.

Bro. Gebhard recently made a business trip to Cleveland, and went from Cleveland to Wheeling, West Va.

Telegrapher Hammond, formerly second trick at Sheffield, has left the service, and is doing the farming stunt, near Lorain.

We hope before you see another write-up from this division that our committee will have met the management and renewed our schedule and adjusted a few grievances.

In closing, I want to urge the few brothers who have neglected to pay their dues for the last six months to do so at once, as nothing is more encouraging to our general committee, when up before the management, than for them to know that they have a solid line-up behind them.

DIV. COR.

#### *First District—*

We have a good membership on this district, but what we want is a decrease in the number of nons and an increased O. R. T. membership and better organization. If the brothers will get busy and make this a good, live O. R. T. district, they will be giving our new committee the best possible aid.

Bro. T. B. Groves has returned from a visit to his home in Pennsylvania and is working third trick at "NII," relieving Mr. E. H. Todd, who is doing relief work at Conneaut.

Mr. V. H. Weatherup, third trick at Westfield, was off during the last week in April; relieved by Mr. J. F. Now.

Mr. D. G. Dudley, first trick at Brocton yard, was on the sick list several days; relieved by Mr. S. J. Paddock. We are glad to see Dan at work again. Understand Mr. Paddock has left the service.

Bro. A. G. Berens, second trick at Westfield, off April 25th for one night; relieved by Mr. J. A. Clavin.

Bro. Sobetzer, second trick at Angola, was off a few days on account of the serious illness of his wife. Glad to hear she is much better at present.

Mr. B. P. Cobb, brother of Bro. A. J. Cobb, of Swanville, has been appointed relief agent, vice Mr. S. W. Beatty, who has taken the agency at Ripley.

Mr. M. P. Sherwood, formerly agent at Ripley, has been transferred to the agency at Geneva, Ohio.

Mr. F. J. Almeda worked third trick at Lake View a few nights, in place of Bro. Mix.

On May 8th Bro. Morrisy took charge first trick at West End Double Track. Bro. Wiser on regular second trick and Mr. Crossen on third trick, while Bro. E. M. Mulcahy is at Atlanta, representing Division No. 18.

Bro. Mulcahy and wife and Bro. Geo. Kipp and wife, of Division No. 129 are making the trip together. We wish them a pleasant journey and hope much good may be accomplished for the Order.

At Wallace Junction Bro. R. W. Ferry, our local chairman has first trick, Mr. Hayes second, and Bro. H. J. Emmerling third.

Bro. Bolhogen, extra dispatcher, is working third trick at Conneaut while Dispatcher C. E. Benjamin is away on vacation.

Bro. C. J. Dow, third trick at "MX," Conneaut, worked as first trick dispatcher in place of Bro. E. J. Parrish for a few days. Glad to see C. J. promoted. CENT. 89.

#### *Third District—*

Telegrapher A. S. Kiger, first trick at West Fort Wayne, is off duty a few days, on account of the sickness of his wife; relieved by Telegrapher Carney, who formerly worked at Claypool. Mr. Carney left the service of the company and has only been back a short time.

Carney was relieved at West Fort Wayne by Bro. C. A. Brown, from Contl, who was formerly with the east end, working as ticket agent at West 25th St., Cleveland, Ohio. Bro. Brown was relieved at Contl by Bro. W. S. Avey, from McComb, who got Contl on bulletin. Bro. Avey was relieved at McComb, third trick by Telegrapher Shaw from Hobart.

Bro. C. J. Erickson, third trick at Leipsic Junction, is off duty a few days visiting his home in Iowa; relieved by Telegrapher Keniger, a new man.

Bro. D. F. Thomson, at Maple Grove, got rid of his student, and we are all glad to hear this.

Bro. H. J. Freeland, third trick at Mortimer, Ohio, is taking a vacation and enjoying a wedding trip to Hadley, Pa. Bro. Freeland has our best wishes for a long and happy life.

Bro. Freeland is being relieved by Telegrapher Demmick, a new man.

Bro. C. H. Zimmerman, formerly third at New Haven, worked a couple of weeks at Tippecanoe, relieving the regular agent on account of sickness. Bro. Zimmerman was relieved at New Haven by Telegrapher Monroe.

The work at Maple Grove has grown so rapidly that it was necessary to make two towns of it, naming the quarry works Narlo, and the regular agent, Bro. Baldwin, placed at "Narlo." At the junction, or Maple Grove, Bro. C. L. Zimmerman was checked in as agent, doing six hours' wire work. Bro. C. R. Detlif is on second trick, and Bro. R. M. Thompson has third trick. Bro. Cornelius, who formerly worked first trick at Maple Grove, relieved Telegrapher W. Bechtold at Oakwood, two weeks, while he was off on vacation. Bro. Cornelius bid in third trick at New Haven.

Bro. E. J. Brennan is relieving Agent W. C. Elick at Tippecanoe on account of sickness.

When at Leipsic and in need of supper, lunch, etc., don't forget Bro. E. J. Brennan's restaurant. He will be glad to wait upon all brothers.

On May 11 the officials were on the road inspecting and looking over the new block stations. It begins to look now as though we were going to get rid of the old form of block now used, which is about twenty years behind the times and very unhandy, especially at a few offices, where the office is in the center of the passing track, causing considerable confusion when trains from both directions are close and only orders for one of them.

There seems to be considerable confusion at present regarding the bulletining of offices, but we hope to be able to get it straightened out soon and keep it so.

The board of adjustment on the Third District now consists of Bro. F. F. Cowley, of Mortimer, Ohio, Bro. C. J. Erickson, of Leipsic Jct., in addition to Bro. Hixon, general chairman, at Contl. O. Please present your grievances to any of the above members of the board and they will use their best judgment in handling same.

Bros. Parker and Erickson, of Leipsic Jct., were appointed as a committee to wait upon the city council at Leipsic and tender our thanks for the courtesies shown us in the use of the hall, etc.

There were eighteen present, but quite a number of offices have not yet been represented where one man out of the three could very handily get relief if any effort were made.

Try to show up at some of the meetings and not let a few do the work. Get out and get acquainted with the brothers personally, which will engender a better feeling among us. ZIM.

### New York, Ontario & Western Ry.

A meeting was held at Oneida, Sunday, May 9th, and a very agreeable time was enjoyed by all present.

Bro. McCuen, assistant local chairman, had all arrangements made, so we were able to proceed with business immediately after the arrival of the members. Several matters of importance were brought before the meeting, including changes that should, in our opinion, be made in our schedule.

After the business meeting was over we proceeded to get acquainted, which I think is a very good feature of these meetings. We all know each other more or less on the wire, and in other business ways, but what we want is to get together and know each other personally, that is the way to make these meetings a success.

There were about twenty-five present, which was a very good number, considering the way trains run on Sunday. There were two new applications handed in and the promise of more later. I might say here that there are only a very few nons on the Northern Division, and we hope, in the near future, that this number may be greatly diminished, and I think it can be easily done if we all get out and hustle.

We are going to try to hold meetings every month, and I wish every brother would try to be present. In this way we will become better acquainted with each other, as well as with the business that comes up from time to time.

Bro. Ingersoll started for Atlanta, Ga., May 7th, to attend the National Convention. We all hope he has a fine time, and no doubt he will, and we shall expect to hear from him on his return. CANT. 89.

### Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Ry.

#### Second District—

Bro. C. B. Miller has been chosen general secretary and treasurer. Send all dues and remittances to him at Piqua, O.

Bro. Bushaw, the retiring general secretary, deserves much credit for the efficient work he preformed while serving for a number of years in this capacity. He will long be remembered with affection by the officers and brothers of Division No. 21 for his many kindly acts and pleasant ways.

Elemwood Place, second trick, was up for bid recently. Can not say who bid it in.

Night offices at Cridersville and Kirkwood have been closed. Bro. Schulte, who had second trick at the latter place, has been working third trick at Tipp City in place of Bro. Ragon, who has been on a vacation.

"13" Bro. Kroger, first trick telegrapher and all around man at Troy, has accepted a very nice position at Dayton.

Bro. Joe Schulte worked second trick at Sidney, while Mr. Small was spending a week at his old home in Glendale.

Third Trick Telegrapher "Dick" Shearer, of Penna. tower, recently attended a "powow" of the Red men at Sidney. Mr. Shearer is a very enthusiastic Red man, and takes a deep interest in that order.

The company has opened a new gravel pit at Troy, on the old line, and installed an office there for the summer. Can not say who will get this office.

Word has just been received announcing the death of Mr. J. H. Louy, who succumbed to an attack of paralysis, at Independence, Kan. Mr. Louy was telegrapher, dispatcher and chief dispatcher on the Lima-Toledo Division for a number of years, and consequently had many friends among the employes of the C. H. & D., and especially among the older telegraphers.

CORRESPONDENT.

### C. M. & St. P. Ry.

#### Kansas City Division—

Our local chairman, Bro. J. P. Doherty, is attending the Grand Convention of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, assembled at Atlanta, Ga., and from reports received from there they are having a very busy session, and no doubt some very interesting things will be brought before the assembly.



On Wednesday afternoon a barbecue was held, and in the evening the Sweetwater Park Hotel was thrown open for the telegraphers to enjoy dancing until the train left for Atlanta.

The ham factory at Blakesburg, Ia., has turned out a couple of students in the last month, and we are informed that there are a couple of new ham factories starting on the south end. We will not mention any names at this time, and should this find its way to these stations, we hope the guilty persons will take notice and "cut it out."

There are still some nons on this division, and they are so deep in the rut that we doubt if they will ever come out of it, some of them are men we should have and they owe their allegiance to the organization, in fact, they all owe it to the organization, but there are some few that we do not want at any price for we are better off without them. The members know who they are, and a special effort should be made to get only the ones who are eligible. I am enclosing to Bro. L. W. Quick, at this time, a list of the nons on the Kansas City Division and their present location, and should the name of any one appear on the list who has been persuaded to come in with the up-to-date members of this great organization, I will thank any member to personally call the attention of the local chairman to it, and the list will be promptly corrected.

On the east end of the Kansas City Division we find very few changes, and they are only of a temporary nature.

While the steam shovel is working at Cone, Ia., they have three telegraphers where formally but two were employed. It has been operated as a one man station, viz: the day man does the telegraphing and the night man does the lever work, each working twelve hours.

We wish to thank the brothers who have contributed some of the news items, and desire to request that items be sent to the correspondent on or before the 15th of each month, so as to insure their coming out in the next issue of the journal.

Bro. Chas. Cross is relieving Bro. Doherty, while he is in attendance at the Atlanta, Ga., convention, and Bro. Harry Hoover is doing the stunt at ticket seller at Ottumwa, while Bro. Cross is away.

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#### *West End I. and D. Division—*

Not many changes on the division.

Understand Bro A. W. Hakes, of Rock Valley, has been appointed postmaster at that place.

Bro. C. W. Jacobs figures on a trip to Europe this summer. We all wish him a very pleasant time.

Bro. M. J. Flannigan, of Inwood, has been West, looking after his land interests.

Bro. F. R. Douw back to Canton, after working relief at Mitchell side table.

Bro. Jno. Hurley, of Worthing, has gone to the Pacific Coast extension, where he has taken a station; relieved by Bro. F. H. Clark, day telegrapher from Marion Jct. Regular man for Worthington coming from Beulah.

Bro. J. J. Curtis is working extra at Marion Jct., nights.

Bro. J. J. Elker, at Marion Jct., likes his new place fine.

No changes on the Running Water line; everything solid there.

Bro. Beeson is working relief at Pukwana, while the regular man is away. CERT. 1322.

#### *Wisconsin Valley Division—*

Bro. Manthey, who has been holding down Minocqua, second trick, is now relieving Telegrapher Wake at Star Lake while Wake is relieving the agent.

Bro. Ludlam is working second trick and Bro. Van Wilder is holding down third at "UF," Tomahawk.

Bro. Case is now agent at Brokaw. Bro. La Marche, the former agent, is now working third at Grand Rapids.

Bro. Hutcheson is holding down his old job again, second trick at Minocqua. He has been acting agent at Arbor Vitae, vice Mr. Schultz, who has resigned.

Bro. Whaley is relieving the agent at Pittsville.

Bro. Lynn is still on second and Bro. Sundir third trick at Babcock. A BROTHER.

#### *Northern Division—*

Bro. Quardt, of Iron Ridge, is going to have a fine depot when the company finishes the improvements they have started there.

Bro. Dunlays, of second trick at Horicon, was taken suddenly sick about a week ago and has gone to his home on a farm near Berlin to rest up.

Bro. Sisohke, from second trick at Granville, is holding down second trick at Horicon during Bro. Dunlay's absence.

Bro. E. H. Radtke is working at Washington, Iowa, on the Kansas City Division, having resigned second trick at Beaver Dam Jct. Mr. Art Hintz got the job on bulletin.

Bro. Geo. Doyle is still in the South, having gone there the fore part of the winter for his health. Bro. Carmeio is working second trick at Pardecville during his absence.

Bro. Seefeld is holding down third trick at Iron Ridge while Bro. Carmeio is at Pardecville.

A new position of day telegrapher at Hartford was bulletined a few days ago, but has since been cancelled and putting on a third trick there. Bro. Thiele telegraphs now from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m., and Bro. O'Neil holds his same trick from 5 p. m. till 3 a. m. The third trick man works from 3 a. m. to 1 p. m. with a noon hour.

If any of the brothers hear of any news, would be glad to have them hand it in, as it is pretty hard to keep track of every one.

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#### *River Division—*

Mr. I. P. Deschneau has been promoted to agent at Stillwater, vice L. W. Smock, who went to Winona. Mr. Deschneau has been cashier at Stillwater for a number of years. Bro. Reese,

from Wabasha, has been appointed telegrapher and cashier at Stillwater.

Mr. M. P. Garven, of Winona, has been promoted to freight agent at St. Paul, former agent F. J. Clemons, of St. Paul, having resigned.

Telegraph offices opened at Gravel Pit on the island between Red Wing and Hastings. Telegrapher S. B. Nelson is doing the stunt there. Nothing but work trains using that track now, so office is operated only in the day time.

Business has not started to boom very strong yet, but we are all in hopes that it will soon increase, as the weather seems to be settled. It certainly is to be hoped that some of the offices where the forces were reduced last fall and winter will be allowed men enough for full crews when business gets normal, thus giving men enough for full crews when business gets normal, thus giving some of the boys who are now on the extra list regular assignments.

Bro. C. H. Erickson has been appointed third telegrapher at Langdon.

Temporary fifth telegrapher put on in relay office in Minneapolis. Bro. A. M. Kehrner, from the Omaha Ry., at Mankato, is filling in there temporarily, but understand that Telegrapher P. C. Heuer, from Island Track Switch goes there on bulletin.

Bro. F. G. Maloney relieved Bro. P. J. Reed at Hastings. Bro. Reed was sick for some time. He has now resumed work and Bro. Maloney went to River Junction.

Agent G. F. Smith, of Hastings, has returned from a winter spent in California and looks as if the trip agreed with him. He has not yet resumed his duties as agent. Bro. H. C. Vogel is the acting agent.

Have not noticed that the phone system is displacing any telegraphers throughout the country as yet. It seems to me there will have to be a great many improvements over any phone we have ever used before it will be a safe instrument to use in dispatching trains on single-track roads. There is too much property and too many lives at stake for any guess work.

I guess there were a good many dry eyes among the agents when the change in express companies took place. As I understand it the outgoing company started to run a kind of hold-up game in connection with the bond premium business. It seems to me that the companies should pay the agents' premiums, but instead of that they doubled them.

Telegrapher P. J. Carolan went to Lower Yard (St. Paul), third trick, relieving Telegrapher Donohue on account of sickness. Later, Telegrapher Carolan was sent to Island Gravel Pit and Telegrapher J. H. Donehower went to Lower Yard.

Bro. R. E. Kennedy has resumed his position as second trick telegrapher in "C" office, Minneapolis, displacing Telegrapher Bean.

Bro. G. H. Swanberg, third trick at Signal Tower, was absent a few days on account of sickness. Relieved by Bro. L. E. Kenyon, from Chestnut Street, St. Paul. Telegrapher S. B. Nelson

from Island Gravel Pit, is doing the stunt at Chestnut Street during Bro. Kenyon's absence.

Bro. R. C. Sanborn, third trick at Merriam Park, after a month's vacation spent in training his baseball team, is back at his old job.

Bro. K. K. Brainerd, agent at Durand, Wis., is off on a six-months' vacation. Bro. C. E. Griswold is doing the heavy work during his absence, and the day telegrapher position is bulletined.

Bros. H. W. Lake, third at Red Wing, and J. Y. Creel, second trick at Island Track Switch, have resigned to enter the service of the Northern Pacific. Bro. J. P. Myers, from Blackbird Junction is filling in at Red Wing, and both positions are bulletined.

Bro. Walter Scott, who has been relieving Bro. Sanborn at Merriam Park, for several weeks, tendered his resignation to accept a position on the Coast Extension at Butte, Mont.

Understand Bro. Krugmire, second trick at Blackbird Junction, has left the service.

New time card in effect Sunday, May 16, gives us two additional passenger trains (Nos. 10 and 11) between Minneapolis and Chicago.

Bro. Will Kenyon, second trick at Signal Tower, is absent from duty with an attack of appendicitis. He was relieved by Bro. R. C. Sanborn, from Merriam Park. Bro. O. C. Franke, from the M. & St. L. Ry., is doing the "owl watch" at Merriam Park.

Our genial chief dispatcher, W. J. Thiele, left us on May 15th, to accept the position of trainmaster on the C. & M. Division, with office in the Union Depot, Chicago, and is relieved by Mr. L. T. Johnston, formerly chief dispatcher on the H. & D. Division. Both of these are nice promotions, and while we are sorry to lose W. J. T., we are also pleased to see his ability recognized, and, as Mr. Johnston was formerly a popular trick dispatcher on this division we are all pleased to welcome him back as our chief.

Bro. E. F. Fitzgerald, agent at Merriam Park, is limping around these days with a sore leg, the result of stepping into a hole in the dark.

Bro. W. J. Leahy, second trick at Merriam Park, has been appointed division correspondent, and is anxious to give us a good write-up every month, but cannot do so without your assistance. So, boys, be ever mindful of your duty and send him the news, whether it is one item or fifty, in one letter or a dozen, and he will do the rest.

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#### *Hastings and Dakota Division—*

Jimmie Ingraham gets the Hazeltine pit job. This will give "Cinders" lots of chance to make good in his line.

Changes on the east end of the H. & D. are rather scarce just now.

A vacancy exists at Twin Brooks. Mr. Guernsey, formerly cashier at Montevideo, is there at present. Bro. Rowan Conner, former agent, has gone to extension.

A new man from another "pike" gets the cashier job at Montevideo.

Bro. Fruetel, the genial agent at Correll, is on the sick list. A Mr. Ronning is relieving him.

Vacancies at Bristol, first trick; Andover, third trick, and agency at Wolsey, on J. P. Division.

Bro. Bradley, former agent at Webster, who is now traveling freight agent on extension, came east on No. 4 the other morning.

Mr. Spencer received appointment as day telegrapher at Summit.

Bro. Stanton received appointment as agent at Holmquist.

We understand that Bro. Strock is back on this division after an absence of about a year. He relieved one of the telegraphers at Milbank, and is now relieving at Summit.

There will be a telegraph office opened in the gravel pit at Odessa in about a week or ten days. This will require about two telegraphers.

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#### Third District--

Bro. N. E. Thompson, of Somers, is quite an "old boy" to be afflicted with the mumps, but that is just what happened; he recovered safely and last week went to Madison, Wis., to visit a son attending the Wisconsin State University.

Bro. F. P. Woda, of Rondout, third trick is sick, and off duty. He is being relieved by Bro. Geo. Brown, of Walworth, third trick.

Mr. B. O. Bowser has been relieving Bro. H. I. Derrickson, second trick at "WC" tower for the past three weeks.

Quite a number have paid semi-annual dues for the second term this year. This is very encouraging, and let every one see to it that their dues are paid on time and save the division officers much extra work that can be more profitably spent on the nons left in the Chicago Terminals.

There was a change made in the by-laws of the M. B. D. at the Atlanta convention which requires that insurance assessments be paid semi-annually instead of monthly, as heretofore. The members still have the sixty days after the first of each term in which to pay up before becoming delinquent, but be sure and send Bro. L. W. Quick the insurance assessments for the next six months beginning July 1st, before August 31st. Keep this in mind, as this is very important and necessary to protect your membership in both the M. B. D. and the O. R. T. C.R.T. 1129.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, An all-wise Creator has seen fit to remove from our midst the father of our worthy Brothers B. J. and R. J. Simen, be it therefore

*Resolved*, That the Third District, Division No. 23, members of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, do most sincerely sympathize with Bro. B. J. Simen and Bro. R. J. Simen in their affliction, the death of their father at Oconee, Ill., April 22, 1909; let us all believe that our earthly losses only mean an increase in our heavenly store; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be mailed to Bro. B. J. Simen at Libertyville, Ill.,

Bro. R. J. Simen at Marysville, Calif., and Bro. L. W. Quick at St. Louis, Mo., for insertion in THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.

M. R. CORCORAN,  
FRANK LUMEN,  
N. E. THOMPSON,

Committee.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

I take this means of expressing my heartfelt thanks to all of the boys of the Third District, Division No. 23, who so very generously contributed to a fund for the relief of myself and family and to assist me in paying my hospital and doctor bills incurred during the serious sickness of my wife. She is now on the road to recovery and we shall always feel that each of you were instrumental in furthering her recovery by rendering substantial aid in time of need.

Faternally yours,

JAMES R. PORTER.

Wadsworth, Ill., May 1, 1909.

#### C. & C. B. Division, in Iowa.

Bro. W. E. Rose, of Paralta, was off a few days, and was relieved by Telegrapher Parmenter.

Bros. Brubaker and Welch have resigned on the east end and left for other stamping grounds.

Bro. C. J. Oleson, the former agent at Herndon, is back from the Pacific Coast Extension.

First Trick Dispatcher John Raymond, of Marion, was off three weeks, looking after his Montana ranch.

Bro. C. W. Hall, of Elwood, laid off few days, and was relieved by Bro. W. T. Bright.

Bro. M. J. Coughlin was appointed to third trick at Keystone, afterward exchanging it for the second trick at Maxwell.

Bro. J. N. Elsner, is handling Wyoming Station during the absence of Bro. J. N. Swordes. Telegrapher Warner, relieving Bro. Elsner at Morley.

Our general secretary and treasurer, Bro. G. E. Soyster, was seen passing over the east end recently, on his way to Elgin, to attend a meeting.

Bro. M. L. House was used extra at Council Bluffs yard, for a few nights, and was relieved at Weston by Telegrapher Curran.

Bro. J. F. Ryan, of Bouton, was appointed to the agency at Haverhill. Bro. C. E. Miller was appointed agent at Bouton.

Bro. Charles Rupp, of Slater tower, third trick, was in Marshalltown, Sunday, the 23d, to hear Billy Sunday preach. He reports Mr. Sunday is a masterful speaker.

Telegrapher Chas. Mills drew the second trick at Herndon on bulletin, but was subsequently relieved by Telegrapher Platt. Bro. M. L. Blakeslee is working the third trick at present.

Bro. J. N. Elsner, of Morley, nights was granted a lay-off recently, and was relieved by Telegrapher Rowe, who, after working a few nights, was relieved by Telegrapher Brosnon.

Bro. W. R. Knight relieved Bro. F. N. Rathbun at Martelle, Bro. Rathbun being called away

on account of a death in the family. Bro. Knight was relieved at Lost Nation by Bro. Welch.

Bro. Breese relieved Bro. Welch at Lost Nation, third trick, and was afterwards relieved by Telegrapher Parmenter. Bro. Breese has been on the pension list of late, on account of no work in sight for him.

Bro. E. E. McConoughey, of Lost Nation, is laying off for a short time, and is being relieved by Bro. Rogers, the night man. Bro. Breese is relieving Bro. Rogers.

Bro. F. R. Hoesly was appointed to the first trick at Madrid, filling vacancy left by Bro. Lewison. Bro. A. O. Olson got the second trick. Telegrapher O. H. Darby is now working third.

Bro. W. T. Bright, of Elwood, nights, laid off a few days, and was relieved by Telegrapher Brosnon, who subsequently was relieved by Telegrapher Breese. Brosnon took charge of Collins, third trick.

Bro. James Keenan, of Marion "JO" office, first trick, is taking a lay-off. Bro. L. R. Carbee, the second trick man is relieving him. Telegrapher Parmenter is working the third trick at present.

Bro. R. L. Leamon has been dispatching the second trick on the branch, he being relieved at Marion yard by Bro. James Keenan, who, in turn, was relieved at "JO" office by Telegrapher Parmenter.

Bro. M. B. Leonard, of Paralta, was relieved a few days by Bro. M. Warner, who also relieved Bro. J. E. Tracey, at Martelle, a few days. Bro. Warner was relieved at Hale by his son.

Bro. G. N. Whipple, of "KS," Slater, accompanied by his sister, were in Chicago, Sunday, April 25th, where they attended the funeral of a relative. Bros. Rood, Hottle and Rupp took care of business during Bro. Whipple's absence.

Bro. A. Gamelin has resigned the agency at Huxley, and understand he is now located at Lemmon, S. Dak., on the Coast Extension, where he is acting as station cashier. Bro. L. M. Lewison has been appointed agent at Huxley.

The few meagre items which we have been able to glean this month have been in part contributed by Bro. L. F. Zadnichek, of Delmar Junction, Bro. W. J. Swenning, of Herndon, and Bro. W. C. Bliss, of Portsmouth. Now, the rest of the brothers should do likewise, so that we could present a good write-up each month. Let each and every member do his duty in this respect.

Bro. W. C. Bliss, of Portsmouth, was off duty four days to attend the funeral of his father at Galesburg, Ill., he being relieved at Portsmouth by Bro. P. H. Curran, who was relieved on the night job by Telegrapher Jeffries one night and by Telegrapher L. V. Curran three nights. Young Curran has promised to make good as soon as his age permits.

Bro. Chas. Rupp was appointed third trick at Slater tower in place of Bro. A. C. Hutton.

Bro. J. W. Hart has been assigned to the afternoon trick at Rockaway for six months.

Telegrapher J. H. Toler was appointed to the night office at Bayard.

Bro. L. O. Harned has been assigned the third trick at Woodward.

Bro. D. D. Dean is now working at Rhodes.

Bro. H. C. Krasche has been transferred from third to second trick at Perry yard.

Bro. F. P. Henry is now holding down second trick at Council Bluffs yard.

Bro. H. H. White has been transferred to the night office at Atkins.

Telegrapher J. J. Brosnon, of the east end, has been assigned to third trick at Collina.

Bro. D. M. Kelly is holding down third trick at Council Bluffs yard.

Bro. A. J. Elder has taken third trick at Perry yard.

Telegrapher J. R. Harding has been assigned to the night office at Covington.

Bro. W. R. Knight has taken Clinton.

Telegrapher C. L. Jeffries is doing the third trick at Maxwell. JOHN TILK.

#### *Southern Minnesota Division—*

After twenty years of service as superintendent at LaCrosse, Mr. Wilbert Irwin has been succeeded by Mr. E. G. Perkins, formerly trainmaster of the S. M. Division.

Mr. E. G. Atkins, from Wisconsin Valley Division, has been appointed trainmaster, vice Mr. I'erkins.

Bro. R. N. Miner at Isinours visited his parents at Austin a few days, being relieved by Roy Wood from Lanesboro.

Bro. T. P. Horton, extra dispatcher, relieved on second trick in dispatchers' office at LaCrosse, while Dispatcher Whalen attended his sister's wedding at Lansing, Iowa.

Bro. Sheehy has take charge of Grand Meadow station, which he drew on recent bulletin. He was forced to have another operation performed at Rochester. Bro. Mathison, relief agent, is in charge temporarily.

Bro. G. L. Parker drew Ramsey, third trick on bulletin. Ramsey agency is bulletined for four months on account of Bro. T. P. Horton relieving regular dispatchers for vacations. Bro. Burnett is at work at Ramsey, third trick awaiting assignment of bulletin.

Bro. Burnett enjoyed a short pleasure trip, accompanying Yankee Robinson's circus to Mapleton, Mankato and LeSueur Center.

Bro. Barber has been absent from Spring Valley about three weeks attending the convention at Atlanta. Bro. Graves, from the C. G. W. Ry., is in charge during his absence.

Fred Stewart, who worked at Winnebago as relief, is now working at Zumbrota for the I. & M. Division, while Bro. Anderson is in the hospital at Red Wing.

Bro. J. A. Knutson, who was appointed day telegrapher at Winnebago before taking up his duties at that place, enjoyed a few days' sight-seeing at Minneapolis. Understand Bobby Can-

field is helping the "old man" out on the lost office proposition.

Bro. E. J. Fogarty acted as relief at Easton until Bro. Campbell, from Colman, was transferred there.

Bro. Mathison worked a few days for Bro. Clayton at Alden and is now filling in the remainder of Bro. Kellogg's six months' leave at Colman, S. Dak.

Bro. Mathison also had charge of welcome station while Bro. Olson was moving from Grand Meadow and getting settled.

Not very much news from the west end.

Understand Bro. Harmon has gone on the Jim River Division as relief agent.

Bro. Zenor, at Hatfield, has left us and gone to the G. N. Ry.

If you have any items and can't hunt up the division correspondent, slip them across to Bro. Barber at Spring Valley, who will forward them to me.

Div. Co.

#### *Iowa and Minnesota Division—*

Geo. Lieb is laying off and figures on taking a cashier job in North Dakota. Sexter relieves him, relieved in turn by Geo. King, a new man on the division.

W. J. Lieb, Farmington, has resigned to take the position of traveling freight agent under J. T. Conley. No man appointed in his place as yet.

There is a persistent rumor afloat that O. W. R. has been appointed chief dispatcher on H. & D. Division.

H. E. Peterson, third trick at Farmington, is out of the service. He was relieved by Perry Mason, a new man on this division.

G. P. Ryan, back from a session at the Hot Springs, gave up Westcott to do relieving this summer.

F. C. Hobson recently went to Lonsdale to relieve J. J. Malek, who was off duty on account of sickness.

F. D. Fleetwood, first trick at Comus, has resigned. He was relieved by C. C. Chapman, who was appointed in his place. C. E. Hannon relieved Chapman, and was himself relieved by a new man on the division named Duffy.

On account of changing the time of No. 1 to half hour earlier, hours of Owatonna, Faribault, Dundas and Castle Rock have been changed so first telegrapher comes on thirty minutes to an hour earlier.

Quite a number of changes are taking place on the division this month. Farmington agency, Westcott, Cleveland, Farmington third trick and Side Table temporary position, are all bulletined and with the resulting vacancies prospects are poor for vacations in time for the Seattle-Yukon show.

Now that we have the new express company, most of the boys regret the change, as it seems to be a setback of ten years in methods of handling the business as the U. S. triplicate system is badly missed by most of the joint agents.

F. C. Hobson has been assigned to Westcott, relieving G. P. Ryan, on account of sickness. Ryan has gone to Hot Springs.

H. E. Peterson relieved S. R. Parker at Rosemount a few days, on account of sickness.

H. E. Peterson relieved John Condon at Farmington. Condon has left the service, rule 8.

A. E. Henry, has gone to the N. P. Ry. from Comus. He was relieved by Bro. F. B. Losey, who, in turn, was relieved by C. E. Hannon, a new man.

G. F. King is relieving Geo. L. Leib, of Owatonna, who is putting in a crop on his North Dakota farm.

O. A. Potter relieved J. E. Liebel, of Mendota, two or three days.

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#### **International & Great Northern Ry.**

Bro. C. A. Brown is relieving Bro. W. C. Mantius, at Lindale, while Bro. Mantius is on a vacation down on his farm at Encinal.

Bro. A. L. Holland, of Arcola, is off for about ninety days; relieved by Mr. B. H. Bullock.

Bro. W. H. Wright, who suddenly became very sick, going to Austin for recuperation, has recovered sufficiently to relieve Mr. Mellon on the third trick there, while Mr. Mellon is temporarily at "MS," San Antonio. Bro. Wright was relieved, at Taylor, by Bro. F. E. Finnie.

Several of the brothers have been attending court, among whom were Bro. L. W. Sledge, from Cotulla, and Bro. J. N. Young, at Buda. They were relieved by Messrs. H. B. Miller and J. V. Blackwell.

Bro. T. C. Berry, of Encinal, can be heard almost any night at a late hour turning out onions and stock, and he doesn't fail to turn in overtime either, which is right since our contract calls for it.

Bro. T. G. Hines, at Encinal, has been sick several days, and Bro. E. I. Kellams is holding down the key there during his absence.

Bro. A. J. Gidley has been transferred to Lytle, and Bro. A. Pieper bid for McNeil.

Bro. D. C. Gaston, of Moore, was absent one day, but am unable to say who relieved him.

Mr. C. H. Cable again transferred to Bracken, the place having been made vacant by Bro. H. D. Gode going to Von Ormy.

Bro. W. T. McLean spent Easter Sunday at Austin, with friends.

Bro. L. E. Killen, of Goodwin, is off on account of the illness of his sister, and Mr. Blackwell is relieving during his temporary absence.

Bro. L. H. Hungate, of Marquez, is spending a few days at San Antonio, on committee business.

Bro. Walter Biel, formerly of Von Ormy, bid in the bulletined San Antonio job, and is working there permanently.

Bro. E. B. Luder, at Kyle, has been relieved for thirty days by Bro. C. W. Sledge, of Taylor, to escape temporarily the station's strenuousness.

Mr. W. C. Weather, of Alabama, is relieving Mr. Johnson, at Kyle, for a few days.

Bro. T. H. Stanton, of Rockdale, was relieved by Mr. J. T. Robinson, of Milano, during the

time he was absent on account of the death of his son at Taylor, and Bro. H. C. Vance, of the same place, was also relieved by Mr. Robinson, while he was spending a few days with old acquaintances on the Santa Fe.

Bro. S. P. Dunlap, from Bryan, relieved Bro. J. W. Marshall, in the Mart office, while Bro. Marshall was visiting at Calvert.

Bro. J. L. Lovin, of Sellers, after spending a few weeks at Marlin for his health, returned to work; relieved by Mr. E. P. Martin.

Bro. W. J. Galye bid in the third trick at Bryan, which was vacated by Bro. Duncan, who has flown to different climes. Bro. J. H. Kelly being the older man has bumped man at Magnolia. Bro. F. W. Gayle has gone to Hallsburg, and Mr. H. N. Sandall, from Roans Prairie, now holds down Cawthon station.

Bro. J. P. Taylor is very unfortunate in still having to fight the extra board when he certainly deserves something better. All things come to him who wait.

Mr. J. C. Morris bid in the nine-hour trick recently bulletined, and is working there regularly.

Bro. J. M. Williams, at Venus, children have been real sick, suffering from an epidemic of whooping cough, but hope they will have recovered before he reads this. Bro. Williams is always very busy, but generally finds time enough to throw his harpoon into the stubborn nons.

The boys attending the Jewitt convention report having spent their time very pleasantly, and it is to be hoped whenever another meeting is called that that as many of the boys will attend as possible, as you could not possibly spend it to better advantage, and the importance and necessity for your doing so can not be over-estimated. The committee decided to raise the semi-annual dues 25 cents, for defraying the necessary expenses of our division, and for an active campaign against the nons and other incidental expenses; therefore, in sending in your next dues, please don't overlook this, but remit \$4.50 instead of \$4.25 as heretofore.

CERT. 46.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it best to remove from the family of our Bro. W. B. Eskridge, his wife, in manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy for our brother and family, be it

*Resolved*, By the members of I. & G. N. Division, No. 25, Order of Railway Telegraphers, that we extend to the bereaved brother and family our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of affliction; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved family, and a copy sent to our official organ for publication

(Signed) L. H. HUNGATE,  
I. L. WOOD,  
J. O. EDDINGTON,

*Committee.*

#### Vandalla Ry.

##### *Vincennes Division—*

What is the matter that the old Vincennes Division is not represented in our journal any more? I have failed to see a thing from our division for a year. What is the first thing you look for when you get your journal? Why items from our division, of course, but alas, the same old story, not a thing to be seen. Now, brothers, let every "bloom'n" one of you send in something, if its only two lines, "every little bit helps." We can not afford to let this thing lag along when we are just ready to get something good. If we will all pull together just a few months, we will have a schedule that we will all be proud of, and what nons there are left will be running over each other for application blanks. Now is no time to get weak-kneed, if you have a non in your office keep hammering at him till he comes through. I understand there are two or three of our brothers who are delinquent. Suppose that all of us should drop out, how long do you think it would be until we would be back to where we were two years ago? Most of our jobs are paying at least \$10.00 more than before we organized, saying nothing about better hours, etc. What does that little, old \$8.00 a year amount to, compared with \$120.00 a year increase. A word to the wise is sufficient, don't wait a minute but pay up, every "mothers' son" of you, and get the other fellow's application. Every pennies increase and every minutes shorter work day we are enjoying came through our order, if we wish to keep these and get more we will have to keep pounding away; but if you want to revert back to where we were, all you have to do is to sit with your arms folded, and you will sure land there and you will not be long about it.

Agent Lee, at Edwardsport, has been sick; relieved by Telegrapher Stoker.

We understand that Ticket Agent Overshiner, of Spencer, quit us and has gone on the road for the Hamilton-Brown Shoe Co., St. Louis.

Bro. Smith, our newly elected local chairman, is on a trip through the West. "13" he is going to Alaska before he returns. Luck to you "HM," want you to hurry back and get busy.

Agent Jamison, of Martinsville, has had a very sore hand, it was thought for a while he would lose it, but understand it is slowly improving.

AN OLD HEAD

##### *St. Louis Division, East End—*

Mr. J. J. Harrold, third trick at Greencastle, off for ten days; relieved by Mr. R. C. Siddons, third trick man from Alameda; Siddons relieved by Mr. W. C. Brown, new man on the extra list.

Mr. Brown was off one night sick, no extra men, so Telegraphers Farris and Stevens, at Alameda, had to work the old trick of twelve hours.

Bro. Watts, third trick man at Limesdale, is sporting a new rubber-tired buggy.

It is rumored that Bro. J. L. Grogin is to resign and go into business at Terre Haute.

Bro. Geo. Stevens, first trick at Alameda, made a flying trip to Indianapolis, off one trick.

Our annual telegraph inspection found most of the offices in first-class condition. Some of the inspectors had to wear smoked glasses to look at the instruments.

We are still blest with a healthy list of nons. Also a good list of professors teaching students. Some of the best offices on this end are filled by nons, or men who have dropped out. It looks like they ought to wake up and pay their part.

Alameda was not so lonesome as usual some nights since. An interurban car with all its passengers spent the night there.

Bro. B. H. Byrd, of Division No. 91, formerly telegrapher on the Van., is now stationed at U. S. Navy Yard, Brooklyn.

Mr. Geo. H. Eckert, a new one from Harmony, worked third trick at Alameda, in Mr. Siddons's absence. Mr. Siddons was second trick at Greencastle. Mr. V. A. Woodward, second trick at Greencastle, going to Limesdale, second trick. Mr. McCullough, second trick at Limesdale, taking his little daughter to the hospital at Indianapolis.

There are men on this pike whose salary has been raised \$20.00, and hours of labor cut four, and still they can not come across and back the O. R. T. Say, it's always starting trouble or some other excuse.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Almighty has deemed it wise to take from Bro. E. E. Paslay his beloved wife; be it

*Resolved*, That in manifestation of fraternal sympathy for our brother, the members of Division No. 27 extend their deepest sympathy in this his hour of trouble, and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the brother, a copy furnished THE TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy spread on the minutes of this division.

(Signed) W. L. SHICKEL,  
J. J. SOMERS,  
C. R. SHORTRIDGE,  
Committee.

#### To the Brothers of Division No. 27:

I wish to express my sincere thanks to Division No. 27, for sympathy shown me in my sad bereavement, also beautiful floral offering.

ELMER E. PASLAY

#### St. Louis West Sub Division—

Bro. E. E. Pierron, first trick at Vandalia, has been transferred to first trick at Rose Lake. Bro. Johnson, regular second trick at Vandalia, was assigned first trick there.

Mr. J. E. McCracken has been transferred to second trick at "EY" tower.

A Mr. Hurst is working third trick at "WF," Effingham.

Mr. Hellinger, first trick at Pocahontas, has accepted an agency at Center Point, a branch line south from Knightsville. He left this week to assume charge of his new position.

Bro. H. L. Stephens has accepted first trick at Pocahontas.

Bro. J. L. Hill, formerly first trick at Vevay Park, has been transferred to third trick at Collinsville.

Bro. C. H. Johnson, third trick at Greenville, was off three weeks last month on account of sickness.

Not very much activity being shown in the way of increasing our membership. It's amusing to listen to some of the flimsy excuses offered by the nons. Scarcity of money, etc. I am anxious to know what they have been doing with the increase in salary secured by organization.

Business conditions appear to be about normal. The expected increase which was predicted some time ago seems to have been side tracked.

Div. Com.

#### Missouri Pacific Ry.

##### Eastern Division—

Mrs. M. Best, who has been laying off, has resumed work, and Bro. Lauhrey, who has been working the third trick at "DF," will probably go to Warrensburg to work nights in place of J. K. Hobbs, who got Boonville, first trick, regular. Bro. A. W. Williams was relieved, at Boonville, by Bro. Hobbs, and will probably land Warrensburg, nights.

Bro. Martin, of Tipton, nights, off, and Bro. Mason is relieving him.

Bro. Walkley, third trick at Jefferson City, is off for a few days fishing, being relieved by some one who signs Z, did not learn his name. Cook worked the third trick, and Z worked the second.

Bro. Wilmarth is taking in the convention. Bro. H. McClain is relieving him. Bro. McClain being relieved by Telegrapher Shouse.

Bro. Kendall fourth on the list for Naptonville, lands the job, everybody else being content to stay at home.

There is nothing definite yet as to who will land Hughesville.

Bro. Bryan, who has been relieving Billy Croff, Mr. Knapp's clerk, is going to take a short vacation.

CERT. 355.

##### K. C. N. W. Division—

No doubt some of you will be surprised to see this write-up, and I am sorry to say that our division has not been represented in THE TELEGRAPHER for an age. If every member will contribute one item, we can, I am sure, be represented each and every month. Let us put our shoulders to the wheel and we can reasonably expect better things in the future.

F. G. Frederikson, of Bookwalter, gets Bancroft agency on bulletin.

V. Hart is acting as agent at Bethel, until bulletin is filled.

News is scarce this month. How many items did you contribute?

There are two telegraphers on this division who are working their noon hours. Both brothers, too. Would you believe it? They are simply letting the privileges for which they have helped pay go by default. They should open their eyes and take advantage of what is rightfully theirs.

CERT. 380.

### St. L. I. M. & S. Ry.

#### Valley Division—

It is said that there is a time for all things, but some of us are beginning to doubt the truth of that proverbial assertion, when we see month after month go by and never a line in our journal from this division. We owe it to ourselves to see that our division is properly represented in these columns, and each one should make it his business to see that this is done. Should we be content to be a back number, should we be content to sit idly by, while our brothers are doing all the work? I say emphatically no. I know the metal of the boys on this division well enough to answer that question for them. Then I say wake up, rouse yourselves and let every one know where we stand.

Bro. Holman, general chairman, was over the division a few days ago, shaking hands with the boys and doing some good work.

Do you all realize our strength on this division. We are now nearly ninety per cent strong, and many of the nons have promised to come across next pay day. Let us all work to make her solid this summer, we can do it if the proper effort is put forth, if each one will do his share. The hot weather will soon be upon us, and with its coming many of our brothers will seek a more pleasant clime. Watch the changes and see that they are properly bulletined, and do not fail to see that the new men who come to us are armed with the proper credentials.

I will not write more at this time, but let it be remembered that you will hear from us again for we are waking up.

CERT. 1205.

#### Hoxie District—

Mr. J. L. Blassingame relieved Bro. R. M. Rees, at Alicia. We understand that Bro. Rees resigned to take his wife to Colorado for the benefit of her health.

Bro. J. C. Langston, night telegrapher at Swifton, laid off one night and visited Little Rock.

Bro. M. E. Doyle, second trick man at Newport, off duty a couple of days, on account of sickness.

Mr. Gattis and Sister Boyd doubled during Bro. Doyle's absence.

Bro. L. J. Moore, first trick at Bald Knob, made his regular monthly trip to Newport, a few days since, and reports a fine time.

Bro. F. E. Samuel, second trick at Bald Knob, went to Searcy a few days since, to be a witness before a coroner's jury.

Sister F. Davis and Bro. Woodson have traded tricks for a while, Sister Davis taking first and Bro. Woodson second trick at McAlmont.

We understand Bro. W. B. Doolittle, first trick at "BG," Little Rock, is laid up with the rheumatism.

There have been quite a number of changes on this district in the past few weeks.

Bro. F. E. Samuel, second trick at Bald Knob, to Jacksonville agency, relieving Bro. J. H. Marsh who goes to Tuckerman, relieving Bro. T. T. Brewer.

Bro. Brewer has accepted the Newport agency. We are glad to see Bro. Brewer get this position.

Bro. M. E. Doyle bid in first trick at Newport. Mr. Gattis set back to second trick until it is bid in.

Bro. W. H. Thamason is working second trick at Bald Knob until that position is bid in.

Bro. Werner, third trick at Argenta, worked first trick "BG," Little Rock, a couple of days in Bro. Doolittle's place.

Bro. J. C. Langston, bid in the second trick at Bald Knob. Bro. Thamason goes to Swifton, nights, until that position is filled by bid.

ASST. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

#### Texarkana District—

Bro. J. D. Wilson, at Prescott, took a week's layoff last month, to try his luck with the funny tribe, but he was unfortunate as it rained the first few days then came near snowing. He was relieved by Bro. G. P. Casey, of Division No. 2.

Bro. E. I. McGinn, who has been holding down second trick at Malvern has left us. He was relieved by Telegrapher McShane, who held the position until it was bid in by Bro. Carl Pipkin, former third trick man at Gurdon.

Bro. E. Glenn, second trick at Clear Lake Jct., is taking a lay off, being relieved by Bro. D. P. Doyle, late from Minturn, nights.

Telegrapher William Hoag, of Billings, Mont., is holding down second trick at Texarkana until that position is filled by bulletin.

Bro. W. A. Baird, has left the service, and is now working for the K. C. S. at Texarkana

Bro. P. J. Kelly, general manager of "Kelly's Orphans Home," at Clear Lake Jct., invites all of the brothers down to fish. He reports that fishing is fine and the doors of his hospitable "Kelly's Orphans Home" are always open to the man that carries the credentials.

Bro. D. Brooks, of Daleville, is on the sick list. Bro. G. P. Casey relieving him.

Mr. J. T. J. Dawson, agent at Prescott, who has been on a vacation for the past fifteen days, which was spent in Texas, is again at the old stand waiting patiently for the "T. A." to come along and put the chains back on him.

Bro. C. A. LaForge, our former local chairman, has jumped from the "UD" job to that of second trick dispatcher on the Pine Bluff District.

ASST. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.



*Pine Bluff District—*

There has been practically no changes on the Pine Bluff District this month

Bro. C. S. Morrison, Wrightville, nights, has resigned, being relieved by Mr. W. D. Copp.

ASST. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

*White River Division—*

There is but little news on the White River Division this month; every one working hard.

Bro. S. Reed, of Aurora, superintendent's office, was off the latter part of April on account of sickness. He was relieved by Bro. Blassingame, from Crane.

Bro. Woodfill, of LaRussell, is laying off attending court at Fort Scott, Kan., and is being relieved by Bro. W. W. Hoyt, of Newark. We understand that he will resume duty in a day or so.

Bro. H. Barton, of Guion, is off for a few days to attend court at Little Rock; being relieved by Bro. Hoyt.

J. W. Wooley, agent at Cotter, has reported for duty, and will take charge as soon as the auditor can make the transfer. Mr. Wooley has been off over a month on account of sickness. He was relieved by Extra Dispatcher W. H. Duey.

J. C. Read, chief clerk to the superintendent at Aurora, is visiting home folks in Nashville, Tenn. We understand that he will be back in the next few days.

Bro. Blassingame is off on a leave of absence of sixty days. We understand that he is taking in the sights in St. Louis.

The Order of Railway Conductors gave a big ball at Crane, Mo., the night of May 1st, which was enjoyed by those present.

J. C. Read, chief clerk to superintendent, took a party of twelve people from Aurora in a motor car. Superintendent J. W. Daniels was attending staff meeting in Little Rock and could not be present.

General Manager Sullivan made a trip over the line from Newport to Springfield, May 8th and 9th; was very much pleased with the condition of the track on the Springfield branch. This looks good for our road master, J. C. Davis.

Agent Stafford, at Hurley, a non telegraph station, has resigned, and will be relieved by a Mr. Logan as soon as auditor can get there to make the transfer.

Bro. J. I. Woodfill, agent at Batesville, returned last week from a trip to Kansas City and Topeka, Kan.

Bro. F. C. Hoyt, agent at Newark, was a visitor at Circuit Court at Batesville, Ark., last week.

We will wager a bet that there is not a division on the system that has a nicer set of officials than those on the White River. When one calls on them they make one feel welcome. They have the respect and esteem of the men on the division.

The Arkansas Press Association made a trip over the White River Division in a special train. They were delighted with the beautiful scenery.

and each and every one expressed himself as being highly pleased with the kind and courteous treatment accorded by our generous superintendent, Mr. J. W. Daniels, who accompanied them.

CERT. 2226

*Illinois Division—*

Telegrapher W. J. Jarrell worked third trick at Prairie Du Rocher temporarily. Later he was relieved by Telegrapher C. E. Long, who was subsequently relieved by Telegrapher Etheridge.

Bro. J. P. Holloman is again with us at Raddle, nights.

Telegrapher Long went from Raddle to second trick at Gorham, temporarily and later to Prairie Du Rocher.

Brownburg was recently made a one-man office and left in charge of Bro. Buyatte, Bro. Henderson going to Dupo, second trick, relieving Telegrapher Long, who has left the service.

Brownburg has been closed and Bro. Buyatte is laying off for the present.

Bro. Donahue, formerly at Brownburg, relieving while Bro. Buyatte laid off, is working a trick at Reily Lake, temporarily.

Warnock has been closed. Bro. Rudolph, who was formerly extra at that place is relieving Bro. Pierron at Rockwood a few days.

Bro. Fred Roberson is working third trick at Wolf Lake. Bro. R. T. Black is working second while Bro. J. W. Roberson does the agent's stunt.

Dispatcher Buckminster is again with us, working third trick at Chester.

Bro. Cartwright has resumed duty at his old stand after a business trip to the Southwest. Bro. Fred Roberson did the agent's stunt at Reily Lake during Bro. Cartwright's absence.

Telegrapher Obryan, who was working third trick at Prairie Du Rocher, temporarily, has left the service.

Bro. Dean Underwood, who did the agent's stunt at Bush. Was later relieved by the agent, Mr. W. J. Hoover.

Bro. O. R. Artz has been relieved at Bush by former agent E. C. Robinson, of Gorham. Artz got second trick at Gorham on bid, bumping Telegrapher C. A. Essary.

Bro. J. S. Lawson, late of the Canadian Pacific, is working third trick at Gorham.

Mr. F. H. Moake, who formerly worked days at "WX," Chester, and later second trick at Prairie Du Rocher, is now the full-fledged agent at Gorham, relieving Mr. E. C. Robinson at that place.

Bond has been closed nights and days.

The night office at Howardton has been closed.

Bro. V. X. McCarthy, of Howardton, and Mr. C. H. Essary, of Gorham, second trick, have been laid off on account of a reduction in force. They have gone to St. Louis.

Many thanks to Bros. Artz and Lawson for a number of these items.

Bro. A. J. Pittman, who worked third trick at Valmeyer, has been relieved by Bro. Donahue.

Bro. Rudolph relieved on second trick at Prairie Du Rocher by Bro. Scott. Bro. Rudolph went to hospital.

Bro. Scott, who was relieved by Telegrapher E. G. Church, at Prairie Du Rocher, went to Herron as agent.

Telegrapher Church is now at Prairie Du Rocher. He was lately discharged from the hospital after a long siege of illness, caused by blood poisoning.

We anticipate holding an O. R. T. meeting in the near future on this division, and, judging from replies to inquiries which have been received we expect to have a good attendance. Further information will be given in a short time.

Bro. H. O. Gwineys, local chairman, was injured while alighting from a wagon, making it necessary for him to be absent from his work at Prairie Du Rocher. He was relieved by Bro. Clark Biggerstaff. Telegrapher Church worked second trick in Bro. Biggerstaff's place, while Bro. Rudolph relieved Telegrapher Church on third trick.

Dispatcher Smith has been relieved by Dispatcher Gecks. We understand that Smith has left the service permanently.

Bro. Buyatte was off duty a few days. While absent he attended the United Mine Workers' celebration at Murphysboro, Ill., and heard the Hon. John Mitchell address an audience of about 12,000.  
Div. Cor.

### Baltimore & Ohio Ry.

#### *Pittsburg Division, Eastern District—*

The Eastern and Western Districts held their regular monthly meeting in Pittsburg, Thursday evening, May 20, and I regret to state that it was very poorly attended.

Local Chairman Yaeger was unable to attend on account of working second trick, and Bro. Lanning, our delegate to the convention, did not reach Pittsburg in time to attend the meeting as was expected.

Brothers, these meetings are held for the interest and welfare of all members employed on the Pittsburg Division, and the room rent is paid out of the treasury, and therefore does not cost us a cent to attend, and it seems very unreasonable that only such a small number of the members can spare one evening in each month and thereby show that they are interested in the affairs of the Order, and that they are willing to support the local chairman. The way things look now, it seems that everybody is satisfied and don't expect to ever want anything more, but if we should wake up some morning and find our nine-hour law gone, we would all probably be very much interested.

Notice has been issued that trains on this division will be operated without the use of train orders in the near future. In order to do this telegraphers will be required to take the same examinations that engineers and conductors take when promoted. Examinations will, no doubt, take place during the week commencing May 23d.

Bro. J. F. Leonard, third trick at Bessemer, was off a few days, on account of an injured

hand. He was relieved by Mr. E. A. Toney, from Dennison.

Quite a number of the brothers are preparing to take a vacation this summer, which will cause a number of new faces to be seen. Don't forget to ask them for their up-to-date card.

A River District telegrapher recently made the following statement: "A man working for \$60 a month cannot afford to belong to the Order." Possibly he does not realize that if it was not for the Order he would today be working twelve hours a day for \$45 a month. We hope the near future will cause him to think better of such a statement and get in line.

Time for a new card. Let us see if all the brothers on the Eastern District cannot show an up-to-date card by July 31st. CERT. 1687.

### CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to express my appreciation and thanks for the financial assistance and the many other acts of kindness shown my wife and myself since my unfortunate accident. I have been a member of the grand O. R. T. but a short time, and can scarcely realize that it is composed of the noble class of men and women they have proven themselves to be. I was practically a stranger in Division No. 33, but the way they came to my assistance proves that there are no strangers, and I am proud that I am a member of such a noble order. I wish especially to thank the brothers around Layton for the many favors shown my wife while I was in the hospital.

Fraternally yours,  
I. H. SMITH.

#### *Chicago Division, Eastern District—*

The last regular meeting of the Chicago Division B. & O. Ry. was held in Red Men's Hall, Defiance, Ohio, May 19th, with a very large attendance. The capacity of our present meeting place is becoming insufficient. We have requested the Red Men to purchase more chairs so that the officers will not have to sit on the tables. The meeting was called to order at 8 p. m., and by 8:45 p. m., the roll had been called. There being many new faces present, Bro. Miller, the secretary, was forced to ask the names of many a second time. On the arrival of No. 6 at 9:50 p. m., a large delegation from the west end arrived, which filled the hall to the limit. All those present were given a hearty welcome by the reception committee, highly entertained and abundantly served with refreshments fit for a king. These large and interesting meetings reflect the feeling of the faithful and active brothers along the line of the Chicago Division. This spirit of activity has been growing much stronger of late. No doubt there will be something doing soon.

If you failed to attend the meeting of May 19th, try to be present at the next one, which will be held June 16th. Transportation can be secured for the asking and connections are fine. An elaborate program has been arranged for the June meeting. If you know of any special talent notify

Bro. Cook at Defiance. These meetings are one of our greatest successes and we hope they will continue to be the same or better.

On Saturday, May 15th, George P. Chew, first trick dispatcher on East End Chicago Division, B. & O. Ry., died at Garrett, Ind. Death was caused by a complication of appendicitis and peritonitis. He was transformed in less than a month from a cheerful being to a corpse by the dread disease. Geo. Chew had dispatched trains on the Chicago Division for eighteen years and was well known to everybody as a cheerful, big-hearted man. Anxiously the boys along the line waited for news from the bedside and when word was sent that he had passed away much sorrow was expressed. We lost a good friend and a good dispatcher. One that always had time to sympathize with the trials and troubles of his telegraphers; one that was willing to do a favor or extend a helping hand whenever he was asked. A beautiful floral piece was sent by the telegraphers on the Eastern District as a token of love and heartfelt sympathy extended to the family. The last few hours of Mr. Chew's life were full of precious experiences in the spirit of hope and cheer manifested, and earnest testimonies and words of counsel and encouragement to those near and dear to him. For his companions and associates in daily life and work he spoke words of remembrance, mentioning names of some who had been especially close to him and leaving words for all "the boys" that he had "put up a hard fight, but had been unable to make it." Mr. Chew's last hour was one of natural, peaceful sleep and he passed away very quietly.

Bro. Magill is working first trick at Holgate while Telegrapher Shuman is laying off.

Bro. Reyff bid in second trick at Standley, and is now on the job.

Division Operator Schultz, accompanied by Dr. Morris, went over the East End on May 20th, examining telegraphers on colors and eyesight.

Bro. Fleck at The Bend was taken suddenly ill in the examination car. Dr. Morris had some difficulty in reviving him.

The Three Sigs are taking an extended trip through the West.

Bro. Rolf is relieving Telegrapher Fleck at Atica.

Bro. Manion visited in Garrett and called on Bro. Billington, of Chicago, this month.

We are glad to note that Bro. Durk, of Defiance, is back at the key after a severe illness.

Bro. Meyers is working third trick at Holgate. Telegrapher Geplart was on the job, but am unable to say where he is at present.

It will soon be time for the new pasteboards—he sure and get in line.

We will endeavor to have a write-up from the Eastern District in the journal each month. If you have any news, please forward to your local chairman and he will send them to me.

CERT. 1028.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Almighty Ruler of the Universe, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it wise to remove from our midst our worthy and faithful friend and dispatcher, G. P. Chew, of Garrett, Ind., be it

*Resolved*, By the members of B. & O. System Division No. 33, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that, while we bow in humble submission to Him who called our beloved friend, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to those who will miss his presence most; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family of our deceased friend, a copy spread on the records of the division, and a copy furnished THE TELEGRAPHER for publication therein.

W. H. COOK,

O. J. PROUSE,

M. E. WHITING,

Committee.

#### *Western District, Pittsburg Division—*

The following are appointments and vacancies on this end as per bulletin No. 13, of May 5th:

Bro. C. D. Moorhead to second trick, Ellwood City; Bro. Jos. Engelman to first trick at Elfinwild; Mr. F. L. McGowan to third trick at Goehring; Mr. J. F. Sweney to second trick at Mackin. Vacancies—Callery, split; Elfinwild, third; Ribolds, second and third tricks.

Bro. Phipps, of Schenley Tower is spending quite a vacation in Baltimore; relieved by Mr. Rubell.

Bro. Dunbar, of Sharpsburg Tower, was suddenly called to Niles, Ohio, on account of the death of his granddaughter; relieved by Mr. Campbell.

Bro. Long, of Callery, first trick, is off duty on account of sickness at his home. Bro. J. R. Davis, of second trick, is doing first, Bro. Yeager, of third, is on second, and Mr. J. D. Burke, extra man, is holding down third trick.

Bro. C. D. Morehead did not stay on this end very long. He has been transferred to Lavenia, first trick.

Bro. J. J. Lanning has returned from Atlanta, Ga., and is again at the key at Goehring. He reports having had a great trip. He was relieved by Bro. S. C. Phillips, a new man.

Bro. Leroy Williams is working at Ribolds, third trick.

Sister Corts has returned to duty as agent at Karns City after an absence of six months.

Bro. Yeager, local chairman of this end, was unable to be present at the last regular meeting, on account of having to work the second trick at Callery. This was made necessary by sickness in Bro. Long's family.

From the reports of Bro. Safford, of the East End, concerning the meeting of May 20, it seems that those present were mostly from this end. The local chairman greatly appreciates this fact, but would say that it could be very easily doubled, and we hope to see every first and third trick brother at these meetings, which includes "members on river and pike."

Bear the date in mind and request transportation at least a week in advance. Think of some subject for discussion, or, if you can't do that, if you have a kick coming, this is the place to make it.

It is also earnestly desired by the correspondent that each and every member send to the local chairman any items worth publishing in THE TELEGRAPHER.

Local Chairman Yeager wishes to thank each and every member as well as others who contributed so liberally to the relief of Bro. J. H. Smith. Bro. Smith had the misfortune to lose a foot on his way to work on the night of March 29, 1909.

SHORTSTOP.

#### *Chicago Division, West End—*

Bros. C. J. Fullmer and W. S. Yeiser were off few days attending the graduating exercises of the class of which their sisters were members.

Bro. A. H. Fisher, of Syracuse, and Sister Miss Fisher, of Elkhart, Ind., visited Albion friends the 1st of May.

It is rumored that the company will soon put up a block wire from Hicksville to Wolf Lake yards.

Bro. Van Atta, our general chairman, was in the race (at the Atlanta convention) for second vice-president, but was defeated by Bro. Pierson, the vote being 195 to 126.

Leeland Gravel Pit has been opened, with Mr. Glen Wineland in charge.

Our local chairman, A. P. Webster, arrived home one day too late for the May meeting.

Bro. T. J. Karr cut his hand very badly while whittling, severing an artery. Dr. Short, of Wellsboro, was called and dressed the hand. Bro. Karr was relieved by C. G. Whitesel, of Garrett.

Ray Lansing, of third trick at McCools, is working third trick at Suman, while Bro. Clark is relieving Bro. Webster.

After an absence of three months, spent in selling lightning rods in Iowa and Missouri, Bro. William H. Baker has returned to first trick at Ripley.

Please send your news to Box 435, Albion, Ind. This will be greatly appreciated.

Bro. Savage, the third trick man at Ripley, was off a few days recently, visiting his parents at Defiance, Ohio. He was relieved by Bro. W. L. Meyers, a newcomer.

Bro. R. L. Phlegar, third trick at Wellsboro, was recently off duty a few days, visiting his parents. He was relieved by Bro. W. L. Meyers.

Bro. B. A. Halterman was off duty a month on account of sickness. Relieved by Telegrapher Mack, a newcomer, who, we understand, has since resigned.

Dispatcher Mr. Geo. Chew, of Garrett, passed away on May 15th, after undergoing an operation for appendicitis. George was well-known and liked, having been dispatcher for eighteen years.

Bro. W. C. Otto, formerly of Suman, is now working on the E. J. & E.

Telegrapher Newell, of Millers, has resigned, a newcomer, Mr. Rhoades, taking his place.

Bro. G. W. Waddell landed third trick at McCools. Telegrapher Spurgeon is working second trick at McCools.

Bro. H. W. Love, the second trick man at Union Center, enjoyed a short vacation recently. Relieved by Mr. Ritter.

Many thanks to Bro. Thornton for the items.

I wish to call attention to the fact that several telegraphers are leaving their offices without the dispatchers' permission. One man was recently discharged for this reason. This practice should be stopped. It has caused delay to trains, and no right-thinking person can say the dispatchers are at fault for turning in such cases. They have to show why delays are caused. So, brace up, give the company good service. Working but eight hours you can offer no excuse for poor service.

Send any items you may have to Box 435 Albion, for which we will be very thankful.

Div. Cor.

#### *Columbus & Newark Division—*

Bros. Marsh and Hackenbracht, of B. & R. tower, have changed back to their regular tricks, Bro. Hackenbracht working second trick and Bro. Marsh third trick.

Bro. Dildine has been off a few days, building a new porch, also a fence and painting his house. Telegrapher Dunn has been relieving him.

Bro. Hackenbracht was absent from duty one day recently and was relieved by Telegrapher Dunn.

We understand that Bro. March has gone to housekeeping at Union.

Bro. Runnels was on vacation a few days. He and his wife visited his parents in Sabina, Ohio, while Telegrapher Hand relieved him.

Bro. Rowe is on the sick list, and Telegrapher Hand is working his trick at Big Walnut.

From appearances on this end of the line, business is improving.

Bro. Wilson, of Outville, has been off duty a few days. Telegrapher Reed is relieving him.

CERT. 1965.

#### *Monongah Division—*

I have received a few items from one of the brothers, therefore I will try to give this pike another little write-up this month. We would appreciate it if some of the brothers around Parkersburg would send in a few lines each month, so their end of the line could be represented in the journal.

Bro. H. F. Farlow has returned from Atlanta, Ga., where he has been attending the convention, and reports having had a fine trip.

Bro. O. H. Stout, from Clarksburg, has returned from Phoenix, Ariz., where he reports having had an enjoyable time among the sand hills.

Bro. C. E. Ogden, of "D," Clarksburg, was off duty three days. He and Bro. B. H. Hall made a flying trip to Washington, D. C. Relieved by Bro. R. R. Thrasher. Bro. Thrasher spent three days

visiting his home at Deer Park, Md., and Bro. Hall is off a few days.

Bro. M. C. Owens, second trick at East Clarksburg, is off a few days, being relieved by Telegrapher Laughlin. We understand that Laughlin is going to Denver, Colo., to try his luck in that part of the country.

Bro. O. L. Leatherman, third trick at Bridgeport, is working Laughlin's turn, second trick, at that place, until it is advertised.

Bro. I. Scott is working third trick at Bridgeport, vice Bro. Leatherman.

Bro. J. J. Minogue has left Bridgeport and gone to New York. Don't know where he will land.

Telegrapher Mrs. Callaway is in St. Mary's Hospital at Clarksburg. She was brought here from Gillespie, where she was working. We understand that her case is very serious, but we hope that she will soon be ready for duty.

We are very sorry to hear of the death of Sister Coniff, formerly Miss T. Lavelle, sister of our first trick dispatcher on the Branch, and the wife of J. J. Coniff, a former telegrapher, who is now a Pullman conductor, running between New York and St. Louis. Mrs. Coniff died very suddenly in New York on Sunday night, May 9th. She was brought to her home at Cornwallis on Thursday, May 19th, and buried at Parkersburg Friday, May 14th. She was telegrapher and agent on the Parkersburg Branch of the B. & O. for about eighteen years, and worked with us until married to Mr. Coniff, not quite a year since. She was loved and esteemed by all who knew her. The brothers and sisters on the branch contributed liberally for the purpose of purchasing flowers. All the telegraphers who could possibly get off attended the funeral. She leaves many friends to mourn her loss who are grieved to lose her, but "God doeth all things for the best."

Bro. J. W. Stickley, of Pickens, was off duty a few days to get married. He has returned to work and has our best wishes.

Bro. Jno. Switzer, who is working for the Grand Trunk R. R. at Scenice, Washington, will be home some time next month.

Business has improved considerably in the past month, and it looks much better than it has for the past year or so.

DIV. COR.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Sovereign Ruler of the Universe has deemed it wise to remove from the family of Bro. W. P. Turner his father, Mr. Thomas Turner, and also from the family of Bro. Wm. Moran his father, Mr. P. J. Moran; and

WHEREAS, We know human sympathy is insufficient, and that we can but point the bereaved to Him who promised to be an ever-present helper in the hour of trouble, praying His consolation to be ministered unto them; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the members of Monongah Division, No. 33, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved brothers and families our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of affliction; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to each of the bereaved families, a copy to be spread on the minutes of our next meeting, and a copy sent to our official organ for publication.

CLAUDE E. OGDEN,  
FRANK M. BAKER,  
RAY WRICK,

Committee.

#### Cleveland Division—

I wish to call the attention of the boys who are sleeping on duty to the fact that it is a practice that must be "cut out." Complaint has been made that we, as telegraphers, are not doing our duty, and not only the guilty persons will lose out by it, but innocent men as well. What answer could our committee give the officials if, upon asking for a better schedule and better working conditions, they were to complain of the service, and state that the telegraphers were sleeping on duty? We should be able to get enough sleep off duty when we work but eight out of every twenty-four hours. We must attend to business if we expect the assistance of the Order when in trouble. "Take a tumble" and wake up.

Bro. G. H. McCoy is in the Sunny South, attending the convention, after which he intends going to Birmingham to stay a few days, and then return to Massillon. He sent us a telegram stating Bros. Perham and Quick were re-elected, and the boys on Cleveland Division are glad to hear it and extend congratulations to them and to the Order for re-electing them.

Bro. A. C. Crampton is working at Bridge 80, first trick, while Bro. McCoy is in Atlanta.

Bro. Cecil Goodrich, of Columbia, has gone to Akron, Howard Street, while Bro. Jack Mulhearn is sick. The last reports from Bro. Mulhearn were to the effect that he was getting along nicely and recovering from an operation performed in an Akron hospital.

Agent T. A. Sherridan is also sick and in a Cleveland hospital, having had an operation performed for stomach trouble. Bro. H. J. Marlow, of Aultman, relieved him until Bro. Lampe bid in the job at Peninsula regular. Mr. Sherridan bid in second trick same place, and Bro. Marlow bid in Akron, Howard Street, third trick.

Telegrapher W. E. Kilbow bid in South Park, second trick, to which place he will go as soon as Sherridan reports for duty.

Telegrapher C. O. Tuttle is at South Park, extra. He now belongs to the teamsters and has been delegate to the American Federation of Labor, representing Fort Wayne.

Bro. Mike Hammel, "ND" tower, third trick, resigned. We are sorry to see Mike go.

Our last meeting was not very well attended. The boys, learning that Bro. McCoy was not back from Atlanta, did not show up. We trust that there will be a large crowd at our next meeting.

Our congenial first trick C. L. & W. dispatcher, Frank Weeks, has been in the hospital at Flushing, where he underwent a critical operation. All reports are favorable for his recovery.

Extra Dispatcher Dick Blythe is doing extra dispatcher's work.

There are several changes reported in the general offices at Cleveland. The message boys in "CS" moved their office to the old C. L. & W. dispatchers' room and all Cleveland Division dispatchers moved in the room vacated by the message boys.

Have not heard who was the lucky bidder on East Akron job as clerk and telegrapher. Extra Telegrapher J. M. Hood is there temporarily.

Div. Cor.

#### *New Castle Division—*

The May bulletin is as follows: Assignments-- "FS" tower, third trick, Bro. E. R. Post. Vacancies--"KN" tower, third trick.

Bro. Siering, who has been doing the extra work at Boughtonville, was called home on account of the sickness of his mother. He was relieved by Mr. Gary, a new man on the division.

Bro. Burch, third trick at Greenwich, is spending a few days in Cleveland, Bro. King relieving.

A semaphore has been placed at "RA" office, Chicago Junction yard, for blocking New Castle Division freight trains.

Bro. Lane, first trick at "MR" tower, at Homer, is spending a two weeks' vacation in his native territory, the Mahoning Valley. Bro. King is working this trick during his absence.

Bro. Carleton, of Division No. 59, is working second trick at "OD" tower while Mr. B. O. Mohn is visiting friends in Wooster.

Bro. Meagher, of Neva, is off duty a few days, visiting at his old home in Sandusky. Mr. C. J. Leahy is doing the relief act.

Bro. Cahill, of Lowellville, is off duty a few weeks, taking in the sights in Washington, Baltimore and other Eastern cities. Mr. J. C. Johnston is relieving him.

Bro. V. P. McLaughlin was relieved one day by Telegrapher J. M. Wilkin, a C. T. U. of A. man.

Bro. Byron Gray is off for a few weeks. Relieved by Bro. P. J. Lee, of Division No. 135.

Bro. Greene has returned to first trick at Ravenna after an absence of several months on account of being sick. Bro. French, who worked first trick while Bro. Greene was absent, has gone on third trick, and Bro. Barrett, who was working in place of Bro. Brown, has taken second trick at Niles Junction. Mr. Russell is working second trick at Lowellville.

Bro. Post, who was assigned to third trick at "FS" tower, was relieved a few weeks by Mr. J. E. Wildman.

Bro. Fearer, Niles Junction, third trick, was relieved for some time by Mr. Harlow. Understand Mr. Harlow has since left the service.

Bro. A. T. Atkinson, first trick at P. Y. & A. Crossing, was relieved by F. Y. Kelsey. Bro. Atkinson took a trip through the South and West and reports a very pleasant trip. He was offered several good positions in the "land of the cotton blossoms," but the B. & O. looked good, so he returned.

Mr. M. W. Hammon, agent and first trick at West Farmington, has taken a leave of absence to try his hand as cashier in a bank. Bro. Lackeye was checked in as agent, with Bro. Kerhes on third trick and Bro. Byron on second.

Mr. E. W. Adams, agent at East Claridon, was relieved by Relief Agent Bro. Jordan for fifteen days. We have not heard where Bro. Jordan is, but suppose he finds enough to keep him busy. Agents seem to be at a premium just now, judging from the speed with which changes are made at Middlefield. Bro. Brillhart was assigned to second trick at Boughtonville about two months ago, and we understand that Bro. Reid was to go from Boughtonville to Middlefield, but it seems no agent was available with which to make the changes. These eight-hour shifts seem to look pretty good to some of the agents who came back to the key with the advent of the nine-hour law.

We hear pusher engines are again to be put on Chardon Hill. May the business increase.

Bro. W. P. Johnston, second trick at "KN" tower resigned a short time since. Relieved by Mr. C. J. Leahy while position was bulletined.

The color car passed over the road during the middle of May. We have not heard of any failures. The doctor seemed to do all he could to use the boys right and did not seem to be looking for victims.

On May 16th the Hower Building, the largest block in Akron, was totally destroyed by fire, and with it went the Miller Simpson Technical School, same being another name for a "ham factory," but we are not yet without "colleges." Professor W. A. Russell still flourishes at Kent; working third trick on the B. & O., otherwise we would feel quite free from contamination.

We received a circular a short time ago from the Biddle Institute of Telegraphy, setting forth the glories of the "Institute" and praising the ability of the "professors." Mr. Biddle will be remembered on the B. & O. as the "person" who tried to "hog" the agency at Sullivan and was discharged for his pains.

There seems to be considerable trouble among the third trick men, especially in regard to sleeping on duty. While we appreciate that the third trick is a difficult trick on which to stay awake, yet we should understand that with the block system we must be awake if we are to keep out of trouble. There may occasionally be times when dropping into a slumber could be excused, but where the same men are suspended two or three times, it looks as though they were not making a very decided effort to render good service. This company has been fair to the extreme and we should show our appreciation by giving the best service possible. There are one or two brothers here who should be more careful in the future than they have been in the past, as we have reason to believe that dismissal will follow their next offense of sleeping on duty.

We have one or two delinquents and would be glad to see them pay up. Of course, they may expect to quit before many months, but if they

drop their membership they are without protection, and moreover, they are enjoying conditions which they are not helping to maintain.

Boys, send your notes each month to the local chairman, and that will insure a good write-up. It is impossible for one or two men to cover the entire division.

"UNCLE BIFF."

### Chicago & Eastern Illinois Ry.

#### Illinois Division—

Business is steadily increasing on this division, not a sudden spurt, but a gradual increase making business almost normal for this period of year. This also is the case on all Eastern lines and many of the Western lines, and makes prospects much brighter for the railroad men in general. We earnestly hope the business depression and resultant "hard times" will soon be a thing of the past. The sooner business reaches normal, the sooner we can go after that long delayed revised schedule, which, with the present committee, we should be able to get to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Bro. A. D. Adams has resigned as cashier at "AZ," Salem, and has been relieved by Mr. J. T. Jones, formerly of second trick "SA" tower. Mr. G. W. Trenary is working second trick "SA" tower at present.

Bro. Stout, first trick man at Thebes, has resumed work after an absence of several weeks on account of sickness. He was relieved by Bro. Coleman, extra.

Bro. Tanner, agent at Ullin, has bid in second trick at Cypress. He was relieved at Ullin by Mr. Wilson, from Shelbyville.

First trick "SA" tower is again bulletined. Mr. F. J. Wheling is holding this trick down temporarily.

Bro. O. L. Neal, second trick "SX" tower, has left the service. He was relieved by Mr. F. Renfro, extra.

Bro. Wowdy, second trick at Goreville, is off on a short vacation, visiting relatives at St. James. A Mr. Ward, from Danville, is relieving him. Understand Mr. Ward goes to Lenox when relieved at Goreville.

Bro. Z. H. Freeman is off on a vacation. Bro. E. A. Green, second trick at Kell, is doing the stunt as agent in Bro. Freeman's absence. Bro. Green is being relieved by Bro. Johnson, third trick at Kell, who is being relieved by some extra man, unable to learn his name.

There has been several brothers relieved during the past couple of months on account of showing up late to protect their tricks. We beg the brothers to watch this very carefully as it looks very bad. We have, and are enjoying, the nine-hour law and should do all we can to keep it in force. The company will take no excuse for being late on an eight or nine-hour trick, and personally, we can see no reason why a telegrapher who has sixteen hours in which to rest, can not be on hand to protect his trick promptly on time. If any one must be relieved for this, let it be some one not carrying a card.

Mr. D. White, third trick man at West Frankfort yard has been absent on a short vacation, visiting relatives at Burnside, Ill. He was relieved by Bro. Preston, Bro. Preston also relieved Mr. Armstrong, second trick at West Frankfort yard. Mr. Armstrong has left the service.

We understand that Mr. Maret, first trick at "SR," West Frankfort, has bid in second trick at "SA" tower. This leaves first and second tricks at that office open. We have not learned who bid in these positions.

We can not say how the first and second districts are organized, but there is plenty work for an organizer. We respectfully ask our local chairman to do all he can to get a local organizer over this division as soon as possible. We need thorough organization more now than ever. Every man carrying an up-to-date card should help towards this end by getting at least one applicant. Would suggest that a meeting be called to provide means for appointing an organizer and doing everything to bring the nons in. There may be several undesirables, but practically all of the nons should get the "up-to-date."

The writer wishes to thank Bro. Tanner for assisting in this write-up, he being the only one who sent in items. For this reason I am unable to give any changes on north end, and ask any brother on the north end to send what items he can on or before the twenty-fifth of each month. We have received many promises, but no items.

CERT. 54.

#### Chicago Division, Westville Branch—

I notice we still have students on the line, and I can not see why any agent wants to have a student around him, and in a great many instances put as much dependence in him as one would an experienced man. Just the other day I heard one of our agents ask the dispatcher if he could go home and work in the garden, stating that he had a boy with him that could get the call and would get him if needed. It has been a short time since I asked this man to start the new year with an up-to-date card, and he came back with that old time worn "Joke" that he was broke and could not afford it. If some of these nons would stop and think this thing over in an intelligent way they would certainly see that by getting a solid front he would in a short time be drawing a check at the end of each month that would make him smile, and he would have enough to hire his work done in the garden and not have to depend upon some boy at the office that would be liable to cause him trouble. If the work is important enough to require an experienced man, it's a sure thing it is no place for an inexperienced boy.

#### Danville District—

The following changes have taken place since last month:

Bro. Adams, at "BX" tower, relieved by Mr. Miller. He resigned and was relieved by Telegrapher Shotts.

Bro. Kaneen, from Bronson, bid in second trick at "BX" tower. Telegrapher Shotts going to Woodland Jct., third trick.

Bro. Johnson, agent at Perryville, was off a few days on account of sickness.

Bro. Aikman, agent at Bismark, is again at work after a month off on account of a severe attack of pneumonia. Bro. Aikman was relieved by Relief Agent Mitten, from Indiana Division.

Quite a number of offices are bulletined at present.

Brewer yard office was closed and telegraphers put at C. S. Crossing.

A. W. Lanquist, third trick at "BX" tower, makes his regular Sunday visits to Pittwood.

Telegrapher W. Richetz relieved Bro. Keenan at Bronson.

There is a new man at Fairmount Jct. We are unable to find out who he is.

The second and third trick telegraphers at Rossville Jct. attended J. E. Ray's funeral at Mann's Chapel, Friday. Mr. Ray was a C. L. S. & E. brakeman at Rossville, and was a friend of the O. R. T. boys if they ever had one, and he will be missed among the boys at Rossville Jct. Mr. Ray was killed while switching out a caboose at C. L. S. & E. yards at Rossville.

Bro. Payne, from Dewey, was the successful one to get first trick at Watseka tower. Bro. Montgomery got second trick at Watseka tower, and Telegrapher Prough takes third trick.

Bro. E. R. Songer, third trick at Coaler, off duty one week, visiting his parents in Rossville, Ill. He was relieved by Telegrapher Crawford.

Bro. Young, first trick at Coaler, is relieving Bro. Phillips at Wellington, while Bro. Phillips is attending the convention in Atlanta, Ga.

Bro. Young relieved at Coaler by Telegrapher Crawford.

I wish to thank the different brothers who sent me items this month, and hope that they will continue to assist me in order that we may be represented each month in the journal.

Div. Cor.

### Pennsylvania Ry.

#### *Allegheny Division—*

Bro. J. E. Grove was off duty several days recently, due to sickness. He was relieved by Bro. A. B. Caldwell.

Bro. A. L. Ritchey was the successful applicant for the second trick at Enslie, being relieved at Ford City by W. E. McGee, formerly a member.

Bro. C. W. McElhinney resumed duty at Red Bank after a few weeks' vacation, during which time he was relieved by Bro. Harry Knapp.

Bro. J. C. Wylie is now the regular first trick man at White Rock, being relieved at Ford City by Bro. J. A. Bever.

Bro. J. L. McKinnon bid in and secured third trick at "NY" tower.

Bros. C. W. Golden and E. A. Shuster were Pittsburg visitors lately, no one seems to know what the object of their visit was.

Bro. F. A. McElhinney has returned from his Western trip and is again employed on the "Valley." He states that business in the West is no better than it is here, and is glad to be back even though he has to go on the extra list again.

Bro. W. F. Reiner has again resigned as agent at Tyler, being relieved by Bro. F. M. Evans.

Bro. A. V. Wineborne has resigned to accept a position with the Western Union at Pittsburg; sorry to lose "Van" and wish him success in his new position.

Bro. C. J. Moore was off duty a few days recently, on account of the death of his sister. He has the sympathy of all who know him.

Bro. O. J. Williams, of "NB," Pittsburg, has returned to duty after two weeks' vacation spent in Atlantic City and other Eastern points.

Bro. C. E. Kibler, of the same office, is now enjoying his vacation, being "close to nature" somewhere in Ohio.

Bro. Young has resumed duty in "BN" office, Pittsburg, after his trip to Atlanta, Ga., where he attended the O. R. T. convention. He reports the most successful and harmonious meeting ever held by the Grand Division, a full account of which will, no doubt, reach all members before long.

Reports from all over the country indicate that business is gradually increasing. There are less telegraphers out of work now than at any time in the last two years, and if we will but be patient a little while longer, exert every effort to maintain our membership at its present high percentage and render the best possible service at all times, our reward must and will come with the return of prosperity. I can not too strongly impress upon your minds the necessity for watchfulness every minute that you are on duty, do not violate any of the rules, be on your guard so that when surprise tests are made you will not be caught napping. This is most important.

"BRIGHAM."

#### *Conemaugh Division—*

Bro. L. L. Porter, of Block station, is doing extra work at Kiskiminetas Jct.

A. P. Gilliland, an extra man, was assigned to third trick at Tunnelton, made vacant by Bro. W. L. Wagner going to Avonmore.

Bros. T. L. Turner and W. C. Stitt are both in Pittsburg message office, their tricks at stock yards being filled by extra men.

Telegrapher J. I. Lucas, of Avonmore station, is off for ten days; relieved by Extra Telegrapher Hummel.

Bro. H. D. Bartlebaugh worked second trick at Tunnelton, while Bro. C. B. Garrison was off sick. "S2" being filled by Bro. H. S. Asson, an extra man.

Bro. W. L. Wagner attended meeting April 24th. He should come again as it does us good to see strange faces.

Bro. Yohe has been assigned to Black Lick, which position was made vacant by M. G. Schlock



accepting position as clerk for our division operator, W. R. Smith.

Bro. C. B. Garrison, second trick at Tunnelton, resumed duty May 10th, after having been sick and off duty for six weeks.

Bro. C. R. Clark, of Indiana, is still off duty on account of poor health.

Miss A. F. Steele, third trick at Vandergrift, is off duty a few days; relieved by Extra Telegrapher Miss Neupert.

Bro. H. S. Asson, from the east end, is now doing extra work on the Valley Side.

Bro. A. M. McLaughlin, first trick at Tunnelton has moved from the farm into town.

Bro. W. R. Wolf, has bid in third trick at Block station, made vacant by the resignation of Telegrapher H. B. Parker.

Bro. W. L. Wagner bid in second trick at Block station, Avonmore, made vacant by the resignation of Sister G. E. Skelley.

Bro. H. D. Bartlebaugh spent his relief day on the Pittsburg Division. A BEGINNER.

### Pere Marquette Ry.

The night office at Badaxe has been abolished. Bro. Muir, second trick telegrapher, taking his old stand as day man at that point. Mr. Hough-taling has been transferred to Lakeview as telegrapher.

Bro. Harsh, from Loomis, bid in Grindstone City.

Bro. Sydnam has returned to his old stand at Elkton.

Telegrapher Forsyth, of Pigeon, has accepted a position in the car distributor's office.

Bro. Kirkpatrick is now at the new freight office in Saginaw, at Michigan Ave.

Bro. Clarke, of Belding, has bid in the agency at Loomis.

Bro. W. C. Johnson, our new general secretary and treasurer, reports new members coming in at a rapid pace, this is largely due to Bro. Brandon, grand division organizer, going over the line.

Bro. A. A. Patterson, agent at Silverwood, has been suffering with blood poison for some weeks, but we understand he is some better at this writing. CERT. 61.

### Erie Ry.

#### Mahoning Division—

The meeting held at Warren on Saturday night, May 22d, was well attended by Meadville and Mahoning Division men. Bro. Harrington, of Meadville Division, was in the chair. After the regular routine of business, Bro. Lowrie, the delegate to the convention, was given the floor and told of his trip to Atlanta, Ga., and return. Those who missed this missed a rare treat.

Your correspondent did not receive any news items, and the only change in positions that he knows of is at DeForest tower, where the third trick is being held down by Telegrapher C. A. Conont, who, for a great many years, worked at Garrettsville.

Bro. Marshall volunteered to write a report of our first annual ball. The ball was a success, both socially and financially. Bro. Marshall took great pains to get this report up in typewritten form and mailed it to your correspondent, who, at that particular time, was in a mood to exercise his authority, and showed it by blue penciling the whole thing and chucking it in the waste basket, which is sufficient reason for its not appearing in these columns.

Don't forget the meetings at Warren the third Saturday night of the month in C. T. U. Hall, corner of Market Street and Park Ave., over Union National Bank. DIV. COR.

#### Susquehanna Division—

Bro. E. J. Hesser and wife attended the convention at Atlanta, Ga., and on their return trip spent a few days at Charleston Va., his former home.

Bro. M. L. Geer, of Painted Post, has taken first trick at "RX," Magees.

Bro. J. E. Coddington has secured second trick at Painted Post, and Mr. Partridge has taken third trick.

Bro. W. I. Kelleher, of Big Flats, took a month's vacation sight-seeing through the country and reports a very enjoyable time.

Bro. E. M. Condon has taken second trick at "JF," Southport Junction, which was left vacant by the resignation of Mr. A. H. Morgan, who has purchased a farm near Swartwood, N. Y.

Mr. Paul Gnuskey secured second trick at "MJ" tower formerly held by Bro. W. J. Malone, who is now a "printer's devil."

Bro. M. J. Derrig, of "UR" tower, has been absent several days, laid up with tonsillitis. Extra Telegrapher S. C. Moseson is filling the place.

"UR" tower at Wellsburg has been moved to the south side of the track to make room for the E. C. & W. street car line.

Bro. C. W. Vincent, of Waverly, was off duty one day this month.

Mr. G. W. Chichester, of Wellsburg, was off one day visiting his parents at Great Bend, Pa.

CERT. 788.

#### Buffalo and Southwestern Division, and Falls Branch—

I have searched THE TELEGRAPHER monthly for the past year in the vain hope of seeing a write-up from this division.

If each member will take about two or three minutes of his time each month, I think we can have something in each issue of our journal.

Business on the Buffalo and Southwestern Division is good and we hope to soon see it back to normal.

We are sorry to lose Bro. W. B. Prescott, second trick at Attica, who resigned, and who has secured a position with the Buick Automobile Co., at Flint, Mich.

Bro. T. English bid in the second trick at Attica.

Bro. F. O. DeMuth, of "DF" tower, has resigned. We understand that he has gone to farming.

Bro. M. C. Healy, of "DB" tower, bid in "DF," International Junction.

Bro. G. W. Miner has resumed work at "CS" tower, Cawaseraga, after being sick for several months. All the boys are glad to know that he is able to resume duty.

Telegrapher Krieger bid in third trick at East Buffalo.

Operator Collins, first trick at "SB," bid in the day job at "JH."

Bro. C. Brockmeir, of Attica, has been relieving at Buffalo station for a few days.

Telegrapher Burgett is working at Lawtons.

Bro. C. J. Lenahan, first trick at "BN" tower, has the sympathy of the brothers. He lost his son, who, I understand, was working extra at Suspension Bridge. The young man died of typhoid fever. Bro. Lenahan's daughter was laid up all winter with diphtheria.

Bro. O. F. Veblocher, second trick at Collins, is off duty. We understand he has scarlet fever. On account of there being no available man for relief, Bro. Curtin and Bro. Cassel worked twelve hours each for a couple of days while Bro. Veblocher was on the sick list.

We will try to have a good write-up every month in the future.

Send me your items and I will try to do my part.

I would like to thank Bros. Williams and Mountain for sending in items and if some good brother around Hornell would do likewise we could be well represented each month. Nothing looks nicer in our journal than a write-up of our own division.

I notice that some of the offices have two or three students in them. Remember, this is injuring ourselves and the Order. Cut out the students and we will get more money when the proper time arrives.

W. S.

### Canadian Northern Ry.

#### Third District—

The first meeting of Third District, Division No. 43, was held in Dauphin, Sunday, April 25th, and, though badly handicapped by train service, eighteen members were present and a most enthusiastic meeting was held.

Many important matters were brought up and discussed by the members present including the proposed Canadian eight-hour law, substitution of telephone for telegraph, and changes deemed advisable when our next schedule is being framed.

It was decided to hold meetings every two months in future, and it is hoped that those members who were not in a position to attend the last meeting will be able to attend the next. Outside of the benefit received from the discussion of questions affecting us as telegraphers it is a good thing for us to get together and become more intimately acquainted. A district correspondent was

elected, who will endeavor to deal out a little dope each month hereafter.

At the close of the meeting a group photo was taken which we hope to see reproduced in the journal in the near future.

Several changes among our officials have taken place lately. Supt. J. W. Dawsey has resigned, and was succeeded by A. Wilcox; Chief Dispatcher S. S. Foley was appointed superintendent of the Fifth District, and succeeded as dispatcher by C. D. Fisher, formerly trainmaster for the G. T. P. at Melville.

Bro. G. H. Vasbinder acknowledges he is about to become a benedict. He is relieved by Bro. D. W. Hunt, of Dauphin.

Bro. Wm. Gibbons, of Grandview, has been transferred to Dauphin.

Bro. King, Birnie, transferred to Ochre River.

Bro. Martin, of Division 7, has been appointed telegrapher at Grandview.

Ballast trains are to be put on at an early date, which will keep us all busy.

This district is now almost solid. Every member should do his utmost to close up every gap before the next half year opens.

Working conditions for telegraphers on this road will compare favorably with any in the country and of course we will all acknowledge that this has been brought about by the O. R. T.

Div. Cor.

#### Fifth District—

It has been some time since I have seen anything in the journal from this district and I think that we should make an endeavor to keep in touch with each other this way and I will greatly appreciate any little bit of news that any of the boys can send on to help the good work.

Boys, get after the remaining three nons, and get them to join the fold and make the Fifth District solid.

Bro. Oates has contributed some very interesting news this month. Quite a few changes have taken place on this district during the past month.

Notable among the changes is that of superintendents. We were very sorry to lose our late superintendent, Mr. Roberts, and the boys showed their appreciation of his merits by presenting him with a pretty Masonic emblem. On account of his having to proceed to Winnipeg on short notice, the presentation was made at Warman by Supervisor Lane, on the arrival of No. 16. Understand that it took him by surprise and touched him deeply.

We are sure that all will join in wishing him success in his new sphere.

Our new superintendent, Mr. Foley, is now in harness, and it is up to us to give him good service, sowing that which we wish to reap, and, if I am not greatly mistaken, we shall not be disappointed with the results.

Prince Albert has had a few changes lately. Agent Hughes, from Neepawanow, being in charge of this station, and Bro. Wickerson has been appointed ticket agent.

Bro. G. Strong has resigned and Mr. Jacques has taken his place as night telegrapher. Bro. Edgley, former agent at Prince Albert, is doing the "hello" biz as agent at Zealandia, with Bro. Piersdorff as owl. What's the matter with the phone?

Bro. Johnson, late agent at Zealandia, is taking a much-needed rest.

Nutana has been opened as a day telegraph station, with Bro. Black, from First District, in charge, and to whom we extend the glad hand.

Understand our worthy Bro. J. H. Strong is taking a thirty days' vacation, relieved by Bro. Merow, of Davidson, who in turn, is relieved by Bro. Flaxman, another new brother whom we welcome.

R. B.

#### *Quebec & Lake St. John Line--*

At a special meeting called by our local chairman which was held at Chicoutimi, April 4th, Bro. A. D. W. Lamoureux, of Lake Edward, was appointed local secretary, vice Bro. J. Alain, of Riviere a Pierre Junction.

Bro. A. Boulanger, of Metabetchouan, was appointed to the position of chairman of grievances, and Cert 361, who was absent, was appointed division correspondent, subject to his own approval.

Bro. J. W. Cliche, of LaTuque Jct., who was idle at the time was refused transportation to attend meeting.

Miss A. Simoneau, telegrapher for the G. N. W., Kiskisink, spent Easter holidays with relatives in Quebec.

Bro. L. J. Furois, agent at Riviere a Pierre Junction, and wife, were in Quebec for Easter days, guests of relatives.

Bro. J. M. Riverin is relieving Bro. A. Cote at Valcartier. The latter is enjoying a two weeks' vacation.

With the advent of April, La Tuque Junction closed as a night office, owing to dull business.

Through the kindness of Chief Dispatcher Davidson and Dispatcher Brunelle, Bro. J. E. Hamel, second trick, spent Easter day with his brother-in-law, J. A. Blondeau, agent at St. Basile, C. P. R., where a "sugar party" was enjoyed.

A big washout, 85 feet long and 32 feet deep, occurred April 13th two miles south of Metabetchouan. Having no power north, the passengers were forced to lay up at Chambord Junction. Trains 1 and 2 were annulled two consecutive days between Chambord Junction and Chicoutimi. The mail was transported on a hand car the distance of 86 miles.

YAN NANCOR.

#### *Fourth District--*

Someone is running a ham factory between Warman and North Battleford. Wonder who he can be. Wonder if this brother remembers his obligation, and realizes that some day his "able assistant" will be corraling his job for him. Now, Brother, Unknown, if your station work is too heavy for you to handle alone, you should apply

to the superintendent for an assistant, put him on your pay roll, and then you won't need to make any agreement with him about allowing him to practice telegraphy on the wires in return for him doing your flunkey work for you.

Speaking of nons. Saskatoon papers state that Mr. Albert Wisewell, who recently quit the night job at Humbolt and hiked to Uncle Sam's domain, was arrested at Regina, on May 3d, charged with stealing private telegrams sent by H. E. Perry, Liberal organizer during the late election at Humbolt.

Another non. Telegrapher Balsborough, a new man, who relieved Bro. Bigham at Lavoy, last month, and later took on the night job at Vegreville, got tanked up at Vegreville, and locked horns with the agent, our local chairman, Bro. L. C. Matthews. Next day the town magistrate assessed Mr. Balsborough in the neighborhood of \$25 for his "horse play." He was also canned by the company and has left for parts unknown.

Bro. Sturges is now holding down the day shift at Vegreville.

The agency at Canora has been temporarily closed account of smallpox in that district.

The bridge at the Elbow caught fire last week, and before the fire could be extinguished, about 100 feet of the bridge was burned, and the west end of the C. N. R. put out of commission for 24 hours.

No doubt you all received a copy of Bro. L. W. Quick's circular about lining up the rest of the nons. We have a few on the C. N. Is every brother alive to his own interests and keeping up a running fire with his neighbor nons? Or are you letting things go as they wish and leaving the hustling to be done by two or three? Though we are very strong on the Fourth District, we should not put on the brakes until we have every telegrapher on the district in the O. R. T. fold. Get busy.

PRO TEM.

#### **Central of Georgia Ry.**

##### *Chattanooga Division--*

A very interesting meeting was held at Lafayette the third Sunday in May. All report a good time, and some business of importance was attended to. It was decided to meet at Rome the fourth Sunday in June, with the boys from the Southern Railway, canceling our regular meeting on the third Sunday. Hope all who can do so will attend.

Bro. Bledsoe, of Sargent, spent nearly a week at the Grand convention, and Bro. Lowe, of Bremen, went up to the barbecue. Both report a highly enjoyable time and are well pleased with the way the delegates were entertained.

Bro. Isbell, of Fort Oglethorpe, got Rossville agency on bid, Mr. Brown, of Youngs, going to Fort Oglethorpe.

Mr. McCraw, from Moons Factory got Youngs. Bro. Bryan, second trick at Carrollton, was promoted to cashier at that place, Bro. Ansley, from extra list, getting second there.

Bro. Sammons, at Lindale, has resigned to take a better position with the Cotton Mill people at that place, and Lindale is up for bid.

Bro. Allen, from agent's office at Rome, expects to be off a few days in the near future.

CERT. 265.

#### *Southwestern Division—*

Bro. T. J. Mills, our local chairman, is off a few days, taking in the convention at Atlanta.

Bro. J. H. Randall, third trick at Smithville, is working second during Bro. Mills' absence. Bro. Randall was relieved by Bro. E. M. Bruner, our old stand-by relief man.

The third trick at Americus is being filled by Ex-Baggage Agent Mr. Hall.

Bro. E. W. Slappey, first trick man at Albany, was off a few days last month, being relieved by Bro. E. W. Smlth, Jr., second trick man, who in turn was relieved by Bro. Lyster, of Coffee Springs.

Bro. Lamar, after spending quite a while down in the everglades, has resumed duty at Powersville.

Bro. C. W. Morrison, agent at Bronwood, made a speedy trip to Albany a few days ago.

We understand that Bro. Powell, Arlington agent, is making his home folks a visit. Have not heard who is relieving him.

Bro. E. W. Smith, second trick at Albany, was on the sick list a few days last month, being relieved by a Mr. Howard.

We understand that Bro. Parks, who has been doing the copying stunt in the dispatcher's office, has been promoted to dispatcher on some other division.

Remember, "no card, no favors."

"UNION MADE."

#### **Ann Arbor Ry.**

Bro. Taylor, our worthy chairman, advises that he is too busy with his work and the position of chairman to act as correspondent, therefore he appointed yours truly to act in that capacity. I want every one to give me all the help he can, so that we may have a good "write-up" in the journal each month.

We held a couple of meetings in Owosso recently, and I am sorry to say that very few attended. This looks bad. Let every one take an interest in the Order and see if we can not have some very lively meetings in the future. We have a good percentage on the Ann Arbor, and if each and every one will take an interest it will not only be a benefit to yourself, but to the less experienced men. Bro. Taylor advises that there is to be a meeting again at Forrester's Hall, Owosso, May 30th, and sincerely hope that every member who can will be in evidence.

Understand that Bro. Campbell, our worthy vice-president, will be there, and it is quite a treat to hear him talk.

Several changes on the line since the last write-up.

Bro. Herrick bid in Annpere.

Bro. Lanham bid in Vernon.

Bro. J. W. McNamee bid in third trick at Hallett.

Bro. Scofield, formerly of Annpere, has left the telegraph department. Understand he is firing on the road.

Bro. Taylor has given me but one day's time in which to prepare this, so you will have to excuse this poor showing this time.

V. N.

#### **Denver & Rio Grande Ry.**

##### *Utah Lines—*

Owing to the renewed interest that is being taken in the Order on this end, we want to contribute a few items and express some of our opinions. Now that there seems to be an awakening over here, we should make "a long pull, a strong pull, and all pull together" and get back to where we were some time ago. Let each one of us take it upon himself to try and get a new member into the Order. It is a duty we owe ourselves as well as the Order. Some of the boys seem to think the telegraph school at Denver is going to hurt us, but it will not injure us or change conditions in the least. Do you know that nearly every one of the students who gets into the business procures an "up-to-date" as soon as he has had the necessary experience? I would gamble that at least 90 per cent of them will go in despite the fact that they are instructed to the contrary by their teachers. These boys are all too bright to do anything against their own interest, and it is evident to all what the Order does for the craft.

Bro. F. H. Barry has resigned as agent at Fruita, being relieved temporarily by Mr. W. C. Watson. Understand Barry is going to Southern California, on his orange farm. Bro. J. H. Shepard, of Fairview, has bid in the agency at Fruita and is awaiting relief.

Bro. Rasmussen, of Heber, has bid in the agency at Fairview. Mr. R. B. Marks, from Thompsons, bid in Heber.

Cisco agency has been transferred from Bro. J. S. Jones to Bro. J. F. Rounds, from second trick at Fruita.

Bro. James Golden transferred from third trick at Thompsons to second trick at Cisco.

Bro. B. D. Mahoney has resigned as agent at Woodside. We understand that he is now working on the Oregon Short Line. He was relieved by a Western Union scab who is now working at Woodside. We hear this scab brags of the big money he made during the strike. A man must have a pile of respect for himself when he stoops to such dirty work and then brags of it. His name is P. F. Wagoner.

Mr. Thos. Fouts is off for ninety days, being relieved by G. M. Southwick, at Price.

Bro. C. A. Pierson is off for ninety days, at Sunnyside, improving his farm, we understand. He is relieved by Mr. J. B. Darrah.

Mr. R. J. Kirkpatrick is working second at Mounds. He is a new man on the line.

Bro. Geo. Prince has resigned as telegrapher at Ruby and was relieved by a Mr. Tromley. Bro.

Prince was one of our old-timers, and we are sorry to see him leave us.

We hear Bro. G. W. Morgan has purchased a new piano. Very likely there will be "music on the desert air" now in accompaniment to the howl of the coyotes.

Bro. H. B. Mensil is relieving Bro. Tompkins at Castle Gate.

Bro. Tompkins has gone to Scofield to relieve Mr. C. H. Funk, who is off on ninety days' leave of absence, visiting the coast and the exposition.

Bro. S. R. Wright transferred from second at Kyune to second at Colton, relieving Bro. C. H. Rogers, who bid in Artwell day telegrapher. Bro. Kerwin, a new man from the East, relieves Bro. Wright.

Mr. H. S. Robinett recently quit the service. Relieved by Bro. W. H. Fennel, from American Fork.

On May 1 the office of trainmaster was abolished and the title assistant superintendent substituted. Superintendent was substituted for assistant superintendent, without any change in officers or territory.

The Utah Lines have been divided into two divisions, now called the Salt Lake and the Green River Divisions. The Salt Lake Division comprises the main line and branches, Ogden to Hepler. The Green River Division comprises the main line, Hepler to Grand Junction and branches.

Effective May 1, the telephone was substituted for the telegraph in movement of trains over the Bingham district. Mr. H. C. Holloway was appointed chief dispatcher over this territory, with headquarters at Bingham Junction. A set of dispatchers was moved from Salt Lake to Bingham Junction. It is reported that the telephone is working fine, still we hear dispatchers putting out orders and getting "OS" on the telegraph wire occasionally. "VOLUNTEERS."

#### First Division—

I notice quite a few nons on this division. Get busy, boys, and thin 'em out.

Bro. A. Richards has resigned at Vallie and left for "Old Missou." Bro. H. L. Evans was the lucky man when this job was bulletined, and is now a full-fledged owl.

Bro. F. W. Aiken, agent at Cotopaxi, is off on a vacation and intends to visit home folks in Amherst, Ohio, while away. While Bro. Aiken is taking in the convention at Atlanta, Bro. J. N. Friday is acting as agent and also as G. S. & T. If you happen to land a non, you know where to send the papers.

Bro. J. E. Bobbitt, agent at Parkdale, was off a few days, sick, the latter part of April. He was relieved by Bro. E. C. Morrison. Bro. Morrison went from Parkdale to Walsenburg as cashier.

Mr. J. J. Marquis, a new arrival, from Pittsburg, Pa., is throwing the switch at Goodnight.

Bro. H. V. Evans, third trick at Canon City, is off on a two months' vacation. Relieved by Bro. P. G. Hyatt, formerly of Goodnight.

Mr. F. W. Schanck, first trick telegrapher, and cashier at Canon City, was wearing the agents' cap at Canon City during the absence of Mr. Maddox.

Mr. F. B. Claar was relieving a few days at Portland while Bro. E. S. Stokes was sick.

An extra man has been put on in "SB," Pueblo office. This gives Mr. W. M. Morris a chance to look after wire trouble as Bro. F. W. Moore moves up to the day shift.

Bro. F. L. Reynolds moves from third trick to second, and the third falls to Doc Eaton, a newcomer.

Bro. W. W. Duncan, third trick at Littleton, is laying off a couple of weeks. Relieved by Mr. F. W. Shipman, an extra man.

Bro. E. J. McGowan, third trick at Colorado Springs, is off for a thirty days' vacation and a jaunt back East. Relieved by Mr. C. R. Elliot, extra man, formerly at Canon City.

Mr. R. C. Sheldon, of Graneros, bid in second trick at San Carlos on last bulletin.

A man by the name of McCain is working extra on second trick at San Carlos.

Extra dispatcher in "RG," by name of Neal, from I. C., Carbondale, is working second trick, first district.

Smith is now regular second trick dispatcher on the first district. Our old friend "Woody" went to third trick on third district. CERT. 606.

#### Second Division, Salida to Grand Junction—

Bro. Howe has landed first trick at Minturn. Glad to see him on the main line once more.

Bro. Wilkins now holds third trick at Salida. A fine job and nothing much to do.

Bro. Vaughn, from Pando, relieved Bro. Soderberg at the Pass while he was in Salt Lake.

Bro. Vaughn, from second trick at Tenn. Pass, to third trick at Granite.

Since the ice harvest is over, Bro. Homan, at Pando, is left alone, his night telegrapher, Bro. Vaughn, being sent to Tenn. Pass to relieve Bro. Soderberg.

Bro. Homan is now attending the convention at Atlanta, Ga.

Bro. Eaton is relieving Bro. Homan.

Bro. Eaton has been relieved at Malta by Mr. Vaughan.

Mr. T. P. Leedom is at Tenn. Pass, third trick. He comes from the C. & S.

Bro. Crosno, of Minturn, has been taken out of the service temporarily because the bond company has refused to bond him longer, for the reason that his dates of service do not correspond with the record of a road for which he formerly worked. He has been given leave of absence and has gone East to straighten out matters. We hope to see him back among us soon.

News is scarce this time. The boys failed to mail me what items they knew of, with the exception of Bro. Wilkins, who always has something to send. Hope to do better next month. "Q"

**Bessemer & Lake Erie Ry.**

Conditions seem to have improved and business is almost normal.

Bro. Bonnor has returned to Shenango, second trick, from third trick at Kremis.

Bro. Lynch resumed first trick at Shenango upon the return of Bro. Sloan to dispatcher's office.

Pardu has been reopened, second and third tricks. G. E. Hamilton returned to second trick, his old position. Third trick is being held down by E. F. Redfoote until bid in.

Bro. Donohue, third trick at Summerville, resigned and went West. Bro. W. H. Hall, nights, at Albion yard office, bid in Summerville.

The old Summerville office has been abandoned and a new office opened at Lexington known as "XG" tower.

Bro. Faivre has returned to second trick at "GV" tower, from third trick at Henlein. C. J. Newman is working third at Henlein.

J. D. Burke, third trick at Houston Jct., left the service. Understand he is on B. & O. Third trick at Houston Jct. bid in by Bro. Brooks.

G. E. Hamilton, third trick at "HX" tower, served thirty days for improper blocking of trains. He returned to work at Pardu, second trick. Bro. J. A. Johnston, a member of Division No. 52, relieved Mr. Hamilton at "HX" tower.

Adamsville was reopened, days, for the blocking of trains. We are unable to say as to who is working there.

H. M. Welchena, clerk to chief train dispatcher, has signed with the Steubenville team of the O. & P. league.

Bro. O. F. Whiteford, first trick at Pittsburg Jct., traded positions with Bro. W. A. Moffitt, and went to Calvin, second trick.

Every body is much pleased with the restoration of the bulletining of positions. Altogether our new schedule is one to be pleased with.

Mr. Filson was relieved at Meuer Jct. while on his honeymoon by F. B. Campbell.

The second trick at Pittsburg Jct. bid in by Bro. E. O. Eddleblute. Bro. E. G. Reisenger has left the service of the street car company and is working at Pittsburg Jct., first trick.

We understand that a brother from the B. & O., F. E. Smith by name, relieved Bro. Bonnor at Kremis.

Doubtless this will be considered a slim budget of news, but it was compiled entirely by "yc scribe," and consists of what came under his own personal observation. CERT. 134.

**Southern Pacific Ry.****Sacramento Division—**

Who said the Sacramento Division was not to be represented in the columns of our worthy journal? Just you watch and see. We have certainly been occupying a back seat long enough and there is no plausible reason why we should not have a seat in the "bald headed" row. Just as soon as our newly elected local chairman, Bro. J. E. Blackford, returns from the convention at Atlanta,

Ga., he will no doubt appoint a permanent division correspondent, and I hope every one concerned will take an interest in this work and contribute liberally. The main thing in compiling the "news" for THE TELEGRAPHER, is getting the "dope," and I hope that just as soon as a division correspondent is announced, that all changes, sickness, etc., be reported to him. Through the personal effort of Bro. J. F. Neideffer, of "H" office, we were able to get a pretty good line-up, although there were not many changes and business is rather quiet.

Our newly elected local chairman and representative, Bro. J. E. Blackford, and alternate, Bro. H. H. Houston, left May 1st, to attend the meeting of general committee at New Orleans, and convention at Atlanta, Ga. From all reports Bro. Blackford is becoming very popular with the general committee, having been appointed chairman of several committees.

The election at New Orleans resulted as follows: Bro. W. H. Lester, re-elected general chairman; Bro. O. P. Bates, elected general secretary and treasurer, and Bro. D. W. Koppikus, elected assistant general chairman.

The contest between Bro. Lester and Bro. Koppikus, for general chairman, was very close. Committeeman on Grievances from Sacramento Committeeman on Grievances from Sacramento Division. The membership of this division are to be congratulated on having elected such an able representative. He should receive the very highest commendation and support from all for the good work he is rendering. And he is just making his start. Thirty-five new members were taken in by him since April. One would hardly believe there were so many nons on the district. There are a few left and it would help if each member would lend his individual support to induce these to join us. There is no reason why any one holding one of our scheduled positions should not belong to the Order. It's a good business proposition, and if we don't take an interest in it and look after it, we need expect no business.

Bro. C. A. Nelson is working second trick at Towle, while Joe is at the convention.

Bro. B. B. Mullins, second trick 12th St., Sacramento, and Bro. "Bunch" McClintock, doing the stunt on first trick, during Bro. H. H. Houston's absence.

Bros. C. S. Greene and F. M. Roy, both of Reno, are on the sick list. They were relieved by Bros. J. D. Fogleson and J. I. Burns. It is reported from the hospital that both are doing nicely.

Bro. Geo. Carew recently made a flying trip to Sacramento for fishing tackle; relieved by Paul Storey.

Bro. Ed. Schoonover from Caporn to Loomis, to relieve Bro. Ayamar, on account of the latter being sick. Don't know who relieved Bro. Schoonover at Caporn.

Mr. Alder Randall from Spruce to Latrobe. He was relieved by Bro. C. C. Stroupe. We understand that Bro. Stroupe is sick and will be sent

to the hospital at Sacramento. Didn't learn who was to relieve him.

E. F. Stewart has been transferred, temporarily, from Midas to Loomis, as second trick telegrapher during fruit season. Relieved by Bro. Harmon.

Understand Bro. James O'Connor, first trick at "H" office, is quite sick and has gone to San Francisco to take on some heavy atmosphere which will evidently put him on his feet again. Relieved by Mr. Fender, new man; understand he is looking for a business opening in this part of the West.

Following positions are bulletined: Agencies at Towle, Floriston, Lincoln, Colusa Junction; second trick at Summit; third trick at Reno, and first and second tricks at Chico. CERT 500.

#### *Oregon Lines—*

Bro. C. W. Bell having bid in a trick at Medford has moved his family there from Eugene. Bro. Bell is a good worker for the cause and we hope to see him land a few of those nons out there.

W. J. Mahoney is acting agent at Grants Pass, while the position is up for bid. We understand that Bro. Isham, of Cottage Grove, has bid it in. J. Summers is relieving Mahoney on first trick.

It is rumored that Mr. Beede had to throw up the second trick at Glendale, on account of poison oak. He was in the hospital for a week, and is now working third trick at Woodburn, extra. He was relieved at Glendale by Bro. Peek, who in turn was relieved by a Mr. Harley.

Bro. W. O. Miller has returned from a forty days' lay-off, and is at his old stand at West Fork, days. While absent he was relieved by Bro. E. C. Simpson.

J. R. Enger, our genial second trick dispatcher, has returned from his annual vacation.

Bro. L. S. Taylor is relieving our local chairman, Mr. Boyd, as agent at Oakland, while he is attending the convention at Atlanta, Ga.

Bro. R. J. Neill, extra, now working the third trick at Drain, has just been transferred from C. G. W. System, Division No. 96. He is relieving Bro. F. W. Cantrell who is holding down the second trick, vice L. S. Taylor, assigned to first trick at Cottage Grove.

It would be greatly appreciated if all the members knowing any news would send them to me about the 20th of each month. Asked several members to do this a short time ago, but only about one-fourth responded; therefore, I am unable to give a complete write-up this month.

L. S. TAYLOR,

*Local Secretary, Cottage Grove, Ore.*

#### **Oregon Short Line Ry.**

##### *Montana Division—*

We have never seen this division represented in our journal. Let us get in line and insert a write-up every month. I am sure it will do a great deal of good. This division of the Short Line is almost solid, but there are still a few nons.

Bro. Shelley returned from the East a few days ago, and is now pounding brass again at his old job in "M" office at Butte.

Bro. Davy, formerly agent at Market Lake, has taken first trick at Blackfoot. His predecessor being Bro. Skinner.

We understand that Bro. F. Kelley is going to work as second trick dispatcher in "H" office, relieving S. B. Castle, who intends to take a vacation.

Armstead station was opened a few weeks ago with Bro. Garwood as agent.

The new line from Armstead to Salmon City is well under way.

Dillon now has one of the finest depots on the Short Line. It will be ready for occupation before long. CERT. 5783.

#### **Northern Pacific Ry.**

##### *Minnesota Division—*

Quite a number of changes have taken place on this division during the past few weeks. Winnipeg Junction station has been closed and is no longer a railroad town, all trains now running via Manitoba Junction, formerly called Summit. Mr. Hetzler who was agent at Winnipeg Junction transferred to one of the Western Divisions. All Red River branch trains and locals on main line now terminate at Lake Park instead of Winnipeg Junction.

We understand that Bro. Ogrosky is taking a trip East, he being relieved at Glyndon by a new man named Meyers.

Mr. Slavik transferred to Frazee, days, relieving Bro. Evans, who is taking a vacation.

Bro. Hauser transferred to Wadena, second trick. Mr. Leeman having left the service to accept a position with the Omaha.

Have three new men at Manitoba Junction: Carroll, McDonald and Pinson.

We forgot to mention in the last write-up that Sister Rivette had been transferred to Wadena, third trick, and Mr. Stinar has taken the dope-lous hours.

We also have a new man at Verndale, by the name of Newman; do not know where he hails from.

Mr. Page, agent at Red Lake Falls, is off for a short time, being relieved by Mr. Grabbler from Verndale.

Mr. Ringstad transferred to Lake Park as cashier and telegrapher, and Bro. Hanna has taken the Manitoba Junction agency. Mr. Williams is holding the night telegraph position at Lake Park.

Mr. Gillerman is holding the first trick telegraph position at La Belle, which was created when the terminal was moved.

Thanks to Bro. Hauser for items; come again.

H. E. OLSEN, *Local Chairman.*

##### *Dakota and Fargo Division—*

Bro. Byle has returned to Bismarck, after having enjoyed his vacation. Bro. Carr, who was at Bismarck, is now at Ladoga Pit.

Bro. Miller, at Dawson, is suffering from an attack of small-pox. Mr. Malone is filling his place temporarily.

Mr. Maxwell, a new man on the division, relieved Bro. Pase at Steele. Bro. Pase is now at Dawson, second.

The steam shovel has been moved from Ladoga Pit to Apple Creek. Bro. Parr is at Apple Creek first, and Mr. Munzer is second telegrapher. Ladoga has been closed.

Mr. Almore, who has been at Berner for the last three months, has resigned and has been relieved by Bro. Baker from the Southern Pacific.

Bro. Bricher, of the Fargo Division, is relieving Mr. Bingham at Jamestown yard for a few days.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

#### *Yellowstone Div., First and Second Districts—*

Bro. Whitlege, from third trick to second trick at Hodges. Bro. Gammon from second trick at Hodges to second trick at Medora. Bro. Gammon is relieving Mr. Parker, who had to take a layoff on account of his health. He went to his home in Waldo, Ark.

Bro. Harris is working third trick at Hodges, having been bumped at Hoyt Gravel Pit by Bro. Pimberthy, who was on third trick at Terry.

Mr. Hessler, agent at Medora, was called away from home on account of the illness of his wife, who was in the hospital at Lincoln, Neb. He reports her on the road to recovery.

Bro. Peck relieved Mr. Hesser as agent while he was away.

Bro. Plaxton has been transferred from Rosebud to Belfield.

Bro. Forsbladt went from Belfield to Hebron.

Bro. Yeager, from St. Louis, relieves Bro. Plaxton, while Bro. and Mrs. Plaxton are spending vacation on the coast, where they will take in the exposition. Bro. Hayes relieved Bro. Cunningham at Sims. Bro. Cunningham is now at Glendive.

Bro. John Paul, extra dispatcher, has been relieved at Glenullen by Bro. Rohan. Bro. Paul is now working a trick at Glendive.

Bro. Anderson, first trick at Hodges, got second trick at New Salem on bulletin.

Old Mother Earth gave forth a few vibrations at 9:16 p. m., on the 15th, and some of the boys thought their time had come. The shock was felt as far east as Dickinson, and was something new to the most of us.

We "13" Bro. Weber is to take a vacation the 20th. We wish him a pleasant time.

Bro. Plaxton, second trick at Rosebud, changed to third at Belfield by his own request, relieving Miss DeMeres, who relieved Bro. Amundson, third at Rosebud. Bro. Amundson takes third trick at that place.

Wish the brothers and sisters would follow the example of Bro. Plaxton and drop us a line when they are to be transferred or going on a vacation, etc. Glendive is a busy office, and it is rather difficult to keep track of changes for a write-up.

Bro. and Mrs. Amey spent a week or so in Canada visiting their old home. Bro. Rowan, from the Milwaukee, did the relief stunt at Miles City while Amey was away.

Bro. Horton, from Wibaux, was recently called to St. Paul to attend a lawsuit.

Understand Miss DeMeres was held up the other night at Rosebud. Have not heard the particulars.

Bro. Ditz has been transferred from Big Horn to Glendive.

Bro. Smoot has done good work since he has been local chairman and he should have the benefit of any pleasure which the members are able to give him and would say to you all that he appreciates what you have done for him. H.

#### *Rocky Mountain Division—*

Harry Cooper and wife, at Weed, have again joined our ranks after being without a card for nearly two years. Brother and Sister Cooper will be heartily welcomed.

The following positions were bulletined during the past month:

Paradise, first, second and third tricks.

Kavalli, second trick.

Silver Bow, third trick.

Blackfoot, third trick.

Donlan, third trick.

White Pine, second trick.

Bro. L. V. Green, who, with his brother, was called east to the bedside of their father has returned and resumed his old position, second trick at DeSmet. His brother will return in a month or so.

Bro. E. P. Malone, first trick at Rivulet, made a flying trip to Missoula, and while there witnessed the play "Girls," which was given at the new Har- nois Theater.

Bro. Wilson, second trick at Blackfoot, has been transferred to third at Birdseye; relieved by Bro. Black from the C. B. & Q.

Bro. Lucas, third trick at Blackfoot, has severed his connection with the company. Bro. Whalen, of Bearmouth, has taken the trick.

C. E. Lindell, third at Turah, exchanged tricks with W. H. Middlemans at Bonner. The latter is a new man on this division.

Bro. W. C. Turner, second trick at Bonner, is at the present writing in the Missoula Hospital.

Bro. J. T. Coughlin, who worked a few nights at Bearmouth, was transferred to Belknap, third trick. Bro. N. T. Thorson, of Minnesota, relieving him.

Bro. J. D. Stevenson, transferred from second to third trick at Bearmouth on account of Bro. Withler, second trick, leaving the service.

The little child of Bro. Stevens, first trick at Blackfoot, was hit by a work train engine during the past week. We understand that she was not seriously hurt.

Bro. T. A. Murphy has bid in the Drummond agency and will be transferred in a few days. Former Agent J. M. McKlaughlin went to Marysville, Bro. Trudell doing the relief stunt.



Bro. E. J. Johnson, agent at Marysville, has taken first trick at Silver Bow.

We understand that Bro. Jess Hearndon has severed his connection with this road and accepted employment with the B. A. & P. at Rocker, Montana.

Bro. Flickinger, agent at Clinton, is away on a vacation, looking after some mining interests in California. Bro. Banks, from the G. N. Ry., relieved him.

Bro. Shannon is again an exclusive agent at Bonita. A third man was put on at that place owing to the fact that a great many work trains are being put on in that vicinity.

Local Chairman Rundell will soon leave for the grand convention at Atlanta, Ga., and, no doubt, will be a credit to this division while there.

We think it would be a very good idea to hold a rousing meeting on his return and arrange for monthly meetings, also talk over other matters, such as taking care of our brothers while they are confined in the Missoula Hospital. While we know that they get the best of care while in the hospital there are many favors we could do them if we had a little fund for that purpose. Now brothers, get busy and speak with your next door neighbor about a meeting and all be prepared to come so that we may have a rousing meeting, which will be a credit to the Rocky Mountain Division.

Div. Cor.

#### *Lake Superior Division—*

Bro. T. A. Sebesta relieved Miss LaPole as third trick telegrapher at Rush City for a few nights. He then went to Sawyer as relief agent for three weeks, and on the 20th of May he was checked in as relief agent at Wyoming for about sixty days.

Bro. Harry O'Sullivan, our popular local chairman, took 30 days off commencing May 1st, to attend the convention in Atlanta, and to visit old friends in Quebec, Can. He was relieved by Bro. Hoffman, second trick, who was in turn relieved by Telegrapher Jacksie, from Barnum, second trick. A. E. Michaelson, a new man who hails from Moose Lake, relieved Jacksie at Barnum.

We are sorry to learn of the death of the young daughter of Bro. Olson, agent at Moose Lake, which occurred about 11 p. m., May 12th, caused by scarlet fever. Bro. Olson and family have the sympathy of all in this, their hour of bereavement and loss.

Bro. Ellwood Gray, night telegrapher, acted as agent during the illness of Bro. Olson's daughter, and was relieved by J. M. O'Brien, who was at home in Pine City for a few days. He was relieved at Groningen by J. S. Kell, from Ashland. Kell got "sick" after a few nights at Groningen, and Bro. Remmey, from third trick at Pine City, was rushed to the scene. Bros. Peterson and D. C. Gray worked twelve hours each the first day, but the succeeding three days Telegrapher Youngberg, who had been at Fond Du Lac relieving Bro. J. M. Curtis as agent, held down the third trick until Bro. Remmey's return on the 18th.

Youngberg went to Stacy, where, we understand, he is to be relief agent for a short time.

Telegrapher O'Brien went from Moose Lake nights to Hinckley, third, being relieved by O. A. Spaulding, a new man from the East.

Agent Buttrick, at Hinckley, was taken very sick and left on the 17th for the hospital at Brainerd.

Bro. John Houska is acting agent at Hinckley until Buttrick's return, with Bro. Hoffman first, and Telegraphers Jacksie and O'Brien second and third tricks respectively.

Telegrapher R. B. Mitchell, a new man, from Superior, is at present holding down the owl trick at Groningen.

We understand Bro. Ellwood Gray has bid in the agency at Tamerack, on the Second District, and now we hope it won't be so hard to get news items from that district.

A Mr. A. E. Lueke relieved E. C. Duffy at Aitkin as cashier and Telegrapher H. E. Carlson, formerly at Carlton, is on third trick at Aitkin.

Bro. Steele is at the Carlton pit at present, and John Conery is second trick at Carlton, bumping Bro. Mason, who went to Rush City, first trick.

Bro. Ben Donald was down from the hospital calling on friends a few days ago and we are glad to learn his injured arm seems to be doing well and we hope Bro. Donald will soon resume duty. He has had a hard time of it and had to go back to the hospital for a time, at least.

I wonder how long since the last bulletin was issued on this division, showing the vacancies, etc.? Or don't we have any vacancies? For my part I am used to working where these monthly bulletins were issued and think it would be a good thing to give the boys a chance to see what was going on and perhaps make a change for the better.

Get after these new men that are among us and occasionally remind the nons who have been with us some little time just what they should do to be happy and satisfied.

Don't hesitate to give me a call if you hear anything of interest to the members and I will do my part. I wish to thank those who helped gather this month's crop of items. Please come again.

Div. Cor.

#### *Montana Division—*

E. R. McLane relieved Bro. Smith at Yegen one night, then was placed on third trick at Springdale regular.

A Mr. Arthur is now the third trick man at Columbus.

Telegrapher Babcock, recently from Chestnut, is working second at Columbus.

We understand that Bro. Hanold, second trick at Columbus, has left the service and is going back to Missouri.

Mr. Gaffney transferred from third trick at Reeds Point to third at Springdale.

Bro. Burnside, first at Merrill, attended the Masonic Lodge at Columbus and reports a good time.

Bros. Dahl and Jones, of Merrill, recently took in the sights at Livingston.

Mr. Garroll, late of Greycliff, recently left for St. Paul. We understand that he returned to his home in Iowa, where he will attend school. A Mr. Stewart relieved Garroll at Greycliff.

Bro. Morrow, second at Greycliff, has been under the doctor's care at Big Timber, on account of blood poison. Upon his return to work he was transferred to "S" office at Billings.

Bro. J. G. Williams, from the P. F. W. C. at Bucyrus, Ohio, is working third trick at "UD," Billings, during the absence of Bro. Anderson, the regular man.

Bro. A. S. Mould, from the Illinois Central Ry., relieved Bro. Morrow at Greycliff a few nights, and was then transferred to third trick at Laurel, relieving Bro. Snyder, who is off for a few days.

Bro. Carrigon, of Livingston, now makes frequent trips to Butte, merely taking in the sights and enjoying the mountain air, of course.

C. S. Bly, new man on the road, is relieving in Livingston office for a short time.

Telegrapher G. R. Jacobs, recently with the Postal at Chicago, relieved Bro. Rolins at Hoppers. Understand Rolins went back East.

Bro. Didlake and Telegrapher English resigned at Townsend. They were relieved by Telegraphers McMahon and Early. Understand Didlake goes to the S. P. Ry at Sacramento, and English to the N. P. at Seattle. Later Early left the service.

It is reported that Bro. E. C. White, who worked at Belgrade a few nights, is now in the dispatcher's office of the G. N. Ry. at Great Falls.

C. T. U. A. Bro. T. J. Hoban relieved Agent Howarth at Central Park for a few days.

Applications for membership are coming so fast that I was unable to furnish the last two with application blanks account of being entirely out. This kind of work looks good for us and here is hoping that it continues.

So many changes have been made recently at different stations that it is impossible for me to keep a line on a number of offices and the brothers working in those offices offer no help in that respect. Kindly assist the correspondent by sending him items.

A Miss Smith, late of the W. U. at St. Paul, is now working third trick at Park City.

Understand that Bro. Scott has been transferred from Park City to Townsend, Bro. Luckey getting second trick at Park City. **CERT. 1079.**

#### *Idaho Division—*

Have been using the telephones and A. B. C. system for train movement, and find it a success. So many are prejudiced against the 'phones, but after becoming more familiar with them we believe that this prejudice will finally fade away.

Our superintendent, A. Beamer, has a great invention in his A. B. C. Block, and we believe that before long the roads throughout the country will adopt this system of handling trains. The officials from the Nickel Plate Road took a trip

over the line to fully investigate its workings. This is only a beginning of the interest taken, and by the time a year has passed, Mr. Beamer will see his ideas being used by all of the larger roads of this country. We understand our popular train-master, Mr. T. H. Lahtry, has also an interest in this block system. This new A. B. C. system is a safeguard which surely prevents wrecks.

Although a telegrapher is more closely confined, while on duty, checking up the "exceptions" in blocking, still if it is an extra precaution for the safety of the traveling public, we should consider ourselves fully repaid.

Before this gets to print, the Alaska-Yukon Pacific Exposition will be open at Seattle, Wash., and it is then that heavy passenger traffic is looked for. This will also be the time when all telegraphers will be called upon to use extraordinary good judgment in getting trains through their immediate blocks, taking the safe side in case of doubt. Be very careful in checking the "exceptions," and do not let us have a re-occurrence of the recent mishap, that might have been serious. This happened because a telegrapher did not give any of the "exceptions," and the telegrapher who was to have pledged for the block, did not ask for the "exceptions," consequently the head on. There were no fatalities, but it shows that we must live up to the instructions issued by proper authorities.

On May 15th the Terminal point was changed from Trout Creek, Mont., to Paradise, giving us fifty-four miles more on the Idaho Division. A set of dispatchers will be located at Paradise to handle trains to Sand Point, and another set will be at Spokane. This will also be the chief dispatcher's headquarters.

Understand the new Terminal being built at Kootenai is to be the S. P. & S. Terminal, with Agent Lyons, from Trout Creek, in charge. S. P. & S. trains will be run over N. P. tracks, Marshall, Wash., to Kootenai, Ida., which will be the end of that run.

F. Chalupsky, second trick at Hope, has gone back in St. Paul, "NP" office; relieved by Telegrapher J. B. Doles, third trick at Sand Point.

Bro. Mueller, second trick at Cocolalla, transferred to Hope, relieving J. B. Doles, who has gone to Great Falls, Mont., on the G. N. We understand that he is working a dispatcher's trick.

Bro. Mueller, second trick at Cocolalla, has been relieved by Telegrapher W. H. Donohue.

We understand that Bro. McLaughlin is again at his old post at Yardly. Telegraph Merrill is lined up for Tuscon, bumping Bro. Colson, who goes on the extra list.

Bro. Seward has selected Bro. Mueller as division correspondent. All brothers are requested to send in news, and we would like to hear from the brothers on the branches.

Word has just been received that Kootenai is opened with a new set of telegraphers. We have been unable to learn their names. **Div. Cor.**

*Relay Division—*

E. H. Shelton, a new man in the service, relieved T. P. Bernard at Helena. Bernard going to St. Paul in place of M. Hawkins, who went to Tacoma.

Late Night Chief John Morris, of Tacoma, took a two months' leave of absence, visiting relatives in Scotland. In his absence Clarence Christy is doing the late night stunt, he being relieved by M. Hawkins.

M. H. Hancock, of St. Paul, and E. C. Kuehl, of Spokane, arranged to exchange places, on account of the former's wife needing a change of climate.

The force at Fargo was reduced one man last month, D. Stone drawing the unlucky number. Understand there are three men off duty at St. Paul on sick leave, being relieved temporarily by new men in the service.

With the expected increase of business in the immediate future, it is very likely several additional men will be put on before our next month's write-up is due. Let us hope they bring cards with them, and help stiffen up the wobbly backbones.

In the above line-up, the prefix "Bro." is conspicuous by its absence; a unique distinction at this stage of the game when 75 per cent of the telegraphers in this country are organized.

The new regime has not yet had time to make a tremendous showing, but they can point with pride to one office nearly solid. Dickinson now has only one non and we have his promise. Recently he was overheard delivering the following soliloquy which makes us very hopeful:

**THE NON'S SOLILOQUY.**

To join or not to join; that is the question:  
Whether 'tis chancier on the whole, to cast  
One's lot with victims of outrageous fortune,  
Than to lie low and let them bear their troubles  
And bear ours with them. To lie—to beef—  
To roar—and roar again for what we want,  
But never paid for nor intend to pay  
Except in promises—'tis a consummation  
Devoutly to be wished. But then again  
Suppose—suppose they win: Ay, there's the rub;  
For when they win the game, what things may  
come

To such as us who run with hare and hounds.  
Must give us pause. Lo, the poor non  
Doth breed calamity through his long life:  
He meekly bears the whips and scorns of time,  
The oppressor's wrong, the proud man's contumely,  
The spotter's poisonous fang, the law's delay,  
The insolence of office, and the spurns  
That the unorganized of the unworthy make.  
Though he himself might his quietus make,  
Had he the courage. Who would fardels bear  
To grunt and sweat under a weary life,  
But that the dread of things that never hap,  
The fear of losing jobs not worth a shuck,  
And ever getting worse—puzzles the will,  
And makes us rather bear those ills we have,  
Than fly to others that we know not of.

Div. Cor.

**Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry.***Toledo District, West End—*

Bro. P. G. Vernon, third trick at Huron Junction, has thirty days' leave of absence, and is visiting his parents at Rock Island, Ill. Relieved by Mr. W. W. Dunn.

Bro. J. J. Callaghan has resigned as agent at Milan and is taking a trip through the West. J. W. Wygle relieved him.

The yardmaster no longer does the telegraphing at Huron. Telegrapher O. B. Handy recently took charge of the office until the position is put up for bid.

Bro. F. C. Hull, first trick at "NY," Norwalk, visited his brother at Sandusky recently.

Work will soon be commenced on the new passing track at Mile Post 67, between Huron Junction and Hartland, near "Blue Fly" crossing.

Bro. L. E. Brown, Norwalk depot, recently spent several days visiting at Massillon and Cleveland. Relieved by O. B. Handy.

W. W. Dunn relieved the agent at Brilliant for one day before going to Huron Junction third trick.

When bidding on a position, send a copy of your bid to your local chairman, so he can protect your rights.  
Cor.

**Southern Ry.***Knoxville Division—*

After weeks of expectancy, the O. R. T. boys and their ladies swept down upon Atlanta, Ga., in special cars on Sunday, May 9th, and for ten days the city was alive with the wearers of the wreath and sounder.

Delegates from Oregon and Oklahoma fraternized with the brothers from Florida and Maine, while the manipulators of the key from King Edward's Dominion of Canada mingled with their fellow workers from the land of President Diaz. In fact, the men who control the destinies of those who venture on railroads were in Atlanta from the whole North American continent. The conventions of the telegraphers have been steadily increasing in attendance for several years, but it remained for Atlanta, Ga.—first in everything—to entertain the banner convention of them all, 334 delegates. Not only in point of delegates, but the visitors outnumbered those attending any previous convention. And the ladies were no less a factor in the Atlanta convention than the men. They were on hand about 300 strong, and became so enthusiastic that they made preparations for organizing a Ladies' Auxiliary to the O. R. T. before half the week was over.

The welcome meeting was to have taken place Monday night at the convention hall, but the attendance promised to exceed the capacity of the hall, and in consequence these exercises were held in the Grand Opera House; and such a welcome has never been surpassed in the City of Atlanta on any occasion. The Governor of the State and the Mayor of the city lent official dignity to the occasion by their presence and made it plain to those assembled that Georgia more than deserved her

universal reputation as a hospitable host. The warmth of their welcome was unbounded and their endorsements of organized labor unqualified.

The exercises were opened with music by a band of splendid musicians, who rendered an excellent program throughout.

Rev. H. A. Atkinson, ministerial delegate to the Atlanta Federation of Trades, invoked the blessing upon the convention in a fervent welcoming prayer.

Lawson Lamar, an honored member of the O. R. T., though at present a practicing attorney in the City of Atlanta, was master of ceremonies, and acquitted himself in his introductory remarks.

Mayor Robt. F. Maddox was very happy in his welcoming address, and was liberally applauded for his many expressions of friendship for organized labor and the principles for which it stands.

In extending a welcome on behalf of the State of Georgia, Governor Hoke Smith was very impressive. His remarks were full of encouragement to members of organized labor generally, and to the railroad telegraphers in particular. The Governor planted himself squarely as a champion and defender of organized labor when he voiced the following speech: "If I were asked what influence had contributed most during the past half century to the uplift of humanity and the advancement of civilization to the raising of the standard of living in this country by increasing the wage scale, to the advancement of free education, the taking of children from the factory and placing them in the schools; if I were asked, I say, what agency was most responsible for all these progressive strides in our civilization, I would not give the tariff policy of the government credit for them, but would have no hesitancy in saying that the labor unions of the country were more responsible than all other influences."

The Governor urged the telegraphers to keep on striving, through their union, to bring about a condition when they would more nearly get the just compensation to which the responsibility of their position entitled them, and told them that only through their organization could this end be reached.

His address created a profound impression on the audience, composed of delegates and their leaders, as well as a large percentage of local unionists. He was generously applauded throughout, and at his conclusion was accorded an ovation.

H. B. Perham, President of the O. R. T., replied to the addresses in a feeling manner, and gave a brief history of the Order.

He stated that the organization's early progress was beset with many obstacles which were gradually overcome, until now the Order has a membership of 45,000. He described the work of the telegraphers as the nerve-center of the railroads, and brought out the fact that the responsibility of the man at the key is as great as that of any man connected with the service, and that the welfare of the thousands who daily travel over the roads is almost entirely in the keeping of the telegrapher.

After President Perham's address, Mr. Jerome Jones spoke in behalf of organized labor as a representative of the American Federation of Labor.

Mr. Lee B. Smith, president of the Georgia Federation of Labor, was the next speaker.

"Daddy" Thurston, the founder of the O. R. T., made a ringing speech, and after him, Rev. Deen Ellenwood, of the chair of economics, Universalist Church, spoke on "The Church and Labor."

On Wednesday, at 2:30 p. m., the delegates and visitors took a special train for Lithia Springs, where an old-fashioned barbecue was enjoyed in the afternoon, while the evening was spent in the mazes of the waltz.

The barbecue was a genuine treat to those who came from distant points, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The party returned to the city at 11:30 p. m.

It is with pleasure that I make mention of the fact that the Southern Ry. furnished free the special train of twelve cars to take the delegates and their families to the Lithia Springs barbecue, which shows their good feeling, and which fact should be sufficient to make every telegrapher boast the Southern Ry. and give the best service that is in him.

The convention was addressed on Tuesday afternoon by Vice-President Ball, of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, and President Lowe, of the Maintenance of Way Employees, while Organizer T. C. Parsons, of the International Typographical Union, made a talk to the delegates. The speeches were of a general character, urging closer adherence to the principles of organized labor, especially as regards the union label and the purchasing power of the organized working men.

One of the most important movements made at the telegraphers' convention was the organization of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. The ladies accompanying the delegates held a meeting in the convention hall of the Piedmont Hotel on Tuesday morning to discuss the advisability of organizing an auxiliary to the O. R. T. About three hundred were present, and the meeting was presided over by Mrs. E. B. Smith, secretary and treasurer of the local telegraphers' organization. T. C. Parsons, organizer for the Typographical Union, and Jerome Jones, of the *Journal of Labor*, made talks of an encouraging nature and urged the necessity of co-operation on the part of the wives and mothers of trades unionists. The Ladies' Auxiliary to the O. R. T. started out with one hundred and fifty charter members, and this move will bear fruit, as these ladies will begin to work on the nons, and we can not see any loophole for them to slip out, and they might as well make up their minds to fill out the necessary papers.

This Ladies' Auxiliary is for the wives, mothers and sisters of members of the O. R. T. in good standing, and the initiation fee is 50 cents, and dues 10 cents per month; and when a brother member drops out, or his dues fall behind, his wife, mother or sister, as the case may be, if she

holds membership in the Auxiliary, forfeits her membership as a result of the O. R. T. brother allowing his dues to lapse. Constitution, application blanks and all information can be had by addressing Mrs. E. B. Smith, Atlanta, Ga. As soon as possible we wish to start this movement on the Knoxville Division, and feel sure that we can get quite a number of our ladies in the Auxiliary.

In the face of the progressive movement the O. R. T. is making, can the telegraphers afford to withhold their membership? It will not be long until the O. R. T. will be solid throughout the country. This move is on foot and it is being pushed by men who have the interest of the organization at heart, and those few who are so selfish as to remain out will certainly feel badly, and in our opinion will fare very poorly, trying to stand alone. Let us all affiliate with the Order which is pushing forward to better things.

Div. Cor.

#### *St. Louis Division, East End—*

Bro. L. E. Crandall, agent at "CY," Chrisney, is off duty. Relieved by Mr. Kemp.

Mr. Robert Crawford, who has been laying off thirty days, has returned to Corydon Junction, which is a stiff job, as they cut off the assistant at that place.

Mr. A. Tyler, formerly of Milltown, is working third trick at English at present.

Bro. E. G. Stroud, formerly of third trick, "NA," is now holding down second. Relieved by Mr. Hoffman.

Bro. C. S. Barger, agent at "FS," Francisco, is off on fifteen days' vacation. Relieved by Relief Agent Bro. E. B. Dittoe. CERT. 1837.

#### *St. Louis Division, West End—*

Bro. Borah, of Albion, made his regular visit Sunday.

Bro. Irwin was on No. 23 a few days ago, but was unable to learn his destination.

Bro. Chapman, of Mt. Carmel, called on his parents at Wayne City last Sunday.

Understand there is going to be some changing in telegraphers at Mt. Carmel soon, but am unable to ascertain just what changes are to be made.

Several of the boys along the line report that business is improving.

Not very many items in this write-up, but may be much better in the future. "H."

#### *Charlotte Division, North End—*

It seems almost impossible for me to get any thing much from north of Charlotte. Each month, with the exception of Bro. Troutman, no one seems to take any interest in that part of the division. I thank Bro. Troutman for the nice write-up he sent us last month.

Bro. F. F. Carver, of Belmont, off a few days; relieved by Bro. C. E. Tryon.

At Spartanburg—C. R. Tinsley laid off, on sick list two weeks; relieved by Bro. H. A. Quickel and Mr. B. S. Allen, our old dispatcher.

Bro. Quickel relieved J. F. Dowling, of Greer, a few days, while he was attending court.

Bro. C. S. Hobbs has left the service of the company. Mr. W. M. Freeze has been checked in as agent-telegrapher at Cowpens.

Pat Abernathy, of Blackburg, has left the service of the company to play ball during the summer season; relieved by Mr. Thomason, a new man on this division.

L. L. Benson, of Kings Mountain, laid off two weeks; relieved by Mr. A. D. Abernathy.

The following assignments were made on bulletin:

Bro. C. E. Tryon, third trick at Glass.

J. R. Tyler, third trick at Concord.

W. D. Miller, third trick at Newell.

Bro. L. T. Martin, third trick at Blacksburg.

B. C. Patterson, third trick at Charlotte, "MR" office.

At this writing we have quite a number of jobs on bulletin.

Bro. Fred J. Parham and wife, of Columbia, S. C., spent a day or so with his old friends at Thicketty.

Quite a number of the boys attended the 20th of May celebration at Charlotte. If we could get the boys to attend the meetings like they do celebrations and other public gatherings we would be in it, but it seems that they don't and can't understand that our meetings are important and that they should attend them regularly.

By the time you see this write-up, it will almost be time to get our new cards. Before you send in your dues get that non next to you, and send in his application with your remittance, and you can then go to sleep with a clear conscience.

"COUNTRYCRACKER."

#### *Louisville Division—*

It has been some time since there was anything "Doing" on the Louisville Division to stir the boys up and keep them awake. A great many changes have been made, the most important being that of the manager at St. Louis, who was made general agent at Memphis. We hope to be favorably recognized by the new "boss," as he is said to be an old train dispatcher, and would naturally be in sympathy with the telegraphers.

Business is getting a little better, and we are in hopes things will soon take on a new aspect.

A meeting of local chairmen of the Southern Railway has been called, to meet some time near June 3d, to elect a new general chairman, our former general chairman having resigned.

Our chairman, Mr. Watson, is making an effort to be present at the meeting, and we are in hopes that while Mr. Watson and our St. Louis Division brothers are attending this meeting on the system, they will make an attempt to have the Louisville St. Louis Divisions annexed to the system so that in the future when the system makes a move we will be included, and in that way accomplish something. Why not? We are part of the Southern Railway.

It is hoped that each and every member will give his full support during these seeming dull times, and in that way help benefit ourselves as soon as we can get things started again.

Understand the superintendent of telegraph intends making a loop or "short circuit" of the block wire which was installed some time ago between Lawrenceburg and Harrodsburg, but which was never used, the loop to be used in case of wire trouble. What about our Harrodsburg boys? If every body wakes up we should be able to accomplish something this year. Div. Cor.

#### *Atlanta Division, North End—*

The north end isn't dead after all, and the boys are waking up; they seem to realize what has to be done. I am proud to say that we are very strong over here, and the boys are still coming in, and more of them are attending our meetings at Rome. We hold regular meetings every fourth Sunday in the month, and the members will not regret it if they come.

We had a nice time at the convention and the barbecue. J. C. Gardner, W. E. Dellinger, Lee Beasley, Ed Williams, R. O. Daly, J. N. Hanna and T. A. Cox, reception committee, attended the convention from this end.

News was received from Mr. G. D. Hanna, first trick train dispatcher, who has been off for some time on account of bad health, that he was considerably better and would be able to return to his work in a month or so. He is at his home at Hagerstown, Md.

We are very sorry to lose our esteemed Bro. J. C. Gardner, local chairman, who was located at Rome. Bro. Gardner is working third trick at Roseland. He was relieved at Rome by Pat Obrien from Silver Creek.

Bro. T. A. Cox, from Phelps to third trick at Braswell, relieved by Bro. O. G. Davis. Bro. O. G. Davis, from Phelps to third trick at Oostanula; relieved by W. N. Thomas.

D. M. Butler, second trick at Shannon, is visiting his home in South Carolina; relieved by Bro. W. K. Galamore, third trick.

Bro. W. O. Needham, division correspondent at Ellenwood on the south end, recently spent a night with his brother, Bro. E. C. Needham, second trick at Waring.

Bro. E. C. Needham has requested transportation and relief for ten days, and will go to his home in East Tennessee.

Bro. J. I. Hardin, second trick at Oostanula, wants off for three weeks, and can not get relief. Sounds like business is picking up.

Bro. P. O. Parker, agent at Cohutta, got his hand hurt playing ball, and was out of the service for a few days; relieved by Bro. Hanna.

Bro. J. F. Ayers, third trick at Varnell, off for a few days; relieved by Bro. Hanna.

Sister McCoy, agent at Lawrence, Ala., and Bro. E. E. Morseman, Gadsden, Ala., on Attalla branch, are attending the meetings at Rome.

Asst. Div. Cor.

#### *Atlanta Division, South End—*

The O. R. T. biennial convention has just been held in the Queen City of the South, and each of the officers, delegates, alternates, their wives and friends have bid us good-bye. The writer was fortunate enough to meet a number of them, and they expressed their appreciation of the hospitality and kindness shown them at the hands of the Southern telegraphers.

The barbecue at Lithia Springs was a bright feature, and the "Base Ball" 400 had a splendid game, and the crowd showed remarkable enthusiasm. The dance, which was first conducted at the Springs, and afterward moved to the Sweet Water Park Hotel at the railroad station, was a pleasant affair. We had an abundance of pit cooked pork, mutton and Brunswick stew. The crowd was an exceedingly jolly one, and all were happy and in a highly social mood. We all left Atlanta Terminal Station on a special train, operated over the Southern Ry. to Lithia Springs, leaving Atlanta at 2:30 p. m., arriving at Lithia Springs at 3:30 p. m. Returning, we left Lithia Springs at 10:30 p. m., arriving in Atlanta at 11:30 p. m.

Mr. E. E. Norris, our esteemed superintendent on the Atlanta Division, and Mr. B. Haggard, our worthy chief dispatcher, furnished the special train of ten coaches free of charge, and of course the thanks we owe them and our warm feelings toward them are almost unspeakable.

I met several of the North End boys at the convention and more of them at the barbecue.

On Sunday, May 2, we held a meeting at Locust Grove, with Sister Smith presiding. She made a splendid talk. We had a reasonable attendance, considering the fact that very short notice was given, and that there was a misunderstanding in regard to the date. A lodge was instituted, and the following local officers were elected: Bro. W. O. Needham, chief telegrapher; Bro. J. W. Currie, secretary and treasurer; Bro. W. D. Mayes, first vice-telegrapher; Bro. C. D. Ingram, second vice-telegrapher; Bro. H. L. Allen, past vice-telegrapher; Bro. W. T. Nottingham, marshal.

It is expected that Bro. Allen will be appointed local chairman, to fill the unexpired term of Bro. Kenney. Bro. Needham was appointed division correspondent, vice Bro. Mayes, resigned.

I did not see any of the brothers from south of Macon during the convention, but doubtless a number of them were present Div. Cor.

#### *A. & S. Division—*

Everybody on the Asheville Division has been exceedingly quiet for the past eight months, as I have not seen a single write-up.

Because we are enjoying the nine-hour tricks we should not lose interest in our journal and the good old Order.

Everything is moving along nicely on this end and the nons continue to come in. There are, however, but a few left.

I notice that some of the boys are not answering calls as promptly as they should. We are not so

busy that we can not answer calls promptly, so, wake up, and give good service.

Organization work is advancing very nicely on the Asheville Division. We are sorry to say that there are a few, however, who are holding off, although they have been members and know that the O. R. T. has benefited them. Let us hope that they will wake up before another month. Let us all get busy and help make the old A. & S. solid O. R. T.

There has been but few changes; the boys all seem to stay in their respective places.

I "13" there is a new man at "R.N."

I am not an active telegrapher at this time, but I am with you to the end. I am O. R. T. all over, and stand ready and willing to help in any way that I possibly can.

CERT. 1937.

#### Norfolk Division -

Although an invitation was extended through these columns a few months ago to the boys on this division to write something for our journal and for the upbuilding of our noble Order, so far nothing has appeared, and the request is hereby repeated.

We would like to hear different views on the important subjects now confronting us, and especially the new bond move. Each and every one of us is more or less interested in this, and I would suggest that all local chairmen be asked to make an individual canvass of his territory with a view of ascertaining how many members he has who will subscribe and for how many shares. If this should be done, every brother who feels interested should, and it would seem could, easily take a couple of shares. Let us all bear in mind that this is an important matter, and we should not promise to take one or more shares unless we really mean to make a remittance to cover when the time comes. Too much can not be said about it. I am sure most of us have received Bro. Quick's circular letter concerning the same.

The boys should be already thinking of new cards.

Get these promptly before the present card expires. They are splendid things to carry and will make any brother feel better.

Very few changes have been made on this division.

Bro. Rogers has given up the agent's chair at Capron to accept a clerkship in the division freight agent's office.

Bro. Kello, from Arringdale, is now at Capron and may bid it in on bulletin. There is a new man at Arringdale.

Bro. Baptist, agent at Boydton, is off a few days on a pleasure trip. Relieved by Mr. Stallard, of Lawrenceville.

Our local chairman, Bro. Thornton, is now attending the convention in Atlanta. Mrs. Owen, from Pinners Point, "SY" office, is relieving him.

We are glad to welcome Bro. Chandler, former agent at Buffalo Junction, back to his old place. Also Bro. E. D. Flowers, who is again with us at Lawrenceville, Va.

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#### Washington Division—

About 4:15 p. m. Tuesday, April 20, 1909, Bro. D. H. McLearn, our division correspondent, who works at Buena, Va., and resides at Mitchell, Va., while on his way from his office to his home, was thrown from his velocipede, sustaining a severe fracture of the skull, as well as being painfully bruised about the head and body. He was taken to the University of Virginia Hospital, Charlottesville, Va., where he had to undergo a very severe operation. For several days his life was despaired of, but at this time, we are glad to learn, he is improving, and if no complications set in, he will soon be able to get around again. Bro. McLearn and family have our deepest sympathy in their troubles.

On Sunday, April 25, Mrs. J. W. Spitzer, mother of Bro. J. E. Spitzer, of Midland, Va., departed this life, after being ill only a few days. Mrs. Spitzer was in her sixty-third year, and her death was quite sudden and unexpected. The funeral was held at Midland on Tuesday, April 27. The sympathy of the entire division goes out to Bro. Spitzer in this, his great loss, for when our mothers are taken from us we lose our best friend.

We are glad to see Bro. Shelhorse, of Declare, able to be at his post again after having such a long illness.

Bro. Shelhorse wishes to thank those brothers who so kindly remembered him by sending him a card for the current term.

We are glad to see that Bro. J. B. Norvell, of Arrowhead, Va., has been reinstated and resumed his duties at his old stand.

Bro. J. W. Burgess, our representative to the Grand Division, returned home May 19th, and reports this convention as being the largest and most successful convention in the history of the Order. The proceedings were entirely harmonious throughout.

All of the former officers were re-elected, the president, grand secretary and treasurer, and third and fourth vice-presidents were elected by unanimous acclamation. The first and second vice-presidents were re-elected by a large majority over their opponents. The two members of the board of directors were also re-elected by a majority over their opponents.

The people of Atlanta and the entire South did themselves proud in making our visit among them a pleasant one, and their kindness and hospitality will never be forgotten by any of those fortunate enough to be in that beautiful Southland during this session of the Grand Division.

The Grand Division will hold its next convention in Toronto, Canada, in May, 1911, and we feel sure our Canadian brothers will make our stay among them a very pleasant one.

We are happy to be able to report on this date (May 21st) that Bro. D. H. McLearn has been taken home from the hospital and is getting along nicely, and judging from present indications, it will not be long before he will again be at his post of duty.

Bro. McLearen and family wish to express their heartfelt thanks to the brothers and friends who were so kind to them in their recent trouble, and for their assistance in many ways, and wish to assure them that they will never be forgotten.

There was a new department of our Order formulated in Atlanta, known as the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. Lady members of the O. R. T., sisters, wives and daughters and mothers of members of the Order being eligible for membership. We hope that this branch of the Order may prove a success.

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#### *Columbia Division—*

Here's to the boys on the Columbia Division,  
Of Division fifty-nine;  
May you all live long and prosper,  
Is the sincere wish of mine.

Wake up, boys, we have been asleep long enough. Some of you must take an interest in this division. I haven't seen a single write-up in several months, and I search THE TELEGRAPHER every month in hopes of finding a word from the boys on the Columbia Division, and I am sure there are others who do the same thing. Of course, we are all down in the swamp where we get so much malaria in our system that we haven't enough energy left to hit a key on a mill. Now, you brothers who are in a more favorable locality as to healthfulness, can not begin to appreciate what it is to get up these warm mornings and have that tired feeling after fighting mosquitoes all night. It seems that it has caused some of our brothers to lose all interest in everything except THE TELEGRAPHER.

Changes are not very frequent, but some of them are as follows:

Bro. Hooper is working days at Allendale.

Mr. J. F. Fullmer, former clerk, has been given the agency at Trenton, S. C.

Mr. Myrick is now working as clerk at Allendale.

In conclusion, I request all who attended the agents meeting at Cola, May 16th, to perform their duty to the best of their ability and comply with instructions issued by the officials pertaining to our work, as to daily and weekly reports to A. F. A. Also commercial business. "BN."

#### *Knoxville Division, between Morristown, Bristol and Asheville—*

We were sorry to note that there was no write-up from this end of the division in last month's journal. We feel that there is entirely too much interest being manifested in the Order on this end of the pike not to be represented in THE TELEGRAPHER each month.

Our second regular meeting was called to order in Morristown, Tenn., Saturday night, April 24, by our worthy chief, Bro. L. C. Burlin, of New Line. All officers were present except our marshal, Bro. J. C. Cobble, of Whitesburg, Tenn., and

Bro. Dyer was appointed to act in his stead. We are pleased to report that there was a goodly number present, and the officers, though new at the work, performed their respective duties as though they were old heads at the business. The committee on arrangements reported having secured the beautiful K. of P. hall, and we feel that they should be complimented on their work.

A number of important matters were taken up and disposed of. A letter from our worthy local chairman, giving a partial report of the work of our general committee, which has just returned from a conference with the manager, was read and discussed, pro and con, and all seemed to think that the committee had performed its duty faithfully, and as a consequence the members were well satisfied.

After the business had been transacted we were favored with several short but interesting addresses by brothers present, and we would say to those who were not present that they missed the meeting of their lives. They also missed an opportunity of giving their views on matters of importance in which they should be interested. It would pay each and every one to come out and see how business is being carried on. Now, let me insist on the members attending our next meeting, which will be held in June. Look for the notice and don't fail to come and bring the next door brother with you.

We are glad to say that conditions on the East end are much improved and are still on the mend. If each member would secure just one application, we can say the long-wished-for words "solld O. R. T."

All great things are accomplished little by little. No matter how large or how small are the buildings of a great city, they were built little by little, or a small piece at a time, and the great thing we wish to accomplish, that of thorough organization, can only be accomplished by gathering in a non at a time.

Bro. Foushee, third at Yalu, Tenn., was recently off duty two days on account of being sick. We are glad to learn that he is able to be at his post again.

Dispatcher McColough, first trick East end, took a fishing trip up in the Smokies on the T. & N. C. R. R. last week.

Bro. O. E. Dyer, an extra man, in getting off a train, in the dark, at Citico, Tenn., where he was to report for duty, had the misfortune to fall through a trestle a distance of some thirty feet, resulting in a broken arm and the loss of his watch. We are thankful it was not worse, and glad to see that the brother is again able to be out.

Bro. L. C. Burlin, our worthy chief, of New Line, Tenn., was off duty one day last month. Relieved by Telegrapher Lewis, from the West End.

Bro. Stafford, of Rankin Depot, Tenn., was off two days, looking after business interests in Knoxville.

CERT. 400.



## Queen &amp; Crescent (North).

*Chattanooga Division—*

We have to thank "The Silent Committee" for the write-up last month, as we forgot Bro. Quick's instructions to get the write-up in earlier than usual, on account of the convention number. If "The Silent Committee" had not gotten busy, the Chattanooga Division would have been silent sure enough.

"FR" tower seems to be the most changeable place on the line for the past few weeks.

Bro. I. C. Stephens, second trick at "FR" tower, off for a few days, visiting relatives in Southern Ohio. Relieved by Bro. E. P. Allen, extra man.

Bro. J. C. Vallandigham, first trick at "FR" tower, off a few days visiting relatives and friends at Science Hill and Ludlow, Ky., being relieved by Bro. Allen. Bro. W. C. Doty is working second trick.

After Bros. Stephens and Vallandigham returned to work, Bro. Allen was called to Winfield to relieve Agent H. O. Crain for a few days, and Bro. Doty to Eubank to work second trick for a few days.

Bro. T. F. Dunaway, agent at Kings Mountain, off a few days, being relieved by Bro. V. Bastin, regular second trick at that place. Bro. Bastin being relieved by Bro. Rose, extra man.

Bro. "Hub" Dumas has finally got settled down, and is now doing business at McKinney, second trick.

Third trick at Eubanks filled at last, with Bro. E. Mathias in the chair.

Bro. Ed. Rigney is holding down second trick at "US" Junction for some time.

Bro. G. F. Dungan, third trick at Moreland, off a few days, on account of the death of his sister at Science Hill. Relieved by Bro. O. L. Minks, extra man.

Bro. G. W. Riffie, third trick at Annadel, off a few days. Relieved by Bro. Minks.

Before this reaches you, every member should have a receipt for his dues and assessments, and either have a new card or one on the way. Pay your own dues first and look out for your neighbor afterwards.

Keep everlastingly after the nons, and let's see if we can not clean them all up and get into the fold by the first of January, 1910.

If some of the brothers on the Third District don't give me a line on the doings down there, they will not be very well represented in the journal. If they will drop me a note about the 20th of each month, I will be only too glad to send it in for publication.

You will have to excuse this short write-up this month, as I have not been able to hear of anything much of interest, and have been unable to get any help from any of the brothers.

Your humble servant's address is Box 15, McKinney, Ky., and his name is C. C. Singleton, so you will have no excuse for not sending your notes to me.

Don't forget your dues.

Div. Cor.

## Queen &amp; Crescent (South).

*A. G. S. Line—*

How can the members expect a bright, newsy article in the journal if they fail to take enough interest to contribute? Do you suppose a newspaper can be run without correspondents? It's no easy job for one to "Hush up" a good article for the division by one's self; and even to consolidate notes and make a good write-up out of them is a big job. There are a number of the brothers on second and third tricks who could help me out in this if they would. A number of the boys out on the line who work but eight or nine hours, could very easily give me a few notes each month, which would help out a great deal. Don't be backward about sending me anything that you think would be of interest to the members. I shall be only too glad to get it.

Bro. G. G. Thomas is now working first trick at Eutaw, Ala. He worked extra a few days in the chief dispatcher's office at Birmingham, and was relieved by Telegrapher Steele.

We regret very much to learn of the death of Mr J. D. Payne. He was sick for some time at his home at Keener, Ala., and went to Colorado Springs, where he hoped to regain his health. So far I am unable to find out the date of his death, however, I understand he died while at Colorado Springs, Colo.

Everything is very quiet on this division just at present, everybody seems to be very well satisfied. Glad to say that we have very few nons.

If there is any person on earth who should be ashamed of himself it is a non-union telegrapher. Not only the telegrapher, but every one who is eligible to membership in the Order. Would they go into a man's house and eat day after day and never say thank you? No. Why? Because if they were not manly enough to pay part of the expense they would be turned out. Simply because the union man is a big, generous-hearted fellow the non will skulk along behind with his purse closed tight as a clam and take what the other fellow secures for him. It looks to me like the fellow who pays the fiddler should have something to say as to who should dance. Why should we have to associate with those who have no regard for us, or the betterment of our condition? We should not tolerate them any more than we would an able-bodied man coming to our house and eating up our provisions without even the courtesy to say "thank you." I don't think the day is very far distant when the non will be a thing of the past on our division.

Let us pull together, and each and every one do all he can to advance the interests of our collective body. Our union has already borne fruit in the good feeling that exists among our members. We should try to help each other in our daily tasks. This is no time for holding back, no time for letting up in our efforts for thorough organization, and let us say to the lapsed member that now is the time to take steps to be reinstated. It is worth something to have the

hearty good-will of all you fellows, so do your duty and come back where you belong. Let us hope that every member on our division will do his duty, and when we do that, we will soon have our division solid. Div. Cor.

### Great Northern Ry.

#### W. & S. F. Line—

This communication is the result of our local chairman having called on me to send in a write-up from this end of G. N. Ry., which is known as the W. & S. F. Ry.

We have never had a write-up in the journal to my knowledge, and most anything is better than nothing. We need a warming up on this pike, as we don't seem to think of much except paying dues, which is very good as far as it goes, and keeps a fellow in good standing, but we need more than that. We want social benefits from membership in the grand old Order. The best way to get these benefits, with the exception of holding regular monthly meetings, where we can converse and inform ourselves on important subjects, is to have a write-up in the journal each month. While the views expressed in a write-up may be largely those of a single member, they bring out points, and give others a chance to discuss the subject under consideration, through the columns of THE TELEGRAPHER.

Each of us can help in these write-ups if we will. If any member hears of news along the pike, or if he has anything he wishes to say, he can communicate with the local chairman who will see that his items are forwarded to the editor.

Our election is over and we have selected good men to represent us at the convention, and local chairmen have been duly elected. This is a very important step and we hope that it will be the means of getting our lines solid again. Nons, as individuals, are usually good men, but they lack one thing, and that is a good up-to-date card. "In union there is strength."

Business during the past season has been better than for some time past, and the boys at the heavy joints have been "going some." It is not quite so heavy at present, as it was, as the bulk of the grain and live stock is off our hands, which is the big item in this neck of the woods. Emigrants at this time of the year also require considerable of the agent's attention, and remind him that the railway is not giving him a pension on his past good record.

As I am only wound up for a short write-up, and as I feel myself about all "unwound" I will close, hoping I may get "some of those promised items" for the next issue of the journal, as I expect to make another try at this business next month.

A DIVISION CORRESPONDENT.

#### Sioux City Division, Yankton Line—

Our friend Mr. Funk is again holding down his old stand at Tea. He left the service of the G. N. but wandered back.

Bro. Knudsen, at Lennox, has been on the sick list for a week or so, but is now better. He is

figuring on going to St Croix Falls, Wis., on a two weeks' fishing trip.

Let us make every effort to bring about thorough organization. The C. & G. W. committee has just returned from St. Paul, after securing a good schedule, which gives them a slight increase in salaries and a set of rules of which they can well be proud. We can obtain a schedule if we make an effort, but the company expects us to ask for it. It would not be good business policy for the officials to say, "Well, boys, we are going to raise your pay, you are not making more than a living and we want you to save up a little, so you can quit after a while and go into business for yourselves or retire," they, no doubt, will be willing to pay us more if we show them that we deserve it, and send a committee to St. Paul to represent us with 85-90 per cent of the boys behind it.

Cor.

#### Cascade Division—

No card, no favors.

Telegrapher Lorin Anderson is again on third trick at Edmonds, after working two months at Cloverdale and Olivers, B. C.

Chief Dispatcher J. C. Devery has been promoted to the position of assistant superintendent, vice Mr. N. C. Chapman, resigned. Mr. Devery was relieved by Dud Moore, the former night chief.

Bro. H. I. Mann, of Merritt, has been elected local chairman in place of Bro. B. F. Bush, of G. N. docks, Seattle.

Bro. A. L. Smith, of Edmonds, took a vacation early in May; relieved by a Mr. Lester, who later quit the service.

Bro. Wilson is again working third trick at Mukilteo.

Grand Division Organizer S. J. Mayhood is touring the Cascade Division. We are satisfied that we will be able to report a most pleasing account of our progress on this end of the system in the next issue.

Wish to thank Bro. Mann for the items that he kindly contributed to this write-up.

Will some of the members on the Coast Line north of Everett please contribute a few items? Any articles will be thankfully received. Address correspondence to H. F. Reagan, Box 77, Richmond Beach.

Cor.

#### Butte Division, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Districts—

Telegrapher E. H. Golden has been relieved at Teton by Telegrapher Dunham, a new man on this division.

Bro. R. C. Yahnke resigned at Conrad; relieved by Telegrapher W. B. Westfall, another new man on this line.

Telegrapher Zakowski has been transferred from Conrad to second trick at Fowler; relieved at Conrad by Mr. E. H. Golden.

Messrs. J. W. Boles and Pat Hannan are doing block dispatcher stunts at Brady Gravel Pit. A new office has been opened at Dutton with Messrs. F. C. Paul and J. M. Lacy in charge.

Understand Bro. H. C. Howe, at Vaughn, contemplates leaving the service in a short time, owing to the fact that a foner's job doesn't appeal very strongly to him.

Bro. J. F. Percy has been relieved at Hobson by Agent W. K. Foote.

The agency at Windham has been transferred from Mr. B. H. Nixon to Mr. E. C. Martin.

Bro. H. Wilkins did the temporary relief stunt at Cushman while Local Chairman E. C. Skinner was in the hospital suffering from injuries sustained in a runaway while out driving.

Later Bro. Wilkins was relieved by Mr. Morgan, from the Dakota Division.

W. L. Epperson, recently from the D. & R. G., gets the agency at Stockett.

Spion Kop has recently been reduced to a one-man office, leaving our old reliable Bro. J. W. Smith to fight his troubles alone.

H. A. Lusch goes from Spion Kop to Conrad. Later reports have it that he has resigned and filed on a homestead near Valier.

Bro. C. J. Norman, formerly third trick at Spion Kop, has been transferred to Mitchell.

J. P. Cruser, first trick at Judith Gap, has resigned and left the service.

In conclusion, would like to again ask some brother on the line between Great Falls and Butte to volunteer to act as correspondent for the First, Second and Third Districts. Owing to my late misfortune, I have been unable to keep in touch with a great number of the boys, but now that I have resumed duty, will try and get things moving properly once more and must have the help of each member on the division. Now that the telephones are being installed on this division and the salaries reduced accordingly, it is going to work many hardships on a great many and some bumping is likely to follow. It stands each of us in hand to get busy and try hard to complete thorough organization in order to be able to meet these moves on the part of the railroad company. It is time for some of the agents to get their eyes open and get an up-to-date card; let us all pull together. It is true that the agents at present are suffering no reduction, but they have no assurance that their time will not come next. There is but one successful way to meet those conditions, and that is to all get together and work together. Each of you know your duty in this matter and we shall expect you to get in line and get busy. If you wait for someone else to do his share and yours, too, and at last find yourself bumped out of a job or with your salary reduced, you can't blame the good old Order that for years has warned you against your indifference. I hope each of you will give this matter careful consideration and I feel sure that you can only come to one conclusion, and that will be that only through thorough organization can we ever expect to protect ourselves and better our working conditions.

Div. Cor.

### Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Ry.

Many times upon receipt of the journal have I leafed through the "Fraternal" pages with the hope of seeing a write-up from B. & O. S.W. System Division No. 74, but with the exception of just a few times I have been disappointed. It is my opinion that fully nine-tenths of the brothers have experienced the same disappointment, so a movement has been started by our worthy general chairman and local chairmen to keep in touch with the various divisions for the purpose of having each one represented in the journal, monthly. The undersigned has been appointed correspondent for Division No. 74, and to successfully handle this in an interesting manner I must have the support of all brothers along the system, and especially those who have been appointed as assistants. However, all items and suggestions will be cheerfully received and entered in the list with credit to the donor. Let us all unite in making Division No. 74 one of the strongest in the field. While our items this month are a little short of what we hoped for, we expect to have a larger bunch for next month's journal.

Fraternally yours,

O. G. HARPER, CERT. 261.

Correspondent.

### Ohio Division—

Bro. P. Costello, agent at Belpre, has resumed work after a long and severe attack of lumbago rheumatism, from which he was confined to his bed for about six weeks. We are glad to hear his familiar sign "C," once more.

Bro. Watson, regular third trick man at Belpre, relieved Bro. Costello at Belpre during his sickness, and he, in turn, was relieved by Mr. Figelstahler on second trick.

Our local chairman, Bro. Fitch, visited Bro. Costello at Belpre during his sickness.

Bro. S. S. Winters, of Coolville, is now agent at Grosvenor, the new transfer freight station between the B. & O. S.W. and K. & M., and we all wish "Sam" every success.

Bro. W. R. Baker bid in the agency at Coolville, which position was made vacant by Bro. Winters having been transferred.

Bro. T. L. Maloney, nights at Highland, bid in Little Hocking, nights, made vacant by the transfer of Bro. Baker.

Bro. F. A. Ohnewher, the telegrapher at Luhrig, has been appointed agent at that point.

Mr. Hall, from Zaleski, bid in Luhrig, days.

We understand that Bro. P. G. Dowler has forsaken the craft and embarked in the undertaking business at Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Bro. Walter Wilson has been transferred from the position of day telegrapher at Leesburg to the agency at Thriffton, on bid.

Bro. O. E. Cook has been transferred from the second trick at Greenfield to the position of telegrapher at Leesburg.

We understand that Bro. Exline and wife contemplate a trip to the mountains in Colorado in the near future. Bro. Exline is agent at Bloomingburg.

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*Indiana Division—*

Bro. E. L. Carrico, agent at Huron, has bid in second trick at Shoals, which was bulletined recently.

C. F. Gibson, from Pennsylvania, is holding down second trick at Shoals, temporarily.

A. B. Chapman from second trick at Shoals to "AC" office, Cold Springs, relieving Bro. J. F. Davis, the latter taking Osgood days, on bulletin.

Bro. Doran took agency at Blocher, which was recently bulletined account of the death of H. H. Blocher.  
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*Springfield Division—*

Bro. B. F. Holmes has returned to his old love, Sandoval, and will resume his position as ticket agent at that point.

Bro. A. F. Burns, who has been acting agent at Virginia, has been appointed assistant to Mr. N. J. Neer, division passenger agent at Springfield, relieving Bro. B. F. Holmes.

Bro. P. R. Marshall has been appointed acting agent at Virginia.

Bro. R. M. Allen, formerly second trick at Pana, has been checked in as agent at Omaha, Ill.

Mr. J. M. Gault has been appointed agent at Shawneetown, Ill. This position was made vacant by the death of Bro. J. W. Tate.

Mr. A. C. McDonald, formerly at Taylorville, days, has been transferred to second trick at Pana, relieving Bro. R. M. Allen.

The train men say Bro. A. F. Tate, of Beecher City, is wearing the smile that won't wear off now-a-days. After being cut out for a year Bro. Tate is again answering the old familiar call of "D."

Our "Grand Old Man," Bro. J. M. Peck, of Farmingdale, is at Atlanta, Ga., as delegate from System Division No. 74.

Bro. V. A. Tate relieved Mr. A. C. McDonald, of Taylorville, and will remain at Taylorville for the present. The grind at Norris City was too heavy for Bro. Tate, he having but recently been quite ill.

We are glad to note that the boys are coming across with their dues and some, who have dropped out, getting back into line once more. We hope to regain our former strength before very long. We have fought too long and too hard for our several schedules to lay down and take chances of losing what we have gained. It is just as important to maintain our strength to protect these contracts as it is to be well organized in order to secure them. Pay your dues first and let something else wait if you must.  
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*Illinois Division—*

Bro. C. M. Piper, who has been telegrapher at Bridgeport, Ill., for twenty-eight years, has been appointed postmaster of that city. The salary is \$1800 per year.

Bro. A. W. Friend has been transferred to Norris, Ill., as agent and telegrapher.

Bro. F. H. Piper, lately first trick telegrapher at Drummond, Mont., N. P. Ry., is working extra at Bridgeport.

Bro. Will Odell, of Lawrenceville, accompanied by his wife, visited the oil field near Bridgeport, recently.

Bros. C. C. Hooks and C. M. Piper, of Bridgeport, attended the reception given by the Knights Templars at Washington, Ind., May 26th.

Bro. Warren and wife visited the oil fields recently. Bro. Warren is second trick telegrapher at Sumner.  
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*Block District—*

Dispatcher B. W. Brown has just returned from a five weeks' visit to Texas, Bro. Stanhope doing the extra dispatching during his absence.

Bro. Droege is enjoying a thirty-day leave of absence, and F. C. Fischer is relieving him.

Death stole into the home of Bro. C. H. Christopher, recently, and robbed him of his mother. Bro. Christopher and sister have the sympathy of Division No. 74.

Bro. Murphy worked in Bro. Christopher's place while he was off. The Oakley day office has been opened again; Bro. O. E. Marsh is working it until the bids get in. Oakley and Bond Hill second trick have just been advertised.

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**Chicago & Northwestern Ry.***Lake Shore Division—*

Bro. Isaac Serier, who left this division some two years ago to accept a more lucrative position with the Government, is again with us and is at present doing relief work. We certainly are glad to see Ike back and hope he may be able to land something permanent soon.

Bro. J. S. Ball, of Denmark, had the misfortune of having his leg injured while assisting in unloading some heavy freight out of a car, which brought on blood poison, necessitating his removal to a hospital at Green Bay for treatment. It was feared at first that amputation would be necessary, but at this writing it is reported the outlook for his recovery is much brighter. We sincerely hope for his speedy recovery.

Bro. Jno. Petty has resigned his position as agent and telegrapher at Cleveland station, to accept a position as dispatcher with the Sheboygan & Plymouth Elec. Ry., with offices located at Sheboygan. Since his hours of work are shorter, being only eight hours with one hour off for meals, and one day off each week, and considering the difference in the location, we can not blame him for making the change. The fact that it was mostly through Bro. Petty being a good member that he secured this position, tends to show that union men are considered more reliable and competent to handle positions of trust, than those who are not, and why? Just simply that a man who is not loyal to his fellow workers in general, and to himself and his kind in particular, is much less apt to be loyal to his employers.

Bro. F. W. Tiedka, formerly of the Nor. Wis. Division, secured the position of agent at Cleveland, on the bulletin. Bro. Tiedka held the position as agent at Appleton Junction for a number of years previous to coming to this division.

Bro. Rindt was recently laid up for a number of days with the gripe, and was relieved by Telegrapher Nelson.

Mr. C. H. Mackey, our genial lineman, was laid up for two weeks with a bad cold, but is now at work again.

The local chairman has furnished each known non on the division with a set of application blanks and has received several promises. It remains to be seen how many of these will be made good. While we do not doubt the sincerity of most of these, there are still some with whom promises seem to be an old habit.

It is possible that many of our friends who should be with us are afraid that they would be discriminated against if they were to assert their manhood, and show the world that they were the owners of themselves, had their labor to sell, and connected themselves with others of their craft, to aid in procuring the highest cash price for same. This fear is natural, I admit, yet it is wholly unfounded in this day of organization.

The old cry of "No money to spare, takes all I can earn to keep my family now without adding additional expense," can not apply at this time. What has become of the increase the O. R. T. secured since the organization of this division? Why not take this additional pay out of one month each year to assist in upholding the cause which was directly responsible for the increase.

It should be understood by every agent and telegrapher that he is either with us or against us in this movement for better wages, shorter hours and improved conditions of service. If a member, of course, you are with us, if a non-member you are against us, and no one should delude himself into thinking that sympathy will answer in matters of this kind. Wake up and get in line. You are getting the benefits of what your fellow craftsmen are paying for. Unless we make effort to better the conditions of the telegraphers, there is no one who will do it for us. If any telegrapher employed upon this division doubts the efficiency of thorough organization, let him review the work of the past two years among the brotherhoods of the various employees. Was it unorganized labor that maintained the scale of wages during the recent financial panic? I hope not, and still we have men amongst us who have drawn the same salary that we have, knowing full well that they were indebted to the O. R. T. for the fact that their salaries were not cut.

The telegraphers who refuse to join the O. R. T. do not deserve our friendship. Let the motto be "No card, no favors." We have two or three telegraphers on the south end who have been promising to come in for the last two years, but owing to the fact that their applejack bill is so heavy every month they can not possibly afford it.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Bro. Harry A. Sechrist, at the home of his parents, in Glen Rock, Penna., on March 22d. While the end was not entirely unexpected, it came as a sad surprise to his many friends here. In the death of Bro. Sechrist, we lose a good and true friend, and the Order loses a true and a faithful member. CERT 368.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His divine wisdom and honor has seen fit to take from us Bro. Harry A. Sechrist, and

WHEREAS, We deeply deplore, and are likewise grieved at his death; be it

*Resolved*, That we give expression to our heartfelt grief at our loss of one who has been a true friend and a faithful member to the last, and extend our sympathy and consolation to his bereaved parents, and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this resolution be presented to his family, a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy spread upon the minutes of the division.

F. C. SHIMECK,  
E. P. SMITH,  
T. H. WELLAND,

*Committee.*

#### Wisconsin Division—

Don't forget to remit your local assessments to your local secretary and treasurer.

We were all very sorry to hear of the death of the wife of Bro. Johnson, former agent at Argyle, who went West recently on account of his wife's health. Bro. Johnson has the sympathy of all. A beautiful floral wreath was sent by the brothers of Wisconsin Division.

The warm weather is starting the ice trains, from the ice fields, along the K. D., and soon third trick telegrapher will be put on at Twin Lakes and Salem to handle this business.

The telephone is now being installed on the K. D. from Harvard to Kenosha, and will soon be in operation.

The second trick at Highland Park has been abolished for the present. The first trick man is now working twelve hours, and the second trick man is working a ten-hour shift as clerk.

Bro. Flannery, of Rockford, has been taking a week's vacation, being relieved by Telegrapher Schonhoff.

Bro. W. C. Bradley, first trick man at Clinton Junction, is taking a two weeks' vacation, being relieved by Telegrapher Frieschnknight.

Bro. Wightman, at Evanston, is now compelled to work twelve hours instead of nine hours on account of taking off the second trick.

There are now three telegraphers at Carey Gravel Pit, on account of heavy gravel business. The first trick has been assigned to B. E. Quinn, second to G. G. Johnston, and third to T. N. Collins, all new men here.

Bro. W. C. Argonbright, third trick at Harvard, has resigned and accepted a position with the Rio Grande Ry. in Colorado.

Telegrapher W. C. Black, a new man, is working third trick at Harvard, until same is assigned on bulletin. We understand that he is from the Michigan Central.

Telegrapher VanAuker is working first at South Janesville, until same is regularly assigned.

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#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father has deemed it best to take to himself the beloved wife of Bro. Johnson; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the members of Wisconsin Division, No. 76, extend to Bro. Johnson their heartfelt sympathy in this sad hour; be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be entered upon the records of our Wisconsin Division, a copy sent to the bereaved brother, and a copy sent to the editor for publication in THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.

ROY L. HERRICK,  
F. M. FLANNERY,  
CHARLES REGAN,  
Committee.

#### Nebraska & Wyoming Division, Eastern District—

Bro. E. B. Hill, the agent at Spencer, is off on a trip for thirty days; relieved by Bro. Bartlett.

A third trick telegrapher has been added to the force at Inman, to assist in handling the increased number of trains.

The vacancy in the agency at Neligh, caused by the resignation of Bro. A. L. Hewett, has not yet been filled, but it is rumored that Bro. J. H. Recroft is coming back to the ranks after a few months in the banking business. It is rumored that Bro. Hewitt is going into business at Lincoln.

Bro. Vestal, of Burke, was off a few days last month; relieved by Bro. Bartlett.

Bro. C. M. Wurzbacher, our local chairman, is attending the convention of the Grand Division, at Atlanta, Ga.; relieved by Bro. J. W. Forney.

Bro. J. F. Kenney, telegrapher at Battle Creek, has been very low with pneumonia for the past few days, but he is improving and the chances are good for his recovery. Relieved by Mr. Ralph Hales.

Bro. H. G. Whitney, the agent at Battle Creek, was off a couple of weeks, on account of the serious illness of his wife's mother at Oelrichs, S. D.; relieved by Bro. J. W. Forney.

Bro. J. W. Forney was at West Point several days in April, assisting Bro. W. A. McDonald. Mrs. McDonald was dangerously ill, and it was impossible for Bro. McDonald to do the work and give his wife the attention she needed, so he gave his entire time to her, and all was done that could be done by two trained nurses and several

doctors, and we are glad to note that her condition is much improved and that her recovery is but a matter of time.

We are sorry we have so few notes, but it was impossible to stir up any of the brothers on the Albion and South Platte branches to get any news from them. Each should appoint himself a committee of one to see that all the news is sent in. Send them to the local chairman and he will see that they are forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER.

Ed. Kunzleman drew Verdel station on bid. He formerly worked at Stafford.

Pierce and Plainview get two telegraphers, and Verdigre one, during the gravel work.

Mr. J. Brown is on a vacation, and Bro. C. A. Bartlett is doing the relief stunt.

The line between Norfolk and Bonesteel is being ballasted. Work is being done with two crews, one working from Norfolk north, and one from Bonesteel south.

It is about time for the new cards now, and it is hoped the boys will be prompt in remitting dues.

There will be a meeting at Norfolk some time in June, and it is hoped every one who can possibly get away will do so. With the additional new trains it will be easy for most of the boys to attend. Ask to come, and where there is more than one man it can be arranged for one to be present. CERT. 310.

#### Eastern Division—

Bro. Cornwell, day telegrapher at Rawhide tower, was suddenly taken ill and went to his home at Pilger. The tower was closed during his absence. We are glad to learn that he is rapidly improving.

Bro. Cushman, agent at Hooper, has been granted a six months lay-off. Bro. Sauers, the day telegrapher, is relieving him. Bro. Hale, late of the Mo. Pac., is relieving Bro. Sauers.

Bro. Koepe drew Stafford by bid.

Bro. Popelar, agent at Cornlea, has been in an Omaha hospital, having an operation performed. He has returned to work.

Bro. Todd, night owl at Scribner, took several days lay-off, being relieved by Mr. Geo. Leiser, late of the Burlington.

Bro. Kuntzelman drew Verdel by bid.

Glad to hear that Bro. Freind has resumed duty at Charleston.

Bro. Jeffries and Geo. Lieser have resigned as telegraphers in the Norfolk dispatchers office. Bro. Hall, of east end, is now working nights at Norfolk.

Bro. Don Brown, day telegrapher at Plainview, has resigned and taken a position as telegrapher in a bucket shop at Norfolk.

Bro. McDonald, agent at West Point, laid off a few days on account of the sickness of his wife. Bro. Foney relieved him.

Will Hicks, the foner agent at Colon, recently disappeared. The cause is unknown.

Let us endeavor to have a big write-up next month. CERT. 2667.

I wish to thank the brothers of the Eastern Division for their generous contribution in my behalf during my sickness and loss of part of my foot.

Fraternally yours,

N. KENNEDY.

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#### *I. & M. Division—*

Bro. Coppersmith, who has been relieving Bro. Delong days at Parkersburg, has gone to the gravel pit at Dotson. A new pit has been opened at Kiester.

Buxton and Lakonta days are on bulletin, also Lake Mills tower and Parkersburg nights.

Bro. Burns, from Wright, relieves Bro. Coppersmith, days at Parkersburg.

Bro. Deheart has returned to work at Houlton tower. We are unable to learn who relieved him.

I think we could manage to have a write-up in the journal every month if some of the older members would take an interest.

CERT. 2671.

#### *Minnesota Division—*

D. M. Walrath, the agent at Minneola, is taking a few weeks' vacation this month, being relieved by M. F. Goodmansson.

Ed Spornitz has resumed duty at the key at Canby.

W. H. Wilder, who has been working at Tracy for the past few months, enjoyed a week's vacation at his old home in Wisconsin.

M. A. Sofka is doing the extra work in Winona dispatcher's office while the boys take their vacations. Dispatcher Jordan, at this writing, is being relieved by Extra Dispatcher Beynon, Tom Carroll taking the first trick on the side table and Jack Rice second.

Telegrapher Townsend, who has been at Judson for some time, has resigned and departed for parts unknown. Telegrapher Ziege is holding forth at this point at present.

C. D. Roach, who has been third at Owatonna for the past month, has been transferred to the Dakota Division and is working side wire days at Huron dispatcher's office.

A. F. McCarthy is off a few days taking in the sights in the cities. He was relieved by a new man named A. F. Schmelz, from Sleepy Eye.

T. C. Ferris drew Porter agency and took a short vacation to celebrate his success.

J. A. Richardson, night telegrapher at Janesville, has resigned and departed for greener fields; relieved at Janesville by Telegrapher H. J. Jaunke.

Telegrapher McDonald has resumed work at Waseca after a week's vacation. Upon McDonald's return H. J. Johnson went to Smiths Mill to relieve Agent Jones, who was absent a few days on account of sickness.

H. A. Sparling, agent at Wabasso, is taking an extended trip East this month, being relieved by A. J. Walz.

G. E. Black, third trick man at Mankato, has taken the position of manager in the mill at that place, with a very nice increase in salary over his

former position. Black was relieved by Telegrapher Foard.

Many of the older heads on the Minnesota Division will no doubt remember Frank Saehler, as he has been in the B. & B. department for a good many years. I am very sorry to report that he was run over by a switch engine, May 7th, and killed instantly. The B. & B. department loses an old and trusted employee. No blame could be laid on anyone for the accident.

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#### *Sioux City Division—*

Bro. W. W. Winegar, who formerly worked on this division, is visiting friends in this vicinity. He is now in the employ of the Rock Island Ry. as agent at Callahan, Colo., and is enjoying a three months' leave of absence.

Bro. E. B. Long, assistant ticket agent at Sioux City, is taking a few months' leave, and will visit points of interest in Oregon, Washington, and California, before returning.

He is being relieved by Mr. V. E. Wendell, who has been doing the relief act at Wall Lake.

Bro. Haymond is off to Atlanta to take in the convention, and expects to make a trip through the East before returning.

Bro. Floyd Smith, for several years agent at Danbury, has resigned and expects to work on the Dakota Division after taking his vacation. He was relieved by Telegrapher Blum from Salix.

Bro. E. L. Riddell, agent River Sioux, made a trip to Lewiston, Mont., recently, where he filed on a homestead. He expects to take up residence there next spring. On account of the shortage of help, he was relieved by his wife, who is almost as good as the "old man" himself.

Bro. L. M. Ryman, first trick at Onawa, Iowa, has left the service on account of the changing of the hours of first trick from 7 a. m. to 5 p. m., with one hour for meals to eight hours straight. Bro. L. T. Fuller is now working first, R. C. Amos second and Bro. F. E. Haasch third. Bro. Haasch works as telegrapher from 2 a. m. until 7 a. m., and then as baggage smasher from 8 a. m. until No. 4 has gone, or until 11:40 a. m.

Bro. A. L. Vander Velden, formerly agent at Odebolt, is now agent at Whiting, Iowa. Bro. H. L. Sharp having resigned to go into the ice cream business.

Bro. M. M. Trummer, of Carnarvon, got California Junction and Bro. E. E. Baskin, recently third trick at California Junction, got Carnarvon on bulletin.

Bro. S. M. London, agent at Boyer, Iowa, has resigned to engage in farming; relieved by Mr. E. Yule.

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#### *Peninsular Division—*

Louis A Menard, of Escanaba, is now working third trick at Little Lake.

Bro. Lewis secured second trick at Little Lake on bulletin.

Bro. Bagley, who has been at Felch Junction for the winter, is now relieving Telegrapher Peterson.

Bro. Crikelair relieved Bro. Moran at Powers. Bro. Moran spent his vacation in Chicago.

Bro. Wm. Gelzer was off duty a few days, and was relieved by Bro. Brukart.

Bro. W. P. Lang is now working for the C. M. & St. P. Ry. near Milwaukee. H. G. S.

#### *Galena Division—*

There will be a big meeting in June, to hear the latest from the convention.

Bro. E. H. Webster will take charge as agent at Nelson on his return from the convention at Atlanta.

There is going to be a clean-up of all the nons after the meeting in June.

Don't be behind three or four months with your dues. Keep an up-to-date card and help do some thing.

Bro. H. E. Aye resigned as bill clerk at Dixon, and is now located at Cramers, Ill., on the Iowa Central.

Bro. Aye was our secretary and treasurer, and it will be necessary to elect a successor at the June meeting. Turn out and help us pick a good live one.

Bro. Hemenway, formerly agent at Carpentersville, is now located at McHenry as telegrapher.

The summer schedule to the Lakes went into effect May 2d.

Bro. Groves, who is located at Rockford, is laying off. Relieved by Bro. Wilson.

Bro. Jake Buss is holding down the second trick. We are glad to have him on the Freeport line.

Telegrapher W. Pitz, from Lake Geneva, gets Marengo days. We have not heard who went to Lake Geneva.

We understand that Frank Sawyer, the assistant at St. Charles, and a son of Bro. Sawyer, the agent, was married a short time since.

G. D. Thurber has been installed as agent at Carpentersville. This is a heavy billing point and was not easily filled.

"DG" tower and Crystal Lake have been opened up for the summer season, in charge of Telegrapher Harry Wagner, from Mattoon, Ill.

A new depot is being built at McHenry, which will be one of the finest on the F. R. line.

The brothers did not get out to the Elgin meeting as they should. The C. M. & St. P. brothers were well represented.

Bro. Rigley, at Dundee, was off a few days and was relieved by extra man, H. N. Harrang.

Jim Hoyer, first trick at F. R. Switch, has gone to Davis Junction, Bro. Charles Shaft taking his place at F. R. Switch. Cox.

#### *Northern Iowa Division—*

Bro. Harry Keith, telegrapher and cashier at Algona, has bid in the Renwick agency.

Bro. J. G. Kahl, who was chosen as alternate to the late convention, is on a leave of absence.

Bro. Guy Perry, of the Gladbrook "roast," is on a six months' furlough, to recuperate.

It is said the new Jewell Junction depot is to be a hummer, and that Bro. Cheever will enjoy the luxuries of steam heat and gas light.

Mr. E. R. Ball, the agent at Hawarden, has been attending court in the Eastern part of the State. H. F. Strachan and Bros. Yerbrick and Northrup handled the business without additional help during Mr. Ball's absence.

Bro. A. E. Le Blanc, of Renwick, has resigned and gone to the Northwest in search of a drier climate and good health. The brothers unite in wishing him success.

Bro. E. E. Carder has again been checked in at Gifford station.

Bro. Woodward drew Dakota City on bulletin.

Bro. Gilmore, of Soo Rapids, blocked trains at Hubbard during the recent rush of Iowa division trains. Nineteen Iowa Division passenger trains detoured via Jewell and Tama during the washout at Quarry. Much credit is due Dispatchers Campbell and Brown and the east end telegraphers for handling this unusual business without mishap or delay.

Bro. Bishop, from Garwin, drew the Gladbrook agency.

Improvements are being made at Paullina in the way of a new water tank.

Bro. Joe Cowan worked a trick in the dispatcher's office during the rush.

Bro. J. W. Lane, of Laurens, is sojourning on his claim at Phillips, S. D. He writes that he is enjoying the change.

Dispatcher Shanor had his vacation interfered with on several occasions by having to return to E. Grove to fill an emergency.

Bro. H. T. Rising is temporarily holding Laurens station.

Trainmaster McClure and Conductors Tompkins and Hammond have returned from various R. R. conventions in the East.

Business is better than usual for this season of the year.

Bro. Harrold, of Eldora, was a recent Kamrar visitor.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the several brothers who contributed to this write-up.

CERT. 1532.

#### *Madison Division—*

We miss Bro. Matzek, who has left for Dousman gravel pit, which has been opened for the track elevation in Milwaukee. This job will probably last all summer.

Telegrapher R. J. Starry is working the split trick at Caledonia and tower "EA," vice Bro. Matzek.

Understand Bro. T. A. Corcoran bid in second trick at tower "EA." Bro. W. F. Degnan is still working this trick.

Mr. R. H. Mourning is working third trick at Oregon, while Bro. Duprey is at Lake Mills. He also relieved Bro. Welch, third trick at Monona yard, for a few nights. He hails from Cochrane, Wis.



Bro. A. J. Warnock, the agent at South Madison, in company with Mrs. Warnock, has been taking a month's vacation, during which time he went as far as Alberta, Canada. Telegrapher A. L. Clark, of Lodi, was acting agent during his absence.

Bro. C. Hansen, first trick at Monona yard, was off duty a couple of days, attending a funeral and visiting relatives. A. L. Clark relieved him.

Bro. F. Tisher took a trip to Oconto, which is his home. He was relieved by Bro. Rittmeyer, second trick man at Wisconsin River bridge.

Bro. Rittmeyer hails from the Omaha Ry. and was sent to Jefferson Junction upon the return of Bro. Tisher.

Bro. J. A. Kucher is now located at Ridgeway as agent.

Bro. E. W. White, who for many years was agent at Deerfield, bid in Lake Mills, and has been transferred to that station.

Mr. F. J. Heimeil, who has been acting agent at Lake Mills, has been transferred to West Allis, vice Bro. J. E. Keane.

Bro. Edw. Welch is acting agent at Deerfield while the position is bulletined, and Telegrapher N. A. Browne is relieving Bro. Welch, third trick at Monona yard.

New 100-lb. steel is being distributed. It is planned to relay the north track between Madison and Baraboo with these rails, and gravel has been unloaded on several sections, and before long the north track will be in fine shape for the fast passenger trains.

A new block office, waiting room and covered sheds have been built near the highway at Devil's Lake. This was done so that visitors would not have to trespass on private property to get to the lake.

Mr. Wilson, who worked the third trick at Mendota, is now agent at Hazel Green, and Mr. Ryan is holding down the 'phone trick at Mendota at present.

Bro. Elsner, who was working the telegraph job at West Allis, injured his back and was relieved by Bro. A. L. White.

Bro. P. W. Avery relieved Bro. White on second trick at Waukesha, and Mr. Banan in turn relieved Percy, third trick at same place. Mr. Banan is a new man on this division.

The telegraph instruments have been cut in at Calhoun, and C. P. Kellogg does the stunt.

Bro. L. F. Schneider, our local chairman, has been attending the convention at Atlanta. He was relieved by Mr. B. W. Sampson, of Dodgeville.

Bro. Doering, telegrapher at Lake Mills, is enjoying a vacation. Relieved by Bro. Duprey.

A few good jobs are on the last bulletin. It looks as if Bro. J. E. Keane would get Deerfield and C. B. Adam the tracer job at Baraboo.

Did you forget about your local dues. Some of the brothers have, and this is the last month in this period. A brother may be hard up for a month or two, but it is a bad practice to put off paying dues until the last minute. Get into the habit of being up-to-date. It is easier than the old way.

Glen A. Cole, of the dispatcher's force, has been entertaining a severe attack of neuralgia for some time past, but is recovering at present writing.

Mrs. Frank Wartman, mother-in-law of Dispatcher E. P. Wright, passed away a few days ago. The sympathy of the fraternity is extended to the bereaved relatives.

Chief Dispatcher H. D. Schooff recently spent a few days in St. James, Minn., on a company case, and also took a run down to Soo City to see Chief C. M. St. Clair.

The daughter of our former night chief, Mr. Schooff, has been very sick with inflammatory rheumatism. She is now well on the road to recovery.

Bro. C. C. Hinners is relieving Bro. A. E. Patterson, agent at Platteville, for a few days.

Bro. Pat Keefe is on Bro. Hinners' job as tracer clerk.

C. B. Adams, who has been doing extra duty in the dispatcher's office for some time, is at present laying off and visiting the folks at home.

C. C. Hinners relieved F. E. Warner, on the quad job, a few days, while Warner was away.

V. R. Harding, the O. S. & D. clerk and telegrapher, was off duty several days on account of sickness.

Dirv. Cor.

#### Dakota Division—

Bro. Ollie Harris is relieving Bro. McCarthy at Frankfort.

Bro. J. A. Dawson, of Salem, was called to Des Moines as a witness. Bro. Klingelhofer relieved him.

Bro. N. L. Cass went to Chicago to meet his wife and baby. Bros. Connelly and Shreffler kept things moving during his absence.

Bro. Bangs, of Mission Hill, was bit by the vacation bug and took a few days off. Mr. Mullen relieved him.

Bro. Moriarity, of Doland, is looking after his claim. John Robinson, of Estelline, is relieving him.

Bro. O'Dell, of Wakonda, is back at the old stand, making a stake to handle that new farm.

Bro. Schlekau has left the service of the C. & N. W. and has gone to St. Paul. Bro. Klingelhofer is holding Aberdeen days.

Bro. Vern Postal has the right system. He has secured a plot of ground near Astoria and has planted it in potatoes. Potatoes will pay from one to two hundred dollars per acre when selling at 50 cents per bushel.

Bro. H. O. Swift, of Castlewood, broke away long enough to spend a few days in Watertown. Clarence Tenold, a telegrapher who is in the grain business in Castlewood, relieved him.

On April 19th Harrold was nearly destroyed by fire. A number of business buildings were destroyed, including one owned by Mr. W. E. Stewart, who was at one time agent at Highmore. The depot caught fire several times, but the fire was extinguished each time.

Bro. R. J. Holmes has been changed from days to nights as telegrapher in Huron "A" office. The night job will give Bob a chance to do a little dispatching; and we may expect him to take a trick when business picks up.

Bro. N. Paulsen managed to break away from Centerville long enough to represent us at the convention at Atlanta. Bro. Finnerty relieved him as agent, and Bro. H. R. Nelson relieved Bro. Finnerty.

Bro. W. A. Neikirk has returned to Centerville second, Mr. Clark going to Parker second.

Members who have trouble in securing their mail should have it sent to De Smet, S. D., in care of the undersigned. Extra copies of THE TELEGRAPHER are kept on hand and are yours for the asking.

Bro. Zollar, of Northville, managed to get relieved in time to go to the Black Hills with the Odd Fellows. From there he will go to the Pacific Coast. Mr. J. A. Cook, of Redfield freight office, is relieving him.

It is on me. A year without missing an issue and then went to sleep and let the convention number get by without having a line in it from the Dakota Division. I overlooked the notice that the convention number would appear ahead of time and sent the regular write-up in right on time.

Bro. J. T. Carl has returned from his claim near Cottonwood, but Mrs. Carl did not return with him as she intends to stay out there for some time. Mrs. Carl has a sister on an adjoining claim. Bro. T. K. Barber, of Manchester, is still on his claim, which is a short distance from Bro. Carl's.

The new military law, which was passed at the last session of the legislature, is especially designed to limit the movements of strikers. The proper use of the law would cause no harm to be done, but it is the improper use that we wish to guard against. It is almost identically the same as the law which caused the trouble in Victor and Independence, Colorado, where strikers were arrested and herded in jail like cattle and a number were shot at the will of capitalists. Business houses who catered to the union trade were destroyed and business men who sympathized with the strikers were forced to move. A referendum petition has been circulated and the law will be voted on at the next general election. It is to our interest that this law be annulled.

#### *Pierre, Rapid City & Northwestern Line—*

The depot at Cottonwood was burglarized recently. The heaviest loss was felt by the agent, who is short a pair of pants.

The general officers' special passed over the P. R. C. on May 12th, on a tour of inspection and en route to Belle Fourche.

The dispatchers have considerable trouble in raising some offices at times. Boys, leave the bum work to the class which seems to figure on giving the least service for the most money. The O. R. T. does not encourage such work.

Bro. Dennis contemplates taking a vacation this spring, to visit friends and relatives in Audubon, Iowa, where he lived prior to taking a claim west of the river.

Bro. Whiting is now a "square man," having taken the third degree of Masonry at Ft. Pierre. Bro. Aldrich relieved him, and later relieved Bro. Dennis, at Nowlin, who attended the Stock Growers' Association at Rapid City.

The P. R. C. is very near 100 per cent strong, and without an effort. Only one or two non members and a couple of delinquents mar the list, but they are expected to be in line before long. Request has been made for representation on the committee, and undoubtedly the P. R. C. will have a schedule after the committee goes in.

H. A. STIMSON, S. & T.,  
De Smet, S. D.

#### **C. St. P. M. & O. Ry.**

##### *Nebraska Division—*

Numerous changes have taken place during the last month and I will try to get them all in, but may not be able to give them all, not receiving any help from others this month.

Bro. G. W. Smith, the agent at Jackson, laid off a few days recently, attending to some important business; relieved by Bro. Barge.

Bro. Dygert, second trick at Emerson, has left the service, and the job was bid in by Bro. "Carrie" Wilson, late of the Burlington. The third trick at Emerson was bulletined this month and bid in by Bro. Otis Wood. Bro. Wood has decided to remain with us for a while.

Brother Hedges, the second trick man at Wakefield, decided that he wanted a change and bid in the telegrapher position at Pender. After trying it a few days he made up his mind that Wakefield was good enough for him, and came back to the old stand.

Bro. Phillips, who relieved Bro. Crouch a few days at Wayne, bid in the telegrapher's job at Lyons, and is handling the key there in usual style. Understand he is from the East, and has quite a record and collection of passes from the different roads.

Bro. Wm. Schruppf, who was recently agent at Laurel, has been promoted to the agency at Lyons. Mr. S. E. Reed, who was agent at Lyons for a number of years, has resigned and gone to California, where his wife and boy have been compelled to reside, owing to his son's ill health.

Bro. Candor, formerly agent at Carroll, bid in the agency at Laurel, and Bro. Owens, from Magnet, goes to Carroll as agent. Bro. Barge, formerly agent at Hoskins, was relieving at Carroll for a couple of weeks, while changes were being made. Bro. Barge has left the telegraph service, and has gone into the train service as brakeman.

Bro. B. E. Crouch, formerly telegrapher at Wayne, bid in the agency at Hoskins.

Mr. Crinklaw, formerly telegrapher at Pender, bid in the telegrapher's job at Wayne, and now says if he can get a house to live in he will be well fixed. He is thinking of buying a tent and

"camping out" until the present stringency in the house market is over. Bro. Moran, of Wayne, made a short visit in Sioux City, recently.

Bro. Foutts, who has the first trick at Wakefield, is again relieving, but we did not learn where. He seems to be on the move quite often of late.

Bro. Roy Jones bid in the vacancy at Pender. We understand that he has gotten through with the relief job at Tekamah.

Would like to have some of the members contribute next month. Do not be backward; when you hear of anyone laying off or going somewhere let me know, and we will have more of a communication next month. Div. Cor.

### Colorado Midland Ry.

I have been wondering for some time why nothing appeared in our journal from the Colorado Midland. I know the members would like to see something each month and there is no reason why we can't send in items regularly from this division.

Agent Reubendale is now working the first trick at Colorado City. It is hoped that when "biz" picks up a bit the third telegrapher will be put back on.

Bro. Gillaspay, of Colorado City, took the third trick at Cascade Canon.

Bro. Tyler, of Woodland Park, is off for thirty days, relieved by Mr. Kay.

Agent Kirkpatrick, of Divide, was off for thirty days; relieved by Telegrapher Sharpe.

Bro. Cooke, of Florissant, took the agency at Arkansas Junction, which was made vacant on account of Bro. Crowe leaving the service.

Mr. Woods, recently third trick at Cascade Canon, went to Busk.

Bro. Atteberry is still holding down Ivanhoe.

Bro. Kimes, recently second trick man at Cascade Canon, bid in Hartsel.

A recent vacancy at Sellar was filled by Mr. Bratt, from Busk.

The night office at Nast has been reopened on account of the heavy business caused by D. & R. G. trains running over the C. M. from Snowden to Glenwood Springs. The "Grande" had a cave-in in a tunnel near Tennessee Pass. Their trains will be detoured via the Midland for about fifteen days. Understand it will be necessary to put on a second set of dispatchers at Colorado City to handle this extra business. Our chief, Mr. Johnson, has been working the first trick on first district for the past few days, Bro. Cooley taking the second trick, as the regular dispatchers were kept very busy on the second district.

Bro. Delsole, first trick at Leadville, is off for sixty days, visiting home folks in New York State. He was relieved by Bro. Kinney from Arkansas Junction.

We now have three eight-hour tricks at Cardiff. The third trick, which was recently opened, is being held down by Telegrapher Rice.

Bro. Jones, of Thomasville, gets the Carbondale agency on bid. This is one of our best agencies

as far as salary is concerned, and we are glad it goes to a worthy brother. Sorry to lose Bro. Shannon, as he was well liked, and was always with us when the interests of the Order were at stake.

The cashier's job at Basalt is up for bid, also the agencies at Thomasville and Green Mountain Falls.

A few of the C. & S. and C. B. & Q. officials were on No. 3 to Leadville the other evening, and back to Denver on second No. 4 next day.

The W. O. W. will give a picnic and barbecue at Green Mountain Falls on Decoration Day; we understand that the office will be opened on that date. CHRT. 48.

### Western Maryland Ry.

The Western Maryland road hauled thousands of people into Gettysburg, May 31st, on account of the dedication of the National Monument. Twelve special trains from points on the line arrived in Gettysburg on that day.

Five new 150 series engines arrived last month and are being put in passenger service on both Maryland and W. Va. Divisions. These engines are of the Atlantic type and make a fine appearance.

Bro. Tuck relieved Bro. Hewitt, second trick at Hillen, four nights.

Telegrapher W. C. Rohrbaugh worked the agency at West York a few days, while Bro. Sterner was off duty.

Bro. Rose, second trick at Gettysburg, spent two weeks with friends and relatives in Chicago and Des Moines.

Telegrapher Ogle, at Union Bridge, attended the horse races at Pimlico a few days. He was relieved by Bro. Spillman.

Bro. Hoover, of Thomasville, who was off one day, was relieved by Telegrapher R. G. Sterner.

Telegrapher R. G. Sterner worked the first trick at Walbrook while Bro. Bradshaw was on a visit.

Bro. Tuck relieved the second trick telegrapher at Westminster a few nights recently.

Bro. Chas. Flickinger, first trick at York, recently enjoyed a pleasure trip to points in Iowa. He was relieved by Bro. Kemper.

I find I must again say something about the scarcity of news. I have not received anything this month. Why not each member contribute something regularly. We like to read items from this division, but we can't do this unless we have something to print, so get busy.

Div. Cor.

### Bangor & Aroostook Ry.

#### Northern Division—

I have waited another month for the items I have been begging for during the last six months, but, needless to say, with the same result. Now this is the last request I shall make. If you know any bit of news, no matter how small it may be, send it in, and if I have already made a note

of it, it will be just as acceptable, for it will show that the donor takes an interest in the division. Sometimes, perhaps, your name should appear in the fraternal columns and you fail to see it. When this is the case, don't blame anyone but yourself, or run away with the idea that the correspondent can keep track of everything that is going on all over the division. Frequently I hear of some little item of news when it is too late to send it in, and if some of you boys would just wake up and send me a note of what you hear, it would greatly aid in having the division represented. Look through the columns of the journal and see the letters that go in from other divisions. Do you suppose the division correspondent writes those long letters without aid? I should say not. In my opinion the communications would be very much abbreviated if the correspondents got the same kind of help that one does on the B. & A. Now will some of you please try to do a little better, and see if you can not scare up something that will help fill up a letter. I will not make this request again on any account, and if there is no better result this time than there has been in the past, I will think it is about time someone else did the "begging" and "persuading act" for a while.

Bro. Dodge, who has been agent at Littleton for a number of years, secured New Sweden on bulletin.

Bro. E. F. McAlister, from the So. Division, got Littleton on bulletin.

Bro. R. W. Esty, who has been third trick dispatcher at Houlton since the office was established there, has bid in the station agent's position at Robinsons.

Bro. C. D. Kelly has been appointed third trick dispatcher at Houlton.

Bro. D. H. Jones has been appointed relief dispatcher at Houlton.

Monticello was advertised for six months, on account of Bro. Thompkins being unable to resume work. The position was bid in by Bro. McGowan from the So. Division.

Ft. Fairfield Junction has been left vacant by Bro. Jones' appointment as relief dispatcher. It is now up for bid.

Mr. Fanning is relieving at Ft. Fairfield Junction.

Bro. Johnson is relieving at Littleton.

Commencing Sunday, May 23d, the dispatcher's office at Houlton will be closed from 6 a. m. on Sunday until 6 a. m. on Monday, this arrangement to be continued until September 1st.

Have any of you noticed how many "Misters" there are on this division? Some of these would make good material with which to increase our membership, and what is the reason we can not get them in? I think the principal reason is that no one has taken the trouble to talk O. R. T. to them. Cannot some of you boys who are working near these nons get after them, and show them where they are standing in the way of their own interests and ours? It will soon be time for our annual meeting at Houlton, and I think

it would be well to have this meeting open for all telegraphers, and invite some of these non-members to attend, and perhaps we would have use for a few application blanks afterward. Div. Cor.

#### *Southern Division—*

Bro. Wilson has resumed work at West Seboeis, on second trick, after relieving at Rand Cave for a month.

Bro. Bartlett has left the service, and gone to B. & M. R. R. We wish him success.

Bro. Stewart, at Milo, recently relieved a few days at Bradford.

Bro. Thorpe, of South La Grange, secured the Bradford agency on bulletin.

Bro. Lunt, from second trick in tower "G" at South La Grange, secured the agency at South La Grange on bulletin.

Bro. Connelley, first trick in "G" tower, spent a day at his home in Bangor recently.

Bro. E. T. McAlister has been transferred from Medford agency to Littleton agency on the Northern Division, which he secured on bulletin.

Bro. Crozier, general secretary and treasurer, and delegate to the convention, has returned from Atlanta, Ga., and reports a fine trip.

Bro. Heal, from third trick to second trick in "G" tower on bulletin.

We understand that Telegrapher C. R. Bowley, formerly of the B. & A., who has recently been on the M. C. R. R., has returned to the B. & A. R. R.

Bro. Reynolds is relieving at Shirley at this writing. Agent F. A. Fairham is on the sick list.

Telegrapher Comer got Dyer Brook owl job on bulletin.

Telegrapher Scribner secured the third trick at "G" tower.

Bro. Austin secured Rand Cave agency on bulletin.

Telegrapher Fody got third trick at Millinocket.

Bro. A. M. McGown has gone from North Bangor agency to Monticello agency for six months.

Everybody talk up the meeting to be held at Houlton during camp meeting week.

Div. Cor.

#### **Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Ry.**

##### *Rochester Division—*

I hope the members of this division do not think their correspondent for THE TELEGRAPHER has given up so soon. The article for the May journal was omitted through an oversight, for which no one was at fault.

There have been several changes on Division No. 92 recently. Bro. Childs has resigned as general chairman, and Bro. O'Brien elected to succeed him, effective May 1st. Bro. O'Brien has served so long as local chairman of the Rochester Division, and is so well and favorably known to all of us, that every member will unite in wishing him success, and we hope he will long continue to be at the head of Division No. 92.

I have been appointed to succeed him as local chairman of the Rochester Division, and will be glad to devote all my energies and the necessary time to the successful performance of the duties and responsibilities which are placed upon me. I will cheerfully do my best to adjust any matter which you may refer to me for settlement, and try and merit the confidence and good wishes which many of the brothers have expressed.

There have been no changes recently, except the position as message operator in "FD" general offices, which was advertised and which was bid in by the writer. This causes the agency at Maplewood to be advertised. As the bids do not close until the 29th, on the Maplewood position, I cannot say who will be the winner.

In regard to news items to help me out in getting up this article, I am very sorry to say I have not received a single one, but perhaps no one has been doing anything they considered worth mentioning. I think the members will be able to send me some items for the next write-up, however, as vacations will soon begin. A postal is all that is necessary.

Bro. Childs has returned from the convention at Atlanta, and is again doing his stunt at "W," Warsaw. He was relieved by Telegrapher Hilbert.

Is every member doing his share toward complete organization? I fear not. A little perseverance and the great majority will come over.

Again assuring all members of my willingness to serve the Rochester Division in all matters pertaining to my new office.

S. T. GILBOY, *Local Chairman.*

SILVER SPRINGS, N. Y., May 1, 1909.

#### *All Members of Division No. 92:*

Having been elected general chairman of Division No. 92 at a recent election held by the general committee, I wish to thank the members of that body for their unanimous support; feeling, as I do, that it is a great honor and that my services as local chairman have been appreciated both by them and the membership in what I have helped do in my humble way to serve them and to advance our cause, viz.: To step from the clutches of slavery to a higher plane and realizing that the goal is far from being reached, I must ask the support of the members as well as the committee to co-operate with me and lend every assistance possible for the carrying on of the good work, as there is a certain amount of responsibility resting on us all in this connection. I also wish to advise the members on the Rochester Division that I have appointed Bro. S. T. Gilboy, of No. 15 Ringle Place, Rochester, N. Y., to succeed me as local chairman, pro tem, or until a regular election is held, and, if he meets with your approval I would recommend him to you as a candidate for the position permanently, and suggest that regular nominating petitions be gotten out and sent the secretary at DuBois, in compliance with the laws of the Order.

Permit me, on behalf of the general committee and the membership, to extend our sincere thanks to our esteemed Bro. H. R. Childs, our retiring general chairman, who has served us faithfully in various capacities since the early days of the Order on the B. R. & P. Ry., and who need not feel that his efforts have been in vain, on the contrary I believe he is leaving behind him for us to enjoy, one of the best schedules in the country, and has exercised his power to see that the same has been lived up to in all instances. We have work ahead of us if we improve on the concession already gained by his guiding hand. May his every effort be crowned with success in his future life.

Faternally,

L. P. O'BRIEN,  
General Chairman.

#### **Illinois Central Ry.**

##### *Louisiana Division—*

A very interesting meeting was held at Jackson, Miss., April 25, made up of members from the G. & S. I., A. & V., Y. & M. V., and I. C. Bro. Montgomery, local chairman of the Y. & M. V., presided, and Bro. Miller, local chairman of the I. C., acted as secretary. Former member of the general committee, Bro. W. E. Daugherty, of the Y. & M. V., was present and gave us a splendid talk. Resolutions were passed condemning the agitation of the Mississippi Railroad Commission relative to the two cents a mile law. At 11:00 o'clock p. m. the meeting adjourned and the boys retreated to the banquet room of the Lemon Hotel, where a sumptuous repast was enjoyed.

The regular monthly meeting was held at McComb, Miss., Sunday night, May 9, with a good attendance. Several applications for membership were acted upon, and it was decided upon that in future all applicants must be present at the meeting and be initiated in the regular manner, in order that our goat may get main line practice. We have a victim for our next meeting, June 13.

Since our last report the following have become members, and are now sporting the wreath and soulder: W. S. Grant, Canton, Miss.; J. B. Magee, Osyka, Miss.; W. A. Barney and J. C. Willis, New Orleans; W. H. Rehfeldt, Moss Point, Miss.; S. B. Elzey, Tickfaw, La.

There has been a complete change at Kenner Junction since our last write-up. Bros. Rheams, Brown and Arnold having severed their connection with the D. O. C., Bro. Jno. Youngblood assigned to first trick at "KU" on bulletin; Bro. J. S. Scott, a newcomer, assigned to third trick on bulletin; a Mr. Pearce, formerly dispatcher, from the T. & P., is working second trick at present. Bro. J. R. Harris was assigned to second trick, but was taken out of the service for being under twenty-one years of age. What do you know about that?

Bulletin is now out for the agency at Mannac, La., on account of the death of Bro. C. Galvani.

The position of night manager at "MO," McComb, has been filled, after having to take the

matter to the general manager. Bro. W. J. Thompson secured the assignment.

Bro. J. R. Tucker, extra dispatcher, is now doing the car distributing act at McComb.

Bro. L. L. Chambers has returned from a flying trip to Chicago. Was relieved by Bro. G. W. Parr.

The many friends of Bro. A. Y. Steger are glad to learn of his promotion to the position of division freight claim agent. He was day telegrapher at Hazelhurst, Miss., for quite a while.

The Great Northern will commence to operate passenger trains into Jackson, Miss., on July 1. An interlocking plant will be installed at Elton, Miss. (the junction point with the I. C.), which will give employment to three telegraphers.

Sister E. Summer has resigned as second trick telegrapher at Yazoo City, and has accepted a position with the W. U. at El Paso.

Bro. F. E. Rehorst has been badly treated by somebody. He asked for transportation and relief in order to attend the convention at Atlanta, as delegate from this division, but was unable to get "RJ," besides his transportation did not come. Understand all the other delegates on the I. C. got prompt relief and transportation.

Bro. W. P. Ely has been assigned to the position of day telegrapher at Hazelhurst, on bulletin. His former position, the night job at Morey, Miss., has been closed.

Bro. C. Gill, agent at Bogue Chitto, Miss., is on the sick list and is being relieved by Bro. M. F. Freeman.

Sister Jessie Tatom, second trick at Crystal Springs, has resumed work after a severe illness of several weeks at her home in Summit, Miss. Relieved by Bro. Rehfeldt.

Bro. Sam Turner, first trick at Hammond, La., has been granted a sixty days' leave of absence, and will take an extended trip through the West.

Charley Kleppinger, "KR," at "BD," New Orleans, continues to feed out of the O. R. T. trough. Says he wishes the boys would hurry up and get another \$5.00 raise, as he needs the money. Charley has a wonderful nerve, indeed.

Bro. G. C. Davis, late of the Mo. Pac., is working extra at Hammond, La., relieving Bro. Turner.

Ed Dunning, first trick at Harahan Junction, and Henry Fitzgerald, second trick at Asylum, Miss., are highly enthusiastic over the telephone. They say the 'phone has killed the O. R. T. goose. (Great applause.)

Bro. J. L. Phillips has been assigned to second trick at Harahan yards, "ND" office, on bulletin. No doubt he is glad to get away from the bunch of razor-backs at "HN" office.

The good old Louisiana Division is now leading the procession with a 95 per cent membership. Take it from us, that's going some. Everybody get busy and keep busy and let's make it 100 per cent. Div. Cor.

## IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our esteemed and beloved brother, Chas. Galvani; be it

*Resolved*, That we thus express our high appreciation of his long service to the cause of truth and right, his sterling manhood and kindly disposition, qualities that endeared him to all; and be it

*Resolved*, That we extend to his bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of sorrow, and point them to the true source of comfort in affliction, our Divine Creator, as their strength and refuge; and be it further

*Resolved*, By Louisiana Division, No. 93, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that a copy of this memorial be spread upon the minutes, a copy sent to the bereaved family and a copy be published in THE TELEGRAPHER.

F. E. REHORST,  
JAKE BOGUE,  
S. C. TURNER,  
J. W. MILLER,  
*Committee.*

*Memphis Division—*

There were quite a few turned out to the meeting which was held at Clarksdale Sunday, April 18th.

The following brothers sent in applications for membership in "The Dixie Telegraphers' Club:" J. G. Howell, G. S. McHenry, L. S. Bradley, W. M. Carter, J. C. Henry, G. R. Stokeley, I. E. Stokeley, R. L. Anderson, T. J. Trull, T. C. Rowland, W. P. Farleigh, J. B. Gladney, R. R. Green and E. T. Backstrom.

Bro. R. R. Green was nominated and elected assistant local chairman on Sunflower District. and Bro. T. J. Trull was nominated and elected assistant local chairman on Talla District. The boys on these districts will confer with these brothers relative to anything which will require adjustment; also if they have notes for publication in the journal.

Bro. R. L. Anderson is on thirty days' leave of absence. He took in the convention at Atlanta for a few days and reports having had a good time. Relieved by a Mr. Cahall.

Bro. E. E. Clark bid in the Phillipp agency.

Bro. W. W. Stumph, late of Greenwood, bid in Tunica agency.

Bro. Harris, the agent at Lake View, is laying off for a while. Relieved by Bro. Alexander, he being relieved by Mr. Holly, an extra agent and telegrapher. Understand Mr. Holly will later go to Glendora as agent temporarily until the position is filled on bulletin.

Telegrapher Humphreys got second trick at Greenwood on bulletin.

Bro. Sullins is holding third trick at Lake Cormorant while Bro. Hardin is on a short vacation.

Telegrapher Mitchell is doing the third trick stunt at West Junction. He is from the L. & N. Ry.

Bro. Parrish is holding down the second chair at West Junction.

Bro. Smith, third trick telegrapher at West Junction, died May 9th. We did not get the particulars from the terminal boys, but we understand that he died of consumption.

At the present writing Bro. Moore is absent attending the convention and also conferring with the Joint Rate Committee at Jackson, of which he is chairman.

Our genial traveling auditor, Mr. J. M. Peay, has a very solemn countenance these days, and when asked what is the matter he replies by saying: "Too many transfers." Brothers, this is a fact. The changes that have taken place on this division in the last month is something enormous. Your correspondent can learn of but few, and it is up to you boys to give us some dope as well as to locate the nons and get after them.

Div. Cor.

#### *Tennessee Division—*

While I have never been appointed correspondent, I am always glad to lend a helping hand in anything that will help the cause along. Being centrally located on the Tennessee Division, I should be able to gather some of what is going on. If there is any one on the division who is willing to help me, I would thank him to have all notes to me on or before the 20th of each month, in order that I may get them to press on schedule time.

Business is improving and it is time we were getting together and making suggestions as to what can be done to better our conditions, bearing in mind that all should give the best service possible.

Bro. Starkweather, the second trick man at Cairo ticket office, who recently married, has returned to work. Bro. Pearl, regular first trick man, held down second trick, and Bro. F. T. Nesmith, first trick at Cairo while Bro. Starkweather was off.

Bro. Hood, from Illinois Junction, has been off several weeks. Relieved by Bro. Bollinger, a newcomer from East St. Louis.

Bro. Woolridge, the second trick man at the ticket office, Fulton, Ky., is off a few days on account of sickness. Relieved by Extra Dispatcher Brown.

Our worthy brother, E. L. Mathis, agent at Greenfield, Tenn., who was elected delegate to the convention at Atlanta, has just returned, reporting everything carried out in fine shape. He was gone about ten days. First trick telegrapher. Bro. R. D. Hunt did the agency stunt while Bro. Mathis was off, and Bro. Scott relieved Bro. Hunt.

Bro. J. E. House is still on the extra board. He is now working as telegrapher at Medina, through the fruit season.

Bro. Stockdale, of Frogmoor, is laying off a few days, visiting home folks and relatives, and is being relieved by Telegrapher Piggott.

Bro. Hamilton, direct from Ripley, but formerly of Bolivar, has again bid the latter place permanently.

Bro. J. M. Graves is doing the agency stunt at Taylor while Bro. Turner is on vacation. Bro. Graves was relieved by Bro. Matthews, from Oxford.

It is rumored that the chief clerk from Jackson landed Dyersburg agency. We are unable to learn his name.

Bro. Byrns, from Mayfield, is relieving the ticket agent, Mr. Merwin, at Jackson, Tenn., for a few days.

The president, Mr. J. T. Harahan, has been passing over this division quite often lately. Do not know his exact mission, but suppose he is looking over the situation in general.

A correction and I will close: I wish to say that where I have previously used "Mr. Morris," it should have read Bro. Morris, and where I have used Bro. W. Maxwell, it should have been Mr. W. Maxwell.

I will try to keep this going the best I possibly can until some one else sees fit to relieve me, and anything you may send will be appreciated

O. T. BUFFALOW,  
Martin, Tenn.

#### *Louisville Division—*

As this division has had no correspondent for some time, I have been appointed division correspondent, and will endeavor to give a few items each month.

On March 18th the union depot at 7th and River burned. This caused the offices of the dispatcher and trainmaster to be moved to Kentucky Street. The telegraphers at Kentucky Street "RN" are now doing the telegraphing for the trainmaster and chief dispatcher. This makes the job a very hard one.

The dispatcher's office has been moved from Paducah to Princeton, which causes three telegraphers to be cut off. Understand Bro. Couch went to Central City, third trick. Am unable to say where other two men went.

We now have a complete telephone system from Louisville to Paducah. Trains are to be run by telephone in the near future. However, the telegraph instruments are still in service.

Bro. G. R. Jacobs is off on a thirty days' vacation, having gone to North Dakota to take up government land.

Bro. D. E. Young, who has been out of the service for the last four years, has been re-employed, and is relieving Bro. Jacobs as second telegrapher at Kentucky Street. We are glad to have Bro. Young with us again, and hope he will not have the misfortune to lose out any more.

Bro. Bill Stewart, has left "UD" dispatcher's office, nights, to do extra agent's work. He is now working at Whitesville, having been relieved at "UD" by Bro. Beard.

Bro. Ed Rowe, at West Point, has a new launch, and invites all the boys to take a trip on the Ohio.

Bro. J. O. Doyle, second trick at Horse Branch, is off, sick. Bro. J. L. Newman is relieving him.

Second trick at "JA," Louisville, is vacant. Bro. Gray is working there until the vacancy is filled. Bro. Long has been re-employed, and is working third trick at Tip Top.

Bro. C. B. Williamson, agent at Vine Grove, took a few days' vacation, being relieved by Bro. Penner. Bro. Penner recently resigned to go into business at Vine Grove. We wish him success.

Bro. H. B. Romans, who has been agent at Caneyville for past four years, has resigned to go with the M. & O. Bro. C. G. Rodman, from Graham, is now agent at Caneyville.

The position of division agent is vacant. It is rumored that Bro. Sloan, agent at Leitchfield, will get the job.

I am not familiar with the changes on Paducah district, and if the boys will send me all the news they can secure same will be published each month. As business is very heavy in this office at present time, am unable to secure any more happenings in time to be published in this month's journal. Will try to do better next month.

"CS."

#### *Chicago Division—*

A meeting of the Chicago Division of System Division No. 93, was held at Gilman, Ill., May 8th, ten members being present, and Chief Telegrapher Searl presiding.

While ten members is seemingly a small attendance, yet when we consider the inconvenience most of us are put to in order to attend these meetings, we must admit that even an attendance of ten or twelve members is a pretty good showing. Let us hope that the attendance will not fall below that number, and let each and every one do his best to be present at the meetings. It has occurred to the writer that a few brothers have in times past been somewhat disappointed or grieved at some particular action taken by the members as a body, or at some ruling of the chairman, on certain questions appertaining in some degree to said member's personal welfare, and on account of their being unable to get rulings directly in accordance with their ideas, have taken serious objections either to the chairman or the Order as a body and have, in consequence, either refused to attend meetings or pay dues, thereby weakening the strength of the brotherhood and causing dissensions that should be avoided, and would not occur if each and every one would carefully consider the welfare of the membership as a whole instead of his own petty self. Let us endeavor to avoid the smaller things and look forward to the greatest good to the greatest number.

Bro. Pendergast secured Weedman agency and Bro. Zumwalt the first trick at Farmer City on bulletin.

Bro. Bough has resigned Galton agency to accept extra work as relief agent.

Young Mr. Woods secured third trick at Farmer City on bulletin.

Bro. C. O. Stone, of Paxton first trick, is on ninety-day vacation; relieved by Bro. R. C. Spangle, a new man.

Bro. Thomas Powers, of Irwin, is enjoying a vacation of thirty days, taking in the sights around New Orleans. We do not know who relieved him.

The third trick at Champaign was bid in by Bro. L. L. Bosley, of Tolono, and the first trick at Tolono, made vacant by Bro. Bosley's advancement was bid in by Bro. Newman, of Monee.

Bro. B. E. Hull, of Otto, is taking fifteen days leave of absence; relieved by Mr. E. A. Axton, regular second trick man, who was relieved by Bro. J. E. Wolf.

Bro. F. Dougan, of Chebanse has resumed his duty as agent after being absent thirty days.

Bro. E. J. Wolf, of Clifton is off for a thirty days leave of absence, being relieved by Bro. Madison.

Bro. Madox, formerly of Paxton, bid in night position in the dispatcher's office at Kankakee. Paxton is being filled by Bro. J. E. Wolf while on bulletin.

It is understood that our old correspondent, now at Cooksville, has turned loose and is now running a ham factory at that place. We are sorry for this, as we are always sorry to see any old-timer turn traitor and show the white feather. Who would have thought it from one who has heretofore seemingly been so over-zealous in our cause. Come, Brother, be a man among men, and lend your good influence where it will bring about good for yourself and others of your profession. You have only a small station and your work can not justify your course in taking in a student.

Bro. Crannel, at Tolono, who has been holding down first trick temporarily, is now back on second trick, which is his regular position.

Farina station is open for bids. Agents should not overlook the superintendent's letter of March 30th, and adhere closely to the instructions set forth in this letter, as the above vacancy has occurred from the cause outlined therein. Whatever the outcome may be, Bro. Hebron and his estimable little wife have the sympathy of the entire brotherhood.

Bro. McKnight, of Melvin, who has been off a few days, made a short trip to Ft. Worth, Texas; relieved by Mr. R. J. McCann, of Chestnut, Ill.

We received nice bunch of items from Brother Hull, of Otto and Bro. Stone, of Paxton, this month, for which we are truly thankful. Others should fall in line and keep the correspondent informed.

J. F. C.

#### *Omaha and Cherokee Divisions—*

A regular meeting of the Cherokee-Omaha Division was held at Ft. Dodge, Iowa, on the evening of April 26. About fifty-five members were present. The meeting was called to order by Chief Telegrapher Hill. He was assisted by Secretary-Treasurer S. P. Farley, First Vice Chief Telegrapher M. A. Penny, Second Vice Chief Telegrapher



E. E. Empie, and Past Chief Telegrapher C. E. Brace.

On account of the Cherokee and Omaha Divisions now being under one superintendent, it was decided to consolidate the Omaha and Cherokee locals, and that Ft. Dodge be the meeting place. Meetings will be held at least once each month, the date to be set by the chief telegrapher, who will notify all members in good standing by U. S. mail, so there will be no chance for the old excuse, "Did not know there was going to be a meeting," or "I thought it was next week."

If the members continue to turn out as well as they did at the last meeting, there is no doubt but what we can awaken enough interest in the membership to land what few nons we have scattered along the line.

Find out if the man with whom you are working and the men on both sides of you are up to date. If not, get them lined up and that will fix us 100 per cent strong. The way not only this, but every other division should be.

Bro. E. A. Laipple, Ackley, off a few nights; relieved by Bro. C. W. Krell.

Bro. E. E. Richardson resumed work at Knierim. Bro. Fear returned to Alden, relieving Bro. Wightman, who went to Macy.

Bros. Empie and Smith, at Webster City, had to double over a few days, as Telegrapher French was called away on account of sickness.

Bro. C. E. Brace, of Rockwell City, has resigned; Bro. Harker, of Gypsum, is temporarily relieved, until the position is bulletined. Bro. Harker was relieved by Bro. Linskey. This puts Telegrapher Wiggs, of "N" office, Arion, to work at Gypsum.

Bro. M. A. Penny, of Denison, is off duty a few days; relieved by a Mr. Loetz, from Wall Lake, nights.

M. O'Bannon, the helper from Woodbine, is relieving at Wall Lake nights.

Bro. C. G. Anderson, second trick dispatcher at Cherokee, is on a ten-day leave of absence.

Bro. L. J. Mooney is relieving Bro. C. G. Anderson at Cherokee.

Bro. H. B. Olsen, of Storm Lake, is relieving Bro. Mooney at "DS" office, Cherokee.

Bro. F. W. Hobbs is working second trick at yard office, Sioux City.

It is learned that Bro. Francois at Meriden is the leading man in a local theatrical company forming there, and is meeting with success.

It is rumored that Alta is to have a new cement block depot. This is certainly needed.

The Government has ordered fifty cars of rock from East Sioux Falls. This will keep Bro. Miller busy for a while.

Bro. C. H. Smith, of Oto, is at Sioux City, where he took his wife to the hospital for an operation.

Mr. F. J. Meyers is relief at Oto.

The wire has been cut back into Ben Clare station.

Bro. A. J. Hoskins, formerly at Alta, is now located at Valley, Washington, as agent, and would be glad to hear from any of the boys.

Mr. M. L. French was called to Calumet, Iowa, on account of the serious illness of his mother, who passed away May 2d, at 1:30 a. m. Bros. Smith and Empie had to double over during French's absence account of the scarcity of telegraphers.

Bro. Fear has returned to Alden, his regular station, on account of Bro. Richardson returning to work at Knierim. Bro. Richardson was away on a four-months' leave of absence.

Bro. Wigg, agent at Williams, has returned from a short vacation spent in Dakota, where he has land interests. He reports everything lovely and he may some day start farming where he can make more than a living.

CERT. 144.

### Indianapolis Southern Ry.

Mr. E. C. Russell, our chief dispatcher, had the misfortune to lose his father on March 31st, who died at his home in Indianapolis. Burial took place at La Fayette, Ind. (the old homestead), on Friday, April 2d. Mr. Russell has the heartfelt sympathy of the Indianapolis Southern telegraphers in his bereavement. The telegraphers contributed liberally to the amount collected to obtain a floral offering.

Mr. J. G. Shepherd was relieved at Stoy, March 27th, by Bro. McCord. He went to Indianapolis.

Mr. J. G. Shepherd, extra, relieved F. E. Richie, agent at Bargsville, Ind., ending bulletin March 31st.

Telegrapher F. G. Creach is working extra, third trick at Linton, pending bulletin.

Bro. Glass, of Solsberry, was off duty March 30th, and with his family spent the day in Indianapolis.

Bargsville agency, and Linton third trick, were bulletined March 31st.

Bro. B. B. Small, the agent at Dugger, secured Bargsville on bulletin and withdrew, which gave it to Bro. Glass, of Solsberry.

Bro. Sherrill, nights, at Morgantown, was off duty April 11th and 12th. He was relieved by Bro. McCord.

The day telegrapher at Stoy has been pulled off on account of slack business, which leaves Bro. Fox to do the telegraphing.

F. M. Mathews is working second trick at Sullivan, temporarily, while J. Melton is laying off.

Bro. W. E. Wood, first trick at Palestine, was off duty a few days during the first part of April; relieved by Bro. McCord. We understand that Bro. Wood visited relatives.

Bro. J. S. Milan, agent at Helmsburg, is taking sixty days off, beginning April 10th; relieved by Bro. H. Shepherd, who has been off duty sick. Bro. Milan went to Oklahoma to visit his parents.

Bro. A. H. Howard, regular second trick man at Linton, who was off for thirty days, has resigned. We have not been able to learn Bro. Howard's intentions.

One trick at Dugger was pulled off April 1st, on account of slack business, which now makes it

a twelve-hour job for the night man. It has been closed, days, as a telegraph office.

Bro. Glass, of Solsberry, and Bro. Warnick, of Victoria, spent Sunday, April 11th, at Dugger.

It is understood that our new local chairman, Bro. Calvert, of Sullivan, refused to act. Have not heard particulars.

Bro. Warnick, the agent at Victoria, was the successful applicant for the third trick at Linton. Has not been relieved at Victoria at this writing.

Solsberry agency bulletined April 11th, and Victoria agency bulletined April 12th.

Linton, second trick, bulletined April 17th.

Bro. Glass and family, of Solsberry went to Bargsville, Sunday, April 18th, to locate a house.

Bro. G. D. Clements, the agent at Bloomfield, was off about a week the latter part of March; relieved by Bro. G. D. Sherrill, night man at Morgantown. We have been unable to learn what called Bro. Clements away.

Mr. J. Meltonback is working second trick at Sullivan.

Mr. F. M. Mathews to Palestine, second trick, to relieve Mr. Chas. Christman on account of sickness.

Bro. I. F. Harris, agent at Francis, off two or three days the latter part of April. Relieved by Bro. McCord.

Bro. F. A. Bales, agent at Anita, gets Solsberry agency. Do not know who gets second trick at Linton.

Bro. H. Shepherd, acting agent at Helmsburg, was the successful applicant for Victoria.

Telegrapher Creach worked at Morgantown a few nights during the latter part of March, while Bro. Sherrill relieved Bro. Clements.

Bro. H. N. Wentz, the agent at Morgantown, was off three days during the latter part of March, visiting relatives in Bluffton, Ind. Bro. Sherrill, the night man, relieved him, and Mr. Creach, extra, relieved Bro. Sherrill.

The last meeting held on the I. S. was at Linton, Ind., June 21st, 1908. It seems that we could have a few meetings and stir up interest among the boys. There is getting to be an awful lot of nons on the line, and unless we get together and do something there will soon be nothing else. Linton is the best place on the road to hold meetings. The boys from the south end can arrive there at 7:55 p. m., and from the north at 8:15 p. m., and return on Nos. 51 and 52 that night or wait for Nos. 32 and 33 next morning.

I have now learned that Bro. Clements, local chairman, is arranging for a meeting at Linton, in the near future, as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made for a hall, etc.

About the first of April, I sent to each station on the I. S. a letter asking each one to make a note of the changes taking place at his station and send them to me. A glance over the above items will show that several changes have been made during the month of April, and had it not been for Bros. Young and Evans at "Q," Indianapolis and Sherrill, at Morgantown, the write-up for this month would have been slim, in-

deed. I do not think there is a man on the road that has any more work to do than Bro. Young, still he has found time to keep track of the changes that have come to his notice, and tell me about them, and to him we are indebted for about two-thirds of these items. If the rest of the fellows would take a little interest in this we would have a nice write-up in the journal each month. I hope to receive more items in the future from the boys along the line.

CORRESPONDENT.

### Chicago Great Western Ry.

#### Eastern Division—

We did not notice any write-up in last month's journal. This was caused by the writer being away on account of sickness, and not getting the news to the editor in time. We will see that this does not occur again, however.

Wouldn't it be a good plan for each member on this division to endeavor to send the local chairman at least one news item each month. Let's try this and note the results.

Bro. Obrine, of Fairgrounds, has been taking a few days' vacation, and visiting his mother in Marshalltown, Ia. He was relieved by Telegrapher Maynard.

Bro. J. A. Phillips has resumed duty as second trick man at Bolten.

Telegrapher R. C. Chinn was the successful applicant for the third trick at Kent.

Bro. J. P. Wownie bid in second trick at Pearl City, and resumed his duties there the 15th, after taking a few days' vacation visiting friends at Chicago.

Bro. E. Jackson, who was working relief at Pearl City while same was bulletined, has bid in the agency at Esmond.

Bro. N. H. Cornel, of Pearl City, was taking in the sights at Dubuque after pay day.

Telegrapher Robinson bid in third trick at Elizabeth.

Bro. R. D. Keys bid in the second trick at Rice.

Telegrapher Mayard bid in the second trick at Farley.

Bro. F. Peters is working third trick at Graf, and Mr. Harris has second trick there, which he received on bulletin.

We are glad to see many of the nons lining up. Keep after them and it will be but a short time until we are solid on this end. Send the names of all nons to your local chairman, who will try his hand in landing them.

Gretna has been closed between 2:30 a. m. and 7:30 a. m., cutting out the third trick man, making it a two-man station.

Clare has been closed, nights, making it twelve hours for Bro. Consgrave.

We are very sorry to learn of the death of Mrs. McLaughlin, mother of Bros. V. B. and Joe McLaughlin, and a sister of Bro. E. R. Clay, of Lily Lake. The brothers have the heartfelt sympathy of all.

Our detective, Prindenville, succeeded in landing some of the car thieves who have been robbing the merchandise cars on Nos. 61 and 73 all winter, between Chicago and So. Elmhurst.

#### LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

#### Southwest Division—

Mr. A. C. Crabtree drew the agency at Norwood on bulletin No. 48.

Mr. E. J. Stimm is relieving Bro. Judd, first trick at Marshalltown; Bro. L. M. Wilson, second trick, and Bro. S. H. Stephenson, third trick.

The second trick telegrapher at Baxter has been taken off. Bro. J. A. Small going to third trick at Valeria.

The night office at Fairbank has been closed, Bro. C. H. Everitt doing the relief act at Berlin. Bro. C. A. Scarborough has taken third trick at Peru.

Bro. H. H. Hilfinger has accepted a position in the city office at Kansas City, Kan.

Bro. H. F. King is relieving Mr. L. G. Nuzum at Gladbrook, and Bro. C. F. McCall is pulling the levers on third trick.

One telegrapher has been taken off at Reinbeck. This caught Bro. E. A. Bertholf, who is now enjoying a visit at his home in Winterset, Ia.

Bros. Judd and Reed, who went to Canada to buy land, are reported to be on the way home.

Mr. J. R. Wright drew the agency at Valeria.

Bro. J. V. Goin drew third trick at Diagonal.

Bro. H. W. Howe, one of the old-timers, is agent at Green Mountain.

Bro. C. F. McCall, of the Grand Division, and Bro. H. H. Hilfinger, of Division No. 128, transferred to our division last month.

It is rumored that Bro. N. C. Iles, of Afton Jct., has left the service of the company.

Bro. Phumphy, of Leavenworth, has entered the service of C. R. Berry, A. G. F. A., at St. Joseph. Bro. Sandemeir is relieving him until position is bulletined.

Bro. J. A. Langan, telegrapher in "FD" office, St. Joe, with his wife and daughter, attended the convention at Atlanta. He also visited several other points of interest in the sunny South.

Bro. A. L. Coleman, our local chairman, attended the convention at Atlanta as delegate. On his return he and his wife will visit a few days at his old home in Cairo, and Anna, Ill. This being his first visit in twenty-three years.

We are pleased to note the interest shown for the O. R. T. by our hustling Sister Mrs. C. A. VanSant, third trick at Leavenworth, also Bro. L. M. Wilson, assistant local chairman at Marshalltown. I think all brothers should make it a point to make organizers of themselves and try and make the division solid. Brothers, let's put our shoulders to the wheel, each one picking out a non and trying to land him, as we want to be solid when the committee goes in this fall.

The writer wishes to thank the brothers for the news sent him. Send me all the news so we can have a write-up every month.

L. M. W.

#### Ft. Dodge Division—

Bro. W. H. Mooney has been transferred from the second trick at Hampton to the second trick at Carroll.

L. J. Pion secured second trick at Hampton.

Telegrapher P. D. Bugle, of Somers, was off duty a few days last month. He was relieved by Telegrapher L. J. Pelti.

Bro. McClintock, of Carroll, relieved Bro. Bice, of Lanesboro, last month. Bro. Bice was on the sick list for two weeks, but has now resumed duty.

Bro. Hodges has appointed me division correspondent, and I want to make it a go, but must have assistance, so please send news to me at Rinard.

CERT. 200.

#### Northwest Division—

During May the C. G. W. time tables underwent a severe change. Several trains were discontinued and a few new ones put on.

Stanton has been opened as a night block office, and Telegrapher L. J. Green has charge.

Telegrapher Gunvalson, who held third trick at McIntire for some time, has left the service.

Bro. C. Judd, second trick at Hampton, was quite ill for a week, but was not compelled to lay off.

Bro. E. C. Hodges, general secretary and treasurer, was the successful bidder on the agency at Belmond, and was installed there regularly May 7th.

Telegrapher Adams, formerly of Coates, after working a few weeks at Vlasaty went to Hampton, third trick, relieving Telegrapher McCullum.

Mr. O. Peterson relieved Telegrapher Adams at Vlasaty.

The Northwest Division has increased 11 per cent in membership within the past ninety days. This is a better increase than this division has shown before in its history. That local chairman of ours is fast with the lasso, and if he keeps in the whirl and at the gait he has taken, we predict a complete roping-in of all eligible nons on the division.

Bro. A. Whitcraft, agent at Taopi, is back to work again. Telegraphers Maxfield and Jenkins are on their regular tricks, and Bro. J. C. McCall has been transferred to Sumner, third trick.

Telegrapher Congdon, third trick at Sumner, is taking a vacation, being relieved by Bro. J. C. McCall.

Bro. Berresford, of Hayfield, was off a few weeks; relieved by Telegrapher W. A. Allen.

Bro. McElrath took a short lay-off on Bro. Berresford return to Hayfield.

Skyburg was closed as a night block office when the new time card took effect.

Telegrapher E. L. Johnson relieved Telegrapher McCulum on third trick at Dodge Center.

Bro. Foreman, first trick at Hayfield, went to Randolph on a fishing excursion with Telegrapher E. F. Green, an old-timer here.

Telegrapher Lewis, who has had the State street yard office for some time, has left the service, and Telegrapher Armstrong, formerly of Hayfield, has the yard office.

Div. Cor.

### Seaboard Air Line Ry.

#### *Fifth Division—*

A regular meeting was held in Savannah, April 25th, with an average attendance. Matters of considerable importance were discussed and disposed of. A spirit of aggressiveness was displayed by those present, and it is believed that a strong effort will be made to eliminate the non, or at least, reduce him to an unnoticeable minimum.

The meeting was addressed thirty minutes by Mr. C. S. Patten, our trainmaster, and many things relating to our duties were touched upon by him. He sought to elucidate the standard rules, especially those relating to the handling of train orders, train-order signals (red flag and light), semaphores, etc. No doubt Mr. Patten's talk will prove beneficial to those who were present.

As before stated, our local chairman will have other of our officials address the membership at our monthly meetings when convenient.

It is, of course, understood that the purpose of our Order is to promote and maintain a high grade of efficiency among the membership, as much so as to advance its interests in the way of salary increases and better working conditions, and it is with that end in view that our railway officials are asked to address our meetings on timely topics relating to the every-day routine duties of the members of the O. R. T.

So far as we have been able to learn, Bro. A. F. Fanning, of Abbeville, was the only member from the Fifth Division who attended the convention in Atlanta. We had hoped that quite a number would attend, as no doubt they would had they been able to obtain relief.

Mr. M. E. Graham has again entered the service, and has been installed as agent at Coney. Miss McRae, whom Mr. Graham relieved, has left the service.

J. L. Jones has been installed as agent at Union, vice W. G. Barnes.

Miss Georgia Anderson goes to Preston, relieving Alex. Cobb.

Bro. D. C. Smith, of Ocilla, has been elected a member of the board of education of Irwin County.

Understand the "Dixie Telegraph Institute," located at Abbeville, has "kerflummoxed" and dried up. The erstwhile "Professor" Rudd has expressed a desire to renew his membership in the Order. We certainly have little to fear from schools of this character.

Bro. H. Griffin, of Hagan, has recently invested in a new Oliver and a swell typewriter table.

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LEMON SPRINGS, N. C., May 23, '09.

#### *To all members Second Division—*

Please mail me at once a list of all nons working in your territory on this division of the Seaboard

Air Line Railway. Also the names and addresses of all newcomers to your territory, non or member, and if a member, state division he is from that I may have him transferred to this division. Our next regular meeting will be held in the Hamlet Hotel, Hamlet, room 62, over the lobby, third Saturday night in July. We trust all members with up-to-date cards will attend this meeting.

W. L. MOORE,

*Local Chairman.*

Bro. Glass has been on an excursion; relieved by Telegrapher Wrenn, of Ruffin, N. C.

Bro. Baucome, of Cary, enjoyed South Carolina atmosphere for a few days in May.

Bro. Wrenn, of Apex, was relieved by his brother, Carter, while he enjoyed a few days' rest during the latter part of May.

Bro. Thomas was present at the last meeting.

Bro. Muse Cameron seems to have organized a professional baseball team at Vass or Cameron for the season.

Sauls, Johnson Street, has relieved Bishop at Hamlet, Bishop going to Wingate.

Nearly all the members were gratified to see Bro. Marsh, of Marshville, out to the meeting in May.

Bro. Milliken, of Clarkton, says things on the C. C. east are getting in better shape.

The correspondent would like very much to hear from Bro. Rowe at Middendorf and Bro. Ledbetter at Camden.

Bro. Guess, of Method, went over to Monroe, a few days ago.

Bro. Baucome, of Cary, took a trip home, then to Blaney, then to Charlotte and back to Cary. Relieved by Telegrapher Carter Wrenn.

Bro. N. C. Hines, of Cary, has been elected cashier of the bank of Cary. This same brother was elected mayor of his town in May, by a large majority. This shows that our men can do something else besides hammer a telegraph key, and it also shows that the public realizes the fact.

Bro. N. E. Hughes, from the Atlantic Coast Line, has been placed at Sanford, third trick.

We hope all the members will make a special effort to tax the nons with questions and invitations between now and June 1st, or always thereafter until they see their way to join us.

The local chairman, Bro. Moore, at Lemon Springs is very anxious that all members let him have a complete list of nons in their territory at once. Bro. Moore is doing some very hard work, and it is our duty to assist him as far as possible.

Get lively and enjoy the protection of your order by getting all within and then go to the meetings in Hamlet.

Watch yourself and see that the merchant gets the cash for nothing but the union label goods. It pays.

Div. Cor.

**S. P. L. A. & S. L. Ry.**

Bro. Frank Geiger, of Afton, Calif., was elected delegate to the convention at Atlanta from this division. We congratulate ourselves on having so good a man on the job.

Mr. M. C. Keefe, Washington, D. C., Inspector Interstate Commerce Commission of the Block and Train Control Board, is in this locality, investigating the hours of service and other matters pertaining to the laws which went into effect March, 1908. Expect to see him later and will, perhaps, be able to give you something of interest next month.

Bro. G. L. Stafford, the agent at Arden, Nev., is laying off on account of sickness. Relieved by J. N. Grandee, second trick at Kelso, and he was, in turn, relieved by Mr. Eden.

Bro. A. W. Hayes, from the general office at Salt Lake, to Las Vegas, and later to Garfield, Utah, on account of a reduction in force at first-named place.

Bro. C. H. Dailey, who was formerly editor of a Salt Lake paper is now proprietor of a newspaper at Milford, Utah. Though Bro. Dailey has not been in the telegraph service for a number of years, he keeps up to date and says he is going to continue doing so. Here's hoping for his success in the new venture.

There have been a number of changes among the brothers on the Salt Lake Division of late, but have not the exact "dope" at hand. Wish the brothers would advise me of what's doing in that neck of the woods, so that items of interest to them can appear in THE TELEGRAPHER.

Orange shipments have begun to the East, resulting in a number of extra trains over the system. Trust the boys are all "hitting the ball," as delays to these trains are costly.

Have received a number of letters from brothers in the East inquiring the conditions on this road and the demand for telegraphers. Have been obliged to tell them, that while conditions are good, there is a great surplus of telegraphers throughout the West.

L. R. TUTTLE,  
G. S. & T.

**D., S. S. & A. Ry.***Western Division—*

Mr. H. G. Lytle, agent at Ewen, off on a vacation; relieved by regular relief agent, Mr. Ed Schulse.

Bro. M. J. Clossey has resumed duty as agent at Trout Creek, after spending fifteen days in Lower Michigan.

Wish all the brothers on the West End would take a lively interest in obtaining items for the journal, so that we may have a good write-up from this division every month. Send all items to Bro. L. R. Brown, division correspondent, Republic, Mich.

"CS."

*Mackinaw Division—*

Everything is apparently moving along nicely on the Mack Division and business seems to be about the same along the pike as it was last month.

Bro. Thos. Cathers, formerly of Trout Lake, is now on the Soo Line at Buffalo, Minn. Bro. Don Levy says he will be quitting about the 20th. Sorry to see these boys leaving us. We wish them good luck wherever they may go.

There are still a few nons on our division and some who are in arrears. Let us all take hold and see what we can do on the Mack Division. Every one of us should be interested in the matter of being solid.

Would like a few notes each month from some of the boys on Mack Division. Send them to the local chairman and he will see that they reach our correspondent.

A BROTHER.

*Houghton Division—*

I have not received an item this month. The members must work with me if they wish a write-up to appear monthly, as it is impossible for me to keep in touch with all that is going on along the line.

A bulletin has just been received covering the agency at Dollar Bay.

We understand that a station is to be opened at Herman in the near future, Mr. L. B. Preston, of Summit, taking the position. We are unable to say who goes to Summit.

Bro. L. R. Brown, agent at Republic, is expecting relief the latter part of May, and plans a trip through Lower Michigan and Ohio.

Ore shipping has commenced and business is brisk around the iron country. Several extra crews are working "around the horn" at present.

"RA."

**Toledo & Ohio Central Ry.**

Bro. Niles, second trick man at Marysville, was off three days; relieved by Telegrapher D. H. Clement.

Bro. H. A. Scott at Findlay freight house, was off duty a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. P. L. Beightler.

Bro. R. F. Gordon, second trick at Bowling Green, off duty about two weeks; relieved by Bro. P. L. Beightler. Later Bro. Beightler was relieved at that point to relieve Bro. C. W. Sheldon at Dundridge, as Telegrapher Clement was not able to handle the agent's work at Dundridge.

Telegrapher H. E. Perry, former agent at Centertown, relieved Bro. C. E. Johnson at Kenton, to allow Bro. Johnson to attend the grand convention at Atlanta.

Telegrapher P. E. Ebert, from the dispatchers' office at Columbus, off a few days; relieved by Bro. C. L. Bogart, from Corning. Unable to say who relieved Bro. Bogart.

Bro. J. S. Dilger, the second trick man at Thurston, is off a few days, relieved by Telegrapher D. H. Clement.

Bro. G. T. McMahon, one of our old members, struck by the panic of 1907, writes that he is now working for the Northern Pacific at Livingston, Montana.

Bro. Shelhouse, second trick at Fostoria, has purchased a camera and embarked in the photograph business.

Telegrapher DeVore, first trick at Thurston, spent Sunday evening, May 2, at Columbus.

Extra Telegrapher Rinehart is relieving agent at New Riegel few days.

Bro. Wiseman, second trick Whitmore, spent one day at Spore, April 30th.

Professor Fisher (FH) office, Toledo, got confused while getting a 31 form order completed and gave Bro. Chandler's name as conductor. Bro. Chandler is the third trick telegrapher at Whitmore.

Bro. Chandler spent Sunday, May 16th, at Mermill, visiting friends. Extra Telegrapher Messmore is working second trick at Whitmore, while Bro. Wiseman is taking ten days vacation.

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### M. St. P. & S. S. M. Ry.

#### Winnipeg Division—

Our local chairman, Bro. T. E. Crandell, of Bisbee, was recently on a five days' trip, endeavoring to line up some of the desirable nons.

L. C. Pearson, who has been agent at Fairdale since that station was opened, is leaving the service to go with the Grand Trunk. We all notice he does not seek employment with a non-scheduled road, and we trust the Grand Trunk boys will teach him a lesson that the G. T. R. R. is not a line for nons.

Claude Chaffee, who has been agent at Conway for the past year, has left the service and is going into business at Kramer. Mr. Philstrom is working temporarily until an assignment is made.

Bro. A. B. Clausen has left Alvarado and gone to Wahkon, Minn., as agent. Bro. Cline is acting agent at Alvarado until the assignment is made.

Bro. L. W. Moon, the agent at Radium, has been enjoying a three weeks' vacation, being relieved by Mr. Philstrom.

Bro. J. B. Schaefer, who has been agent at Alsen for the past two year, has been transferred to Brooks, Minn., as agent. Bro. Schaefer deserves a change after sticking at Alsen as long as he did. Mr. H. Kiefer is the present agent.

Bro. Heineke, agent Tolley, will be in his new depot soon, and will have a new home to live in.

It looks as if the majority of agents and telegraphers on this line were leaving, some going into other business, some to other roads and some farming. It is the opinion of the writer that most of us would gladly leave the service if we had the wherewith to go on.

We expect to see our worthy general chairman, Bro. G. W. Lewis, return from the South and renew his efforts to make this road the best of 'em' all.

Our road is a small one, but with the extensive building and the addition of the Wisconsin Central as a part of the Soo Line, why should it not be a good idea to put Bro. Lewis on a salary as other lines are doing. A general chairman can

accomplish more by devoting all his time to the work.

I have a plan to suggest. Suppose the members be assessed a certain amount each month; say 50c or even \$1.00, we could keep Bro. Lewis on the line all the time and the good that he would accomplish would more than repay us.

I have only stated this briefly and would like to hear what others have to say on the subject. Let us start this among the members and see what they think about it.

Bro. Chapman will act as division correspondent and we will all act as assistants, so hereafter please send him all the news you can before the 25th of the month.

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### Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Ry.

#### East Iowa Division—

It is with sorrow that I am called upon to chronicle the death of Mr. O. J. Miller, chief dispatcher of the West Iowa Division. Mr. Miller had not been in good health for some time, but had continued working until he was taken seriously ill with pneumonia a few days before his death, which occurred at 3:10 a. m. Wednesday, April 21. The interment was at Des Moines on Friday, April 23, and was attended by a very large company of railroad men, with whom Mr. Miller had been associated during his many years' career on the railroad. The floral offerings were many and very beautiful. The office force in Des Moines gave a large floral piece with the following wording: "31, Complete, 3:10 a. m., O. J. M.," while the other employes and telegraphers along the line gave a large floral piece representing "Gates Ajar." Surely, God moves in a mysterious way.

Bro. L. L. Davenport is filling the vacancy in the agent's sanctum sanctorum at Valley Junction at present.

Bro. D. W. Yates, third man at Newton, is visiting his parents in Peoria, Ill., and taking a little rest.

Mrs. W. A. Thompson, the wife of our genial agent at Metz, has gone on an all-summer's visit to New York.

Telegrapher Teeters, of Kellogg, has been away on account of the sickness of his mother; understand she is improving, which is good news.

I hereby tender my thanks to all the boys for re-electing me chairman for another term, but I still insist that a good thing should be passed around, especially if it has honor attached to it. I also thank you for electing me representative.

Bro. Hall, second trick at Iowa City, is visiting in Seattle, Wash. We expect him back before long.

Bro. W. P. Masters, formerly at Iowa City, is now located at Underwood, Iowa. He has quit the railroad business and says he is making much more money running a general store, and getting some good out of life, too.

Bro. Plumley was in Topeka last month, serving on the auditing committee, appointed to go

over Bro. Schooler's books. The committee found everything in first-class shape. The writer had a whack at this work last year and can vouch for the first-class part of it.

We sympathize with Bro. Geiger and wife, of Grinnell, in the loss of their baby, but realize that sympathy amounts to little in such a misfortune.

Turnout office, Atalissa nights, and third trick at Walcott have been closed.

Gangs of men are busy putting in the new automatic block and telephone system on the East Iowa, and understand the block and 'phone are both to be working by July 1st.

V. B. Davis, formerly at West Liberty, is now working nights at Elmira.

Bro. Stebbens, second at Victor, has been up in Dakota looking after his homestead.

Guy Richter, the quite fleshy and always good natured Guy, has invested in Colfax town lots. We look for Guy to become one of those bloated real estate owners in the near future.

GEO. H. MEIER.

#### Kansas Division—

Mr. R. F. Turnell relieved Bro. Barlar, at Caldwell. Did not learn what Bro. Barlar's plans were for the future.

Bro. Rudrow has returned to work at Alma after a short vacation.

Bro. J. H. Clayton, Alta Vista, third trick, is taking a short vacation, being relieved by Bro. E. B. Cowell, a new brother among us. He is just from the East.

Mr. W. E. Stewart is the new agent at Wabunsee, which position he got on bulletin.

We are glad to see the smiling face of Bro. E. F. Pipkin with us again, after an absence of a few months. He is doing the relief stunt at present, having been at Alta Vista, Holton, etc.

Bro. C. L. Johnson has been transferred to Clyde nights, relieving Mr. Peebles.

Mr. H. M. Zirkle bid in the Riley agency. Did not learn where Bro. Harris is going.

Zeandale was closed a few days this month, owing to the death of Bro. Huggins' little three-year-old boy. Bro. Huggins has the heartfelt sympathy of all.

Business is reported good on the Clay Center line by Bro. M. L. Logan, assistant local chairman.

O. E. Bonecutter, agent, and Bro. W. R. Phares, second trick at Maple Hill, are taking a few weeks vacation and camping out along the roaring waters of Mill Creek, near Vera. Their object in so doing is to angle for the finny tribe. As they are both "expert" fishermen, it would not be hard to guess the results.

Bro. Barlar, first trick at Caldwell, was laid up for three weeks during March with small pox.

H. G. Henery, second trick at Caldwell, was up to Wichita April 7 to see the ball game between the Chicago White Sox and the Wichita Jobbers. Mr. Henery is from the "Q." St. Joe Division.

H. N. Anderson has been appointed agent at Pearl, vice E. H. Kahle, resigned.

N. F. Shipper has been appointed agent at Elmont, vice W. P. Grimes, transferred.

I am at a loss to understand why it should be necessary to keep hammering at the nons all the time. It seems to me that they would get their eyes open and see which side their bread is buttered on. Unionism is the only salvation we have, and the sooner the telegraphers realize this the better we will be off. Other trades are solid, why can not the telegraphers line up likewise?

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

#### Dakota Division—

Pay your dues for the term ending Dec. 31.

The notes from this division could be greatly increased if the members would send in what items they could get. If they want a write-up every month, it will be necessary that they assist the correspondent by sending in items. I am not in a position to find out all the changes and other items of interest.

I notice a few have not paid dues for the current term. Do not hold back. Dues should be paid at least one month in advance and thus always have an up-to-date card.

There are a number of nons on the division. Don't expect the local chairman, to get them all in. He has station duties to perform, the same as any other member. Get busy. We must have a solid front.

Last month our items did not reach the printer in time to be published.

Bro. Finch, of Ellsworth, was called to his home at Clinton on account of the sickness of his parents.

Agent Wm. Mitchell recently visited his old home at Fayette, Iowa, a few days. Guy Tunlailo relieved him.

E. P. Hilton, formerly first trick at Sibley, bid in Granite station, on bulletin. Bro. A. R. Bixby, of Reading, relieved him. Understand Bro. Bixby has a bid in for this position.

Bro. L. A. Heintz, of Harris, has just returned from a three weeks' vacation, spent at his home, in Independence, and at Dubuque, visiting relatives.

Ex-Agent W. P. Wolfe is relieving E. D. Smith, who is spending a week in Wisconsin.

The new hotel at Orleans burned on May 15, being totally destroyed. Understand a new and better one will be built at once.

Another hotel has been opened at Okoboji, and is run by Mr. Edwards, agent. All facilities for fishing, boating, etc., are complete, and was opened May 15.

The depot at Estherville burned May 18. This building has caught fire a number of times before, but had always escaped with but little damage, until the date mentioned, when it was totally destroyed. At present a box car is being used for a freight and ticket office and a coach for a waiting room. A new depot will be erected at once and it will undoubtedly be a modern structure.

Let's have more news for our next write-up.

L. C.

*Colorado Division—*

Bro. Cowan, from the D. & R. G. Ry. has been assigned the second trick at Norton, vice E. J. McCarty, resigned.

Mr. F. A. Brown relieved at Dellvale for a few days the fore part of the month.

Mr. Parson was called to Albany, Wis., the first of the month on account of the illness of his mother. He is being relieved as wire chief by Bro. Preston, who is keeping all lines in first-class condition.

Extra Dispatcher A. C. Moore is holding down Wire Chief Johnson's trick for a short time, until dispatcher's job opens up. Bro. Johnson is working second trick.

Bro. McGee has resigned his position as agent at Rolston to engage in farming and stock raising, which he claims is more profitable than working on the railway.

Bro. R. B. Allen bid in Ruleton and the change has been made.

Messenger Miss Busch, at Goodland, was off for a week or ten days, taking in the sights in Denver and Colorado Springs. Miss Busch is being relieved by her sister.

Bro. Squires left Goodland for Salt Lake. Bro. Squires did the right thing by handing in his application before leaving. We are unable to say in what business he expects to enter, but wish him success in whatever he undertakes.

Bro. Winnegar, at Calhan, is off for a short time, visiting friends and relatives in Iowa. He is being relieved by a new man by the name of C. A. Ogively.

Andy Wessell, an old-time conductor on this division, has been appointed yardmaster at Limon in place of Mr. Sheehan, who was hurt in an accident recently.

Sister Swindall, who is working third trick at Flagler, is off for a short time, visiting friends in Denver, being relieved by a new man on the line.

Bro. Hansz, of Flagler, spent a few days at Colorado Springs during the fore part of the month, but is again on duty.

Bro. O'Brien is laying off a few days, fixing up his homestead and planting his summer's crop, near Arriba. Relieved by Extra Agent Divinney.

Bro. Sarvis, at Norton, has been laid up for a few days on account of sickness, but are glad to see him again able to be on hand, fully recovered.

Mr. Miller, regular man at Genoa, has returned to work after spending two months in the East with relatives.

Bro. Carter, of Mattison, has been off for some time. We understand that he has a crop to take care of this summer.

We still have a number of nons on this division. Although a special rate was made for their benefit and has had some bearing on a few, but sorry to say that it was still high for some. We certainly have some very cheap ones among us, but we can be thankful that they are few. CENT. 186.

*Nebraska Division—*

Bro. H. J. Schneck, of Belleville, who has been with the Nebraska Division for a long time, has resigned, and I understand that he is now with the Mo. Pac., at Beloit, as day telegrapher. Bro. Roy Snell, of the Iowa Division, is now holding down the third trick at Belleville. No assignment has been made to the place made vacant by the resignation of Bro. Scheck.

There are so many changes going on at Scandia, in the position of night telegrapher, that it is hard to keep track of the men who have been employed during the past three or four weeks.

Bro. A. W. Koontz is relieving Bro. Merrill, at Scandia, while Bro. Merrill is attending the convention at Atlanta, Ga. I understand Bro. Merrill is to be gone three weeks, as he intends to visit relatives at Wilmington, N. C., before he resumes duty at his old post.

Bro. Sleeper, third trick at Mankato, is off a few days on account of being sick, and is being relieved by Mr. Brown.

Mr. B. O. Paisley, first trick telegrapher at Phillipsburg, who has been with the Rock Island at that point for several years is now on a vacation visiting down in New Mexico. Mr. Ira Manion, who used to work in the dispatcher's office at Fairbury, but lately of the Nör. Pac., is now working second trick at Phillipsburg.

No changes are being made on the east end, and no items have been received from the Horton line, which makes our write-up rather small this month. For what we have, we are indebted to Bro. Lee, of Formoso. Will try and do better next time. E. M.

*El Paso Division—*

As the division correspondent has resigned, suppose it's up to me to furnish the "dope" until I can find a brother to fill the position. If any member will volunteer to take the title and make an effort to get a write-up in THE TELEGRAPHER each month, I will be glad to make the appointment.

Bro. C. V. Powers, at Wellsford, and Bro. Bert M. Mead, at Bucklin, have been appointed assistant local chairmen of this division.

Bro. J. W. Reeves was recently called to Lucerne, Mo., on account of the home of his parents having been destroyed by fire. Understand the loss was quite heavy. We are sorry to hear of this misfortune coming to Bro. Reeves' relatives, and hope he will soon be in position to return to work.

John Saurer, from the Mo. Pac., is now working third trick at Durham.

Bro. O. H. Thompson, agent at Groveland, made a trip to Hutchinson, Saturday evening, May 22d.

Bro. J. R. Gilby has resigned as agent at Inman. The station is now bulletined. Do not know just now what Bro. Gilby expects to do.

Bro. E. S. Davis has accepted a position with the E. P. S. W. at Tucumcari, N. M.

Several applications were received during May, and I wish to thank the members who assisted me



in securing them. There are other nons who will come in during June and July if we all keep after them. We must get the El Paso division in better shape.

G. C. Matties gets second trick at McPherson on bid. Mr. Matties is a "Bad Egg." He can not understand where the Order is of any benefit to the telegrapher, but he often talks of "Bumping" the younger man who holds a better position.

Bro. B. M. Mead, of Bucklin, is on a vacation and expects to visit some of the non-members while he is away. A good idea. Hope he succeeds in lining up a few of them. Mr. I. L. Pratz is working in his place.

Bro. T. J. Farrell has been checked in as agent at Mineola, having been assigned that station on bid.

Bro. O. P. Jarrett, second trick at Liberal, is enjoying a few days' vacation.

Bro. A. Argo has returned to work at Optima.

Bro. D. H. Cargile has been assigned to Romero station. This station has been closed for some time.

Get busy with the non-members. "No card, no favors."  
LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

#### *West Iowa Division—*

I have asked two or three brothers to write notes for our journal, but their replies were, "I don't know what to write."

I do not pretend to be a writer by any means and the reason why I make an attempt is because I got tired of seeing the "west end" left out in the cold.

We must take more interest and let the rest of the boys know we are alive. If anything happens that you think should be given space in our journal write and tell me about it.

It is with sadness that we mention the death of our chief dispatcher, Ora J. Miller, who passed away at his home in Des Moines, April 21st, after an illness extending over several months. He was held in high esteem by all who knew him. West Iowa employes contributed a beautiful floral design. The afflicted wife and relatives have the sympathy of his fellow workers. Several members of West Iowa attended the funeral, which was held at Des Moines, April 23d, at 2:30 p. m.

We were all pleased to know that Bro. G. H. Meiers was re-elected local chairman and representative to the Grand convention to be held at Atlanta, Ga.

Bro. J. H. Jones, formerly general manager of A. N. & S. Ry., has severed his connection with that road, and accepted a position in Superintendent Greenough's office as over and short clerk.

Bro. Nancarrow, of Council Bluffs spent part of a day in Atlantic on business.  
COR.

#### *St. Louis Division—*

S. L. Reynolds resigned Freeburg agency. We did not learn where he intended to go, but he was headed for the West.

S. Lawrence is now working at Freeburg, temporarily.

Dispatcher K. F. Jaynes was off a couple of days in April. Day Telegrapher C. H. White doing the dispatching. Mr. W. Morton, traveling freight agent, handled the wire in place of Mr. White.

Bro. J. J. Flint, from Etterville, recently passed through on local, and gave us the glad hand.

S. Lawrence has been released at Freeburg, on account of defective eye-sight; Elmer Paul relieving.

Lineman B. L. Crummet was up our way May 11th.

Pleasant Hill, nights, will be open for bids until May 12th.

Vale office will be opened May 15th as night telegraph office.

J. H. Jackson, of Argyle, is off a couple of days; relieved by J. J. Flint, of Etterville.

As I am unable to give the attention to the office of local chairman that I should, I have tendered my resignation to Bro. M. E. Schooler and Bro. W. T. Brown. I hope some brother will take hold and keep things moving on the St. Louis Division.

I wish to thank the brothers who have lent me assistance while local chairman on this division. I also extend my heartiest congratulations to Bros. Schooler and Brown, upon being re-elected general secretary and treasurer and general chairman, respectively, for another term.

J. H. JACKSON, *Local Chairman.*

#### *Des Moines Valley Division —*

O. B. McNamee has been appointed division agent. This position has but lately been created on this division, and Mr. McNamee is the first person to fill it. Mac presents a good personal appearance, good habits, is thoroughly familiar with his new duties, and is popular among the agents and telegraphers. His success is assured.

A. L. Snodgrass has been appointed agent at Keokuk, vice O. B. McNamee appointed division agent.

Bro. Boling is now agent at Oskaloosa, having been promoted to that position from agent at Evans. The promotion is a well deserved one, and it goes without saying that he will "make good" in his new berth.

Bro. Cross has forsaken his old love—first trick at Ottumwa—and taken up the duties of agent at Evans.

First trick at Oskaloosa passenger station was filled temporarily the latter part of May, by Sister Hanley, while the regular telegrapher, Bro. Gibson, enjoyed a short vacation. Sister Hanley knows the work at that point, from A to Z, having formerly been employed there for a long time.

On account of the United States express office having been moved into the station at Hartley, Bro. Ramsey, agent at that point, has been appointed express agent. He has handled express business for years, at various stations, and is thoroughly familiar with the work.

A recent bulletin announced the vacancy existing in the position of agent and telegrapher at Monroe. Bro. Warner has accepted the position of assistant cashier in the Monroe National Bank. Shorter hours and more pay. It is rumored that Bro. Moore, agent at Sigourney, will secure Monroe.

Our membership on this division is satisfactory, yet, there is room for improvement. The greatest kickers we have to contend with are the nons. They will tell you, if O. R. T. is mentioned, that the Order never did anything for them. They will continue to sign for the \$10.00 or more increase secured for them by the Order, then complain that it is not more; that the Order should do this, that and the other.

Can they point to one thing that has been secured without organization? The only way to secure concessions, is to organize and go after them.

The burning question of the hour: "Are your freight tariffs filed, and are they in order?" Stations of a thousand population and less are receiving tariffs they never have had use for, nor is it probable they will be needed in future. Berries and vegetables, tropical fruits, packing house products, car lots from Texas points, import commodities, and articles exported, car lots, etc., etc., are a few of the tariffs required to be kept on file, and for which we have no use. Tariffs and amendments are arriving on an average of eighteen copies per day.

It keeps the printing shops running full force in order to turn them out, so some one is benefited by this seeming waste of paper. Drv. Cor.

#### *Cedar Rapids Division—*

Bro. B. I. McDonald, formerly of West Branch, has resigned as telegrapher at that point, and started for the West.

We are sorry to report the death of our former Bro. C. S. Stebbins, which occurred near Independence last week. Bro. Stebbins resigned as agent at Gibson to take position as agent U. S. Express at Independence, but owing to poor health was compelled to take a trip to Arizona, which failed to benefit him, and he was taken back to his home where he passed quietly away. We extend our sympathy to his family and other loved ones.

W. H. Yakish, agent at Lone Tree, is taking a thirty days' vacation, being relieved by Ex-Agent Mr. Smith, formerly agent at Clinton.

Mr. C. A. Clark, telegrapher at Morning Sun, has resigned to engage in other business; Bro. Owens, of West Branch, gets Morning Sun.

Bro. W. A. Willem, third trick at Mediapolis, is off on a leave of absence; relieved by Mr. C. D. Gray. Bro. A. J. Wetmiller, agent at Wapello, has returned to work after an extended visit East; Clark, of Wapello, did relief work. Bro. J. C. Johnson, of Randalia, has resigned, and is on the road selling autos; Mr. G. W. Tripp receives Randalia on bulletin.

Mr. A. Hillman, agent at Oelwein, has been appointed division agent for Cedar Rapids Division. Mr. H. A. Neff, of Decorah, gets Oelwein, and Bro. L. R. Shrempf, of Maynard, gets Decorah; Maynard is bulletined.

L. Kuhn gets Putledge, the old Summit station just south of Cedar Rapids, which has been reopened.

Bro. F. A. Lenner, of Webster, has been taking an indefinite lay-off on account of injuries received some time ago, which has caused him considerable sickness; relieved by Extra Agent Fox.

Bro. R. O. Dewey, of Plate, has received Nichols on bulletin. Cor.

#### *Louisiana Division—*

A number of changes have taken place on this division recently. Several offices have been closed.

The day telegrapher at Dubach has been pulled off, Leola is closed nights, and Bunn has been opened as a night office. The third man has been put on at Tinsman; "13" they have taken the weighing from the telegraphers at that point, which makes it much nicer for the boys.

Fordyce has been closed nights, J. G. Wyatt taking third trick at Ruston.

Bro. M. I. Adams, an old-time telegrapher, bumped Bro. J. H. White at Jonesboro nights, Bro. White taking third trick at Tinsman.

Bro. J. H. White, formerly telegrapher at Colion, was transferred to Jonesboro, nights. He remained there but a short time and then transferred to Tinsman.

Bro. Adams is now doing the night stunt at Jonesboro. Don't know who relieved Bro. White at Colion at this time.

Bro. C. E. Henry, at Fordyce, off for a few days' rest, relieved by Bro. J. G. Wyatt.

Bro. J. G. Wyatt is now working third trick at Ruston and Bro. Henry is back at his old post.

A night telegraph office has been opened at Bunn station, closing Leola nights. Bro. H. C. Lucking transferred from Leola to Bunn. Bunn is an "out of the way" place, and will be lonesome for Bro. Lucking for a while.

Bro. N. C. Cagle, who entered the services of the company at Leola and later transferred to Banks, is now located at Warren, Ark., as agent for the W. & O. A. We are sorry to lose him, as he was one of our most active supporters.

Mr. Downs, manager of the telegraph office at Eldorado, laid off for a few days visiting friends and relatives in Illinois. He is now back at his old post.

We failed to get our news in last month. The only reason I can assign for the boys not coming across with the news is that they are scarce of material. I know it is not laziness, as there is not a lazy brother on the whole division. New members are filing petitions right along, we are getting stronger, more solid every day. Let's strive to make our division solid. If you know of any nons get busy and see why they are not up to the standard.

Give their name and address to Bro. J. G. Wyatt, our local chairman at Ruston. He certainly can convince them in a few words.

Bro. C. N. Moffett, agent at Leola, has been appointed assistant local chairman, and is helping make the nons (what few there are) change about some. Hlt 'em hard. Cor.

### Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Ry.

#### Detroit Division—

Bro. Herring, third trick at Vienna, spent May 18th with Bro. Sweeny, at Ida.

Bro. Morgan, of Rockwood, relieved Bro. Lowe at Monroe, one day.

Bro. Arnold, of Norvell, accompanied by Miss Alice Aten, spent Sunday, May 16th, visiting friends at Owosso.

Agent Coder, of Napoleon, spent a few days visiting relatives in Auburn and Ft. Wayne, Indiana; relieved by Bro. Arnold, of Norvell.

Among those who attended the Toledo Chamber of Commerce, were Bro. Maginn, Bro. Wolf and Bro. Lowe; also Telegrapher Zeihr, of Tecumseh, who was relieved by Telegrapher Kohler.

Bro. Lowe, of Monroe, spent May 26th in Cleveland, being called there to attend O. R. T. meeting. CERT. 575.

#### Michigan Division—

Telegrapher Fritz, of Kendallville, spent a few days in Elkhart on business.

Telegrapher Pancake, who has been located at "WS" tower for several years, has left the service and accepted a position with the Mishawaka Telephone Company. He was relieved by Telegrapher Foltz.

Telegrapher Ritter has returned to his duties after a vacation of thirty days spent in Florida.

The shop at Elkhart has been placed on a 36 hours per week schedule.

Six work trains have been put into service on the Michigan Division. They are building a fourth track at several places.

CERT. 334.

### C., B. & Q. Ry.

#### Lincoln Division—

As I have recently had the honor to be elected to the position of local chairman of the new Lincoln Division, I desire to acknowledge my appreciation by thanking the brothers for the confidence thereby displayed and hope that I shall be able to prove equal to the occasion, but whether I do or not, I shall do my best in any event.

The distribution of the new schedules will be made ere this is in print, and I hope that the membership will not only take notice of the fact that a general reduction of wages on account of the telephones has been overcome, but will also carefully note the text of the agreement.

This agreement, I will remind you, governs our working conditions until the next revision of the schedule, and if we insist that it be strictly ob-

served at all times, it will, I believe, in a great measure increase our welfare in a social respect as much as our welfare is increased by the wage scale in a financial respect, and an observance of the contract should be insisted upon to the same extent as the observance of the wage scale.

I will say that the greatest manifestation of interest has been displayed at the times the general committee has been in session for the purpose of revising the wage scale, while during the intervals the interest appears to fall to a very low ebb at times.

The purpose of having local chairmen is that there may be some one to look after the interests of the brothers during these intervals occurring between the sessions of the general committee and therefore we should all take an active interest in the affairs of the organization at all times, in order that we may reap the benefits provided for us by the labors of the committee.

As conditions inimical to our interests are constantly arising, it is my desire that you call my attention to these things when they come up, in order that we may take steps to have them adjusted as nearly to the satisfaction of all concerned as possible.

The advent of the telephone no doubt will prove to be a fruitful source of grievances and as there is a lower minimum provided for telephone positions than for telegraph positions under certain conditions, all cases of an application of this provision should be referred to your local chairman for an investigation, in order that it may be determined whether or not the circumstances warrant any reduction.

The effort of improving conditions demands as much attention from the members as it does from the local chairman, and if these things are not brought up the chances are he will never know of them, and if they are brought up and he is unable to settle them, he always has our worthy general chairman to fall back on; so I hope to see an active interest displayed regarding all subjects under the jurisdiction of the organization that we may maintain a lively division and get all that we have coming.

C. V. LYSINGER, L. C.,  
Ravenna, Neb.

#### Hannibal Division—

From the small beginning of a century ago the trades union movement, keeping pace with industrial development, has become a tremendous power in the land. All men who labor should be students of history. We could find a good many points, for our cause, although commonly accepted as history, is a record of the achievements of the world's rulers. Historians have been men who were patrons of princes and potentates. This being true, it follows that the diplomatic historians have said but little about the vice of the rulers, and have much to praise. Historians have been court flatterers, setting down those things which have been pleasant and acceptable to the ruling class, omitting criticism. Even to this day the practice of blue-penciling is practiced not only by

the corporation papers, but a great many of our labor leaders blue-pencil articles they think may not please our rulers.

I tell you, brothers, nothing but the whole truth will satisfy the laboring class—the practice of flattering the powerful and ignoring the humble can not always stand. It has been said that the government of Mexico, as well as the Czar of Russia, pays four hundred dollars per month to a government official to blue-pencil all dispatches that are submitted to the Associated Press.

There is only one way, as far as I have been able to find, for the laboring world to gather the whole truth of periods of trouble, where labor has had her rights trampled and crushed, and that is to obtain this information from Congressional records. Labor Commissioner Carroll D. Wright was directed in 1905 by President Roosevelt to institute an investigation of the labor troubles in the State of Colorado for a period of twenty years, from 1884 to 1904. It required seven months and made a volume of 364 pages, which was submitted to the 58th Congress, and is known as Senate Document No. 122. Every workman in the United States is entitled and should demand a copy of this document. We find on page 193 of this report that a certain corporation hired a certain detective to wreck a train so the blame could be placed on a certain labor leader. He was offered \$1,000 and transportation for himself and wife to any part of the world.

The history of the last thirty years of unionism is filled with stirring incidents, and supplies abundant material for a good-sized volume. Organizations have risen and fallen, battles have been fought with varying results; every device known to the ingenuity of the ruling class has been employed to check the movement, but through it all the trend has been toward a more perfect organization and a more comprehensive grasp of its mighty mission; the strikes, the boycotts and the lockouts which occurred with startling frequency during this period. No strike has ever been lost that did not strengthen us ten-fold, and there can be no defeat for the labor movement. However disastrous the day of battle has been, it has been worth its price, and only the scars remain to bear testimony that the movement is invincible and that no mortal wound can be inflicted upon it.

Mr. E. W. Cooper, telegrapher at Old Monroe, is on a vacation. Relieved by Mr. A. W. Ogilvie, extra man.

Messrs. J. P. Steel and C. C. Madison each took a trial at Peruque, but on account of not being able to pass the medical examination, they had to leave. A Mr. L. S. Blincoe is working there at present.

We see bulletins are again out for the agencies at Hamill and Houghton. We are unable to learn why the present agent is leaving.

Mr. A. W. Bender, erstwhile agent at West Alton, has been given the relief agency. No one answered for the agency at West Alton on the bulletin, so there is a new man there posting up.

Mr. W. R. Votaw, agent at Ft. Madison, is contemplating a vacation in the near future.

Bro. O. C. Holmes, agent at Annada, was off one week during the first of May on account of sickness. He was relieved by Bro. R. E. Ainge, the second trick telegrapher at Saverton. Mr. Ainge was relieved by Mr. T. R. Lindsey, an extra man.

Bro. B. A. Truitt, third trick man at Saverton, is laying off on account of sickness, and is being relieved by extra man, J. L. Ryan.

Mr. Harry Kider, former third trick telegrapher at Ashburn, secured the second trick on bulletin. Bro. Cullen, the former second trick telegrapher, resigned. CERT. 436.

#### *Sheridan Division—*

We wish some of the brothers and sisters would try to help us out a little in our write-ups, as a fellow is handicapped in handling this alone.

Bro. H. V. Carpenter, third trick at Gillette, was off a few days attending the Odd Fellows' dance at Sheridan. Relieved by Bro. Edsall, from the Brookfield Division.

Sister Moore, second trick at Upton, has resigned and departed for Kansas. Relieved by Mr. J. Fagan.

Bro. Edsall gets the agency at Ballantine, relieving Bro. O. O. Merritt.

Bro. E. C. Mangrum, the agent at Lovell, has resigned. Relieved by Bro. R. H. Seaton.

Bro. O. O. Merritt relieved Bro. Seaton at Toluca.

Bro. Butler, third trick at Toluca, has been transferred to Cody days. Relieved by Bro. Edsall.

Mr. W. J. Kissick relieved Bro. Vacek at Cambria as agent. Bro. Vacek goes to Ballantine to relieve Bro. Edsall.

Mr. Askew, of Cody days, was relieved by Bro. Butler. Have not heard where Askew went.

Bro. G. A. Hinman, the third trick man at Newcastle, laid off a couple of days to look for a homestead in the vicinity of Thornton. It seems that a number of the boys are taking up land and pretty soon they will be giving up the pounding of brass and get down to an independent life, and live a little comfortable. Every brother should endeavor to secure a piece of land before it is all taken up. It costs but about \$18.00 for filing, and one can do the necessary improvements without interfering with one's present occupation.

Bro. Jack Vacek is doing the relief stunt at Gillette, relieving Mr. C. W. Stansbury, first trick telegrapher and cashier, who is on a thirty days' lay-off.

Bro. Meehan was off a few days on account of having the misfortune to get poisoned by eating canned raspberries. He was in a very serious condition, but is almost well at the present writing. Bro. Bolla did the relief stunt.

Bro. H. V. Carpenter and Mr. C. W. Stansbury, two very popular telegraphers at Gillette, have been conducting a moving picture show at Gillette, and it is understood that they are making a success.

Mr. J. Rush, who left Sheridan some time since on account of business being a little slack, has returned after working at Alliance and other points East.

Bro. Keys, the agent at Worland, is enjoying a few days' leave of absence. Relieved by Sister Zada Norton, cashier, from Basin.

Those wishing a list of nons can secure same by request from your local chairman.

Mr. Pollard returned from a thirty days' vacation, after spending the increase the O. R. T. obtained for him. Another sample of "what's the use when you don't have to." He might live to regret it. Bro. Jarman, who was relieving him, resigned, accepting a better position in the East.

Bro. O. C. Lewis is working nights at Deitz. The checking of cars at Sheridan did not suit his taste, so he took his old job at Deitz again.

Mr. Brummell did the relief stunt at Deitz for a couple of days. Later he was sent to Rozet to relieve Bro. Kesinger for a couple of days, and from there to Moorcroft to relieve Bro. Burnhard, who is laying off to look after his ranch.

We understand that Bro. Powers, nights at Clifton, has taken up a homestead in the vicinity of Dakoming.

I have just completed a revised list of all non-members and a copy will be sent to those making request for same. You should have this list, as it will help you in securing applications, and is a great benefit in other respects.

It is evident the company is receiving better telegraph service than ever before. The dispatchers do not have to call over once or twice before the telegrapher responds and gives the desired information. Let us keep it up. It will pay in the long run.

A change in general superintendents has been made, Mr. L. B. Allen being superseded by Mr. E. P. Bracken, formerly division superintendent at Galesburg. Mr. Bracken was superintendent of this division a little over a year ago, and has a host of friends who are elated over his promotion.

Passenger business is quite heavy and two sections of No. 41 are run dally on account of the Yukon-Seattle Exposition.

Thanks to Sister Norton and Bro. Butler for notes this month. Come again. Joa.

#### *Brookfield Division—*

Bro. Harris, of Palmyra Jct., is on a wedding trip; relieved by L. T. Cramer, from Brookfield office. We extend our best wishes and congratulations.

First trick at South Park is open and on bulletin.

Bro. H. M. Edsall has resigned third trick at Easton, and gone to Billings.

Third trick at South Park is open for applications.

The third trick at Easton is awaiting bids.  
Agency at Utica is on bulletin.

Bro. Shackelford relieved Telegrapher Wilhoit and H. S. Fulmer will look after the station until same is assigned.

Bro. C. R. Hunt has resigned, and intends to locate in California. May success follow him.

E. C. Peters is working third trick and W. L. Parrish first trick at South Park until the positions are awarded.

The agency at Lathrop is bulletined.

The general committee leaves for Atlanta, Ga. on the 7th.

Bulletin No. 26, issued from the chief dispatcher's office, should be lived up to and we would not subject the company to such delays.

H. Y. Lambert is off a few days on account of the sickness of his sister; relieved by Bro. Shackelford.

Bro. Dickerson and J. C. Ferris, of Birmingham, were visiting Liberty recently.

Bro. Sprague, second trick man at Lathrop, has traded positions temporarily with W. H. Wilhoit, the third trick man.

C. W. Middleton off a few days fishing; relieved by W. M. McCue, the second trick man, who was relieved by J. E. Dunn.

W. L. Parrish has been awarded first trick at South Park.

Bros. Thomason and Saunders at Liberty changed tricks for a few days.

Bro. Swartell back from his vacation and reports a fine time.

Bro. Teich off on vacation, relieved by Bro. Walser.

Bro. T. D. Freeman, acting as agent at Hunnewell during the absence of Bro. Ritter, who was the delegate to the convention at Atlanta.

P. E. Beagley secured the agency at Utica.

We are informed from the Brookfield office that if some of this playing on the wire is not cut out there is going to be some wholesale weeding done. We are indeed sorry that it was necessary to print this, but nevertheless hope it will be stopped before the officials take action.

H. F. Shepherd is working extra at Kidder, during Bro. O. Smith's absence.

Rains this month have caused washouts and delayed the service very much.

On account of a washout, Wabash No. 9, while on the double track between Randolph and Harlem, went into the ditch and several persons were injured, but none seriously.

A temporary office was opened at the washout and J. E. Dunn was pressed into service as night telegrapher.

Seems as though it takes a long time to decide who gets the jobs placed on the bulletin list. Write the representative of your district and he will look it up if you are at all interested.

On account of washout at Waldron the C. B. & K. C. trains were detoured via Cameron Junction for St. Joe and K. C.

Bro. Skinner off a few days, relieved by Bro. Sturges.

Bro. Shackelford is working the split trick at Birmingham until the wreck is cleared away from the Twin Bridges.

The Wabash trainmaster had charge of the telegraph office at "WK" a few nights, so as to direct the clearing up of wreckage.

Our schedule now permits the relay men to join our ranks. But only since our last visit to Chicago.

Bro. Shackelford is laying up at home since they took him off the split trick at Birmingham.

J. D. Shepherd has quit the side table at Brookfield and is out on the line relieving Bro. Wood at Kearney, who is off a few days.

J. E. Dunn is doing some extra work at Clarence.

Second trick at South Park and Kidder are again open.

Bro. O. Smith was given back his old job at Utica.

Some telegraphers are violating the nine-hour law by working after their time is up. Better watch this closely, as inspectors are often out from Kansas City.

We hear some brother working with Keystone, an absolute telephone station, but wires not yet cut out. This should be stopped at once.

Bro. Stevens is off duty a few days on account of sickness.

Drv. Con.

#### *La Crosse Division—*

Bro. Marks, of Pepin, has resumed work after a three weeks vacation. Bro. Mears, also of Pepin, is on a two weeks' vacation. Bro. Garber, of Diamond Bluff, relieving him. Telegrapher Johnson is relieving Bro. Garber at Diamond Bluff.

On account of a washout the C. M. & St. P. had to detour a few of their trains via the "Q" last Monday.

Bro. Howard, of Malden Rock, made a short visit to LaCrosse last week.

Bro. Clark, the agent at Cassville, was up to Grand Crossing to see Bro. Rodgers last week, before starting on his trip to Atlanta, Ga., to attend the convention as delegate. Bro. Rogers was unable to go on account of being unable to get relief.

Bro. E. W. Dyer, agent at Lynxville, went to De Soto to attend the wedding of his niece last Tuesday, Bro. Bright relieving him.

Bro. Fleming laid off a few days the latter part of last month to attend the funeral of his father-in-law, Telegrapher Nicholson, an extra man, relieving him.

Bro. Bertech, of Blanding, made a trip to DuBuque, last week. Telegrapher Kruger recently took a trip to Lacrosse and had to lay over at Cassville five or six hours, on account of No. 50 being behind the washout.

Bros. Fitz and Dodge did twelve-hour stunts.

Bro. Ails, of Wyalusing, is off on a few days' vacation. Have not heard who relieved him. Bro. Raber, also of Wyalusing, took a trip to Stockton on the C. G. W., which is his home.

Bro. Desmond, who has been on a two months' vacation, has resumed work. Bro. Dill, who has been relieving him, has departed for parts unknown.

Bro. Walker, of Marcus, is on a vacation. Bro. Sands doing the relief stunt. We understand that they are putting in a new tower at North Yards, Dayton Bluff, where the South St. Paul terminal trains leave the C. B. & Q. and C. M. & St. P. tracks.

The boys will find it easier to pull levers than to run races with the terminal trains for about a block to throw switchers.

We were sorry not to see more of the boys from Division 130 at the Key City Telegrapher's Club last month. Hope more will be present at the next meeting. Bro. Hartman recently returned from Oakland, where he had been relieving Telegrapher Sperry. Mr. Sperry, in turn, was relieving his father at St. Paul Park. Mr. W. E. Powell worked in Bro. Hartman's place while he was away.

Telegrapher Byrne, of Hanover, was up to LaCrosse visiting his folks for a week. Telegrapher Hastings, of Craeme, was called to Genoa for a couple of days, account of the illness of his father. The office was closed in his absence.

Bro. Clark, agent of Cassville, was at La Crosse one day recently, visiting friends. He is now on his vacation.

Bro. Rogers, of Grand Crossing depot, has moved his household goods from Victory to Grand Crossing, where he intends to reside. Bro. Rogers is going to take a trip to the Coast about the first of the month.

Bro. Lindner, of Hanover, second trick, worked at "CD," Prairie du Chien for about a month while Telegrapher Miller was gone. The new time cards are out. Please see that you are provided with one.

Don't forget to drop us a line when you have any news. If any of the boys are figuring on a vacation, please let us know so we can write up a few items for the journal. On account of the Wisconsin River being claimed a navigable stream by the Government, the Burlington trestle bridge, which crosses it near Prairie du Chien, had to be raised by two hydraulic cranes of immense power, which lifted one section of the trestle bodily, 51 feet clear above its foundation to let two steamers through, which were built at Little Rock. This was considered one of the greatest water feats of modern times in the Northwest. It looks as if Mr. Hill will have to install a draw at this point.

We are indebted to Bro. Tulle and Bro. Stracke for notes this month. Was sorry not to hear from more of the brothers.

CERT. 1371.

#### *St. Joseph Division—*

Don McBride, of Hamburg, is now working on the Crescent Division, second trick at Corning, Ia.

Telegrapher J. P. Renfrow, nights, at Watson, is off duty on account of sickness; relieved by Telegrapher J. D. Hayes.

Agent Scott, at Napier, is off on account of sickness; relieved by C. E. Milligan.

Our general chairman, Bro Lamb, made Bro. Arnold, of Hamburg, a short visit before going to Atlanta to attend the grand convention. He reports everything in first-class shape, and says he is having success in adjusting grievances.

Bro. Arnold also received a visit from Interstate Commerce Commissioner, Mr. C. F. Merrill, who is checking up the nine-hour law. Look out boys, you know what the law is, and Uncle Samuel is a hard man to get away from. Understand there will be several cases of violation of the law come up in next term of court.

Mr. J. J. Jefferies, Jr., from third trick at Corning to second trick at South St. Joe, as relief.

Mr. Millen, from Northboro, now doing Corning stunt.

Mr. Bell, our third trick dispatcher, is laying off three weeks, to get married. Mr. Evans is doing the north end stunt in Bell's absence.

Mr. Stewart has been transferred from the third trick at Armour to the second trick at Forest City, and Bro. E. A. Allen from third trick at Corning to third trick at Armour. Both positions on bulletin.

Bro. Allen was relieved at Corning by Telegrapher Millen. Millen soon took sick and was relieved by J. Jeffries, Jr.

Who wants it? Parkeville, second trick.

We are informed that the agent at Maitland has a student. "And Judas coveted the thirty pieces of silver."

It looks like the company is getting ready for another battle with the high water this year, judging from the number of sand trains moving over the Bigelow and Corning branches.

Bro A. E. Finch relieved agent D. C. Snider at Mound City, a few days the middle of April, on account of Mr. Snider's father's death.

While we did not all get a raise in salary, I know every one is glad to see the new schedule. It will benefit each individual in one way or another.

Now, it won't be the company's fault if you hang out in the woods forever, for you all have a chance at these relay positions. And the real good thing about it is, being a member of the Order does not bar us from these positions.

Here is hoping all the boys now holding these jobs will take time by the forelock and join us in our honest, up-right cause.

Some of you nons around over the country will, of course, still proclaim "the Order never done anything for me." This has become such an old saying that we can not help but expect it, but if you have an ounce of sense and reasoning power "wake up," and do your duty.

After spending two weeks in company with his family, J. C. Cowles, days, at Island Park, has returned to duty. M. M. Foley, his relief is at present laying up at Forest City.

"Not only does report have it, but it is obvious from the preliminaries now under way that Napier, Mo., will, in the near future, be made a division

point. The company has only recently completed laying several miles of side tracks, erected immense coal bunkers and a large water tank there. The tank now at Bigelow is to be moved to Amazonia, and the coal bunkers to Hamburg, Ia.

With Napier a division point, the "runs" for trainmen will be more equal, and fewer heavy freight trains will become "hung up" on the road on account of the time limit expiring before a terminal station can be reached. The Southern Division, Kansas City to Napier, would be ninety-six miles long, and the Northern Division, Napier to Council Bluffs, ninety-four miles long.

In case this plan is carried out the present stub freight runs, Nos. 74 and 79, between Pacific Junction and Council Bluffs, will be done away with and freight run through to Council Bluffs. Part of the repair and machine shops will be located at Napier, and also a round house. This will take part of the work out of the present shops at St. Joseph. Those high in authority in railroad circles say Napier will also be made the end of a division for the B & M., which has a line crossing the river a few miles west of Napier. Then, instead of being deflected at Oxford, Neb., and sent via Omaha and Council Bluffs, the through traffic, both passenger and freight, from Denver and the West will be routed east through Napier, and thence over the Villisca Branch, and the "Q" East, to Chicago and beyond.

The agent at Delphos has resigned. Unable to say who he is. Delphos is open for bid.

The report of general superintendent of Missouri lines and Superintendent Rice, of St. Joseph Division, who made an inspection tour of the division on April 28th and 29th, was that the general condition of stations was very good. We are all glad to hear a report like that.

Although he passes as sort of helper, the fact of the matter is there is a student at Mound City. "Riches are more to be desired than honor and a good name."

CORRESPONDENT.

#### *Aurora Division—*

Bro. H. W. Wyberg, until recently third trick at Princeton, is now handling local tickets at La Salle St. Station.

Mr. Ashley, an extra telegrapher, is holding down Princeton from 5 p. m. until 2 a. m.

Mr. H. W. Kibler, recently of Earlville tower, is now with the C. & N. W., at Carpentersville, Ill.

Bro. J. H. McVay, extra agent, relieved Sister L. D. Eck, at Malden, a few days in April. On her return to work Bro. McVay was sent to Meriden, where he was checked in as agent.

Bro. G. E. Esperson was called home at Waterman, on account of the serious illness of a member of his family.

Nos. 4,000 and 4,001, two of the largest and most powerful engines in the world, passed over the Aurora Division, May 5th, for delivery to the Union Pacific Ry., for use on their mountain divisions. The engines were oil burners, 300 tons each, 90 feet in length and had 16 driving wheels.

The locomotives belong to what is known as the Mallet articulated type. The body of the engine is so long that it is articulated, that is, jointed mid-length, and the forward wheels constitute a truck which swings when rounding curves.

We trust that the new schedule will be satisfactory to all the telegraphers and telephoners on the Aurora Division. Under the new schedule it is hoped that the third trick man at Princeton (which is now a telephone job) will be given telegrapher's pay, and that the boys at Zearing will be looked after, as they certainly deserve it.

Div. Cor.

#### *Alliance Division—*

Bro. Darrow returned to work after a thirty-day vacation, Extra Agent Bro. Thompson going to Broken Bow as day telegrapher, to relieve Bro. Powell, while Bro. Powell and wife attend the grand convention at Atlanta.

Bro. F. D. Sanderson, agent at Halsey, is back to work. Bro. L. L. Adams who was relieving him has returned to second trick.

C. W. Wilson, from Anselmo, nights, to agency at Orella, while Bro. J. W. Bollinger is laying off.

Warren Marcy, the second trick man at Whitman, is back to work after a two weeks' vacation, planting corn on his Kinkaid homestead, at Mullen.

Telegrapher Hanson to Anselmo, relieving Bro. Allstat for awhile.

Harry Brown, of Lakeside, laying off, and has taken a trip to the coast; relieved by J. L. McKinnie.

About 6 p. m. the depot at Litchfield caught fire and burned to the ground. Agent Jones managed to save everything, except what household goods he had in the kitchen upstairs, his personal loss being about two hundred dollars. While that is bad, he considers himself lucky in saving as much as he did. All freight, tickets, in fact everything down stairs was saved.

Bro. Bagley was aroused from his slumbers about 4 a. m. by the smell of smoke, and awoke to find the depot at Berwyn on fire. Nothing, whatever was saved, and Bro. Bagley was lucky to get out with his life.

Bro. Adams, of Halsey, is laying off.

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#### *Galesburg Division—*

Bro. Harris, of Bardolph, attended the Sunday School Convention at Colmar, April 18th, and on account of the train being late he had plenty of time to enjoy himself before returning.

Bro. C. E. Brown and wife, of Abingdon, spent Sunday, April 18th, with the latter's parents in Quincy.

Bro. E. G. Armstrong and wife, of Macomb, spent Sunday, April 18th, with his wife's parents in Fowler.

Mr. Ed Vancil and wife, of LaPrairie, was also visiting down the line. Mr. Vancil is now working at St. Augustine.

We understand that Bro. C. E. Brown, of Abingdon has drawn third trick at Bushnell on bulletin and that the change will be made in the near future. At present the place is being held by Mr. Erickson, who is working extra on this branch.

Mr. R. H. Gray is back to "GY" office, Prospect Street, Galesburg yards, from Camp Point. Mr. Erickson, who relieved Bro. R. F. Brothers there, has been transferred to Bushnell third trick for a while. Bro. Fleisher goes to Farmington.

Mr. Jones is relieving Bro. Ed Novak at Yates City. Bro. Novak left for Chicago on a visit and we understand got a position in Western Union office there. We are sorry to lose him, but hope he will prosper.

G. C. McCleary, of Yates City, off for a short time. Himself and wife will spend their vacation in New Mexico and other points.

Mr. W. B. Meara is relieving Mr. A. S. Gustus and Mr. Gustus is relieving McCleary.

Bro. L. P. Gougler, from Ipava to Linden; relieved by Bro. E. L. Hendricks. Did not learn where Mr. E. E. Johnson went from Linden.

Bro. G. W. Malone and wife, of Galesburg, left on No. 48, Monday, May 3d, for Atlanta, Ga., to attend the convention as representative of the Galesburg Division. They will go via St. Louis, Memphis and Birmingham to Atlanta and return the same route as far as St. Louis, then will go out on the Vandalia Line on a short visit with Mrs. Malone's people. From there, back to St. Louis and west on the Frisco to Sikeston and Matthews, Mo., where he used to be station agent. This will be a nice trip and will give our local chairman an insight of what is taking place on other roads besides our own. They expect to return about June 1st, and Bro. Malone will then take a trip over this division and line up the nons.

Bro. Ramp, of Knoxville, Ill., off two nights with a bad sore throat. Relieved by Mr. W. B. Meara.

Why not pay your dues and assessments this payday and have it over with and also have your new card in your pocket on time. Just try to see how small the number is and take pride in keeping it down to at least three or four members. Better late than never, but I like to ride in the first wagon.

Bro. D. C. Root, of Knoxville, is keeping his end of the line from dying, for you can find his name on the roll of honor for getting new members, and he is still after the rest of them. Have you seen anything of your name on the list? Take a look, please.

Mr. H. A. Stevens has been transferred from Farmington days to third trick at Yates City, relieving Mr. Jones. Bro. Fleisher, of Bushnell, has taken Stevens' place permanently.

I have secured two or three promises that "I will go in next payday." More than one payday has passed already, and the ones who promised are still hanging off. The new schedule will soon be in effect and then everyone will be able to see what we have been doing for the telegraphers and phoners on the C. B. & Q. R. R. If those who are



eligible had been with us and helped strive for our rights, we would be in still better shape than we are. Now is the time for every member of the O. R. T. to get after the nons and do his best to land them. Bro. L. W. Quick advises that he has mailed a letter and blanks to all nons in the United States, Canada and Mexico and wishes the co-operation of all brothers in securing applications for membership.

Mr. E. V. Kinsey, of Colchester, is off duty a few days on account of his mother being very sick. Bro. Charley Martin is acting as agent, Bro. J. E. Flack taking Charley's place and Mr. W. B. Meara (extra) taking Mr. Flack's.

Mr. W. A. Work, of Macomb, off for two or three weeks on business in North Dakota and Texas; relieved by Bro. W. A. Harris.

Bro. A. J. Peterson and Mr. J. A. Atherton, of Macomb, expect to leave for an extended trip in the West, about May 12th, also to be relieved by Bro. Harris. They will visit Chicago, St. Paul, Seattle Exposition, Vancouver, B. C., San Francisco, Los Angeles, Salt Lake, and Denver, and by this time they will feel more like working. They have arranged the trip to last a month and expect to return about June 1st.

Bro. Harris has been transferred from Macomb to Abingdon, taking Bro. Browne's place when he went to Bushnell.

Bro. Malone advises that he is being entertained in fine shape in Atlanta, Ga., and that the city is out in its best for the benefit of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. The Southern Railroad furnished an excursion train for a day and showed them all a good time at Lithia Springs, which is located about fifty miles from Atlanta. The Governor of Georgia and the Mayor of Atlanta both gave a welcome speech and extended to them the hospitality of the city and the State.

Mr. T. K. Bailey, the ticket agent at Canton, Ill., visited in Macomb between trains, May 16th.

Bro. Clyde Clayton, "QD," Quincy, Ill., visited in Colmar between trains May 16th. His father is still very weak with heart trouble and cannot tell what the outcome may be, but there is no immediate danger.

News from the North End is very scarce, for "central" is too busy to ring the gong for anything but railroad business, and there is no other way to get it.

Mr. German, from Terminal Junction to Clinton, Iowa, Mr. Watkins to third trick, at Terminal Junction, and Mr. Hazard to first trick.

Seems as though some of you fellows who are getting better positions by using the O. R. T. bulletins would be ashamed to do so, when you don't even help us keep such a good thing up.

If you get a good place by bulletin it looks like you could afford to get a card.

Div. Cor.

With a view to bettering the service on our division I would like to ask the brothers if they can not arrange their station work in such a manner that they can afford to be at their tele-

graph tables, so that when they are called on the wire they can be on hand at once to answer. I notice that frequently some stations are very hard to raise, which I believe is due to the fact that the telegrapher is busy in the other end of the office. I would like to call the attention of Bro. Brown, at Abingdon, for example, who very seldom requires over one or two calls. He has his work arranged so he is at the table all the time, only when he is waiting on passenger or freight trains. His work has made quite an impression on both the trick and chief dispatchers, and it would please me very much if we would all do our best along this line and see if we cannot improve the service. Let us see if we can not make a showing between the union and non-union men in this matter and I am sure it will only be a matter of a short time until our trick dispatchers, relay telegraphers and our chief will be able, without any difficulty, to distinguish the nons from the brothers.

It will soon be time to pay dues. Let us all be prompt and do away with the delinquent list entirely on January 1st. The delinquent list was much smaller the last time than ever before and I know if we will try we can do away with it entirely this time.

With best wishes for you all, I am

Fraternally yours,

G. W. MALONE,  
Local Chairman.

#### Creston Division—

Mr. L. J. White is working third trick at Emerson. Bro. F. Rose bid in second trick at Emerson.

Bro. G. M. Clark bid in the agency at McPherson.

Bro. C. L. Lamb, local chairman and first trick at Red Oak, has been elected general chairman.

Bro. R. L. Gleason secured first trick at Red Oak, Bro. J. V. Connett second trick and Bro. E. I. Peterson third trick, on bulletin.

Bro. F. B. Thompson, formerly third trick at Red Oak, resigned and went to work for the U. P. Ry. in Nebraska.

Mr. Gough, first trick and agent at Balfour, has resigned and is going to work in the general offices in Denver. Mr. Cox took first trick and Mr. Shiffer third trick at Balfour.

Bro. C. Z. Pilger is one of the new men on this division, and comes from the Otta Division.

New schedules are overdue at this writing. We are anxious to see them, although there are not many changes on the Creston Division.

Bro. Gurwell, of Coburg, took a short pleasure jaunt to Chicago last week.

Bro. D. B. Hopkins, of Brooks, is taking a two weeks' vacation. Mr. Donegan, formerly 'phone man at Cromwell, is taking his place.

Bro. H. L. Huntsman, of Brooks, has resigned and gone to the U. P.

The helper at Farragut has been put on again.

Bro. J. W. Nelson has been transferred from the helper's position at Essex to the agency at Henderson.

Bro. J. W. Phelan got Lenox on bulletin.

Bro. O. M. Moon got Pickering on bulletin.

Bro. Logan, of Spaulding bin in Conway on bulletin.

Bro. J. J. Esklin has been transferred from Massena to Bridgewater.

Bro. W. H. Talcott has been transferred from Fontanelle to agency at Villisca, R. W. Fitzgerald resigning at Villisca.

Bro. Earle Wolfe, of Shenandoah got Sidney on bulletin.

J. R. Rogers got Maryville on bulletin.

Glenn Bell relieved Telegrapher Wilkinson at Bedford, Bro. Wilkinson going to Fontanelle as agent.

Bro. F. A. Gordon is the new telegrapher at Griswold. He came from Lincoln Division.

Bro. Johnson, of Randolph, is laying off a few days. Don't know who relieved him.

Bros. Yarger and Clark took a short trip to Red Oak a few weeks ago. They, with the writer, took in all the moving picture shows there were.

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#### *Omaha Division—*

Bro. Hubbell, at Yutan, has been relieved by Bro. Kellogg. Bro. Hubbell is leaving the service to engage in other work.

Bro. E. A. McKee has been relieved at Winnebago by Bro. Wilson, of Osmond. Bro. McKee drew Yutan on bulletin.

Bro. Wilson, of Winnebago, has been relieved by Mr. Cartland, from Omaha.

Bro. Karn, of Oakland, is off duty a few weeks, visiting the "old folks" in Missouri.

There are several good stations on the O'Neill Line on bulletin this month, among them being Waterbury, Laurel, Belden, Randolph and Osmond.

Mr. French got Laurel on bulletin, Mr. Lacy going to Osmond.

Bro. Sheely is relieving Mr. French at Laurel for a few days.

Mr. Paulsen, second trick man at Gibson, goes to Ashland; relieved by Mitchell, formerly of "DA" office, Omaha.

A new man by the name of P. H. Mack, is working third trick at Platts, while Bro. Likewise works days. We understand that Mr. Pickett, the regular agent, will resume work on the first of the month. This will put Mr. Clement, who has been acting agent, back to first trick.

Mr. H. F. Outlaw, second trick at Oresopolis, was forced to resign on account of the relief department turning him down.

Not much doing on the Omaha Division this month, and news is scarce, but with the help of three good brothers we secured the above. Let all of the brothers try to send in a few items, which should be forwarded to Bro. E. A. McKee at Yutan.

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#### *Sterling Division—*

Several changes have occurred on the division this month, even your scribe caught the fever and made a move. Our address for the present is

Wellfleet, Neb., where we will be glad to receive applications for membership, items for the TELEGRAPHER, etc.

Let us endeavor to make our division solid. Just bear in mind that we have been given a greater increase than any other division on the system; see how much we can show our appreciation by giving the company good service, not forgetting to remit dues promptly to the Order representing our craft.

Bro. C. L. Friddell is now working at Dalton.

Bro. Feary, at Mitchell, is now assistant local chairman and I hope he will succeed in lining up the boys on the branch from Bridgeport to Guernsey, where the minimum was raised from \$55.00 up to \$60.00, and the boys at Bridgeport, whose salaries were raised from \$59.50 to \$62.00.

Bro. Broughton, at Venango, was trying several days this month to get relief, but has given it up for the present.

Bro. Grant, who was formerly in "ST" office, Sterling, has joined the ranks of the benedicts and has accepted the joint agency at Merino.

Bro. H. P. Armitage has been transferred to Terrington, relieving Bro. B. C. Clarke, who has resigned. Can't say where Bro. Clarke is going.

Jernigan, at Guernsey days, has also resigned, being relieved by Bro. Griggs, from somewhere East.

Mr. Booth was promoted to the agency at Bridgeport from Curtis, relieving Bro. Armitage. Bro. Carstenson accepts the Curtis agency.

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#### *Wymore Division—*

On account of no items being received this month the write-up is going to be a mighty slim affair for this issue, and unless the brothers take more interest in furnishing items of news it is but a question of time when the Wymore Division write-ups will be conspicuous by their absence. I think you all enjoy hearing the news from over our division, so why not get busy each month and send every item you can scrape up to your correspondent?

How many are making an effort to round up the nons? There is plenty of material to work on and we should all get busy and see if we can not reduce the number of nons during the next sixty days. If you do not know for certain that your neighbor is a member, write the local chairman for information.

Bro. Bert Borland has been holding down the 'phone job at Iowa Point on account of the sickness of the regular man.

Extra Agent Hartzell has been doing the heavy stunt at Sterling, while Bro. Denton attended the convention at Atlanta.

Bro. Black, agent at Belvidere, had the misfortune to lose his infant child by death.

Bro. F. C. Bamer, agent at Daykin, recently returned from a trip to California. He says the O. R. T. card certainly draws favors you could not get otherwise.

Bro. L. L. Fuller transferred from agent at Nelson to Agent at Tecumseh; Mr. Singleton from Cuba to Nelson.

"13" Bro. A. L. Lindsay, agent at Bladen, has resigned on account of his wife's health making it necessary for him to remove to Colorado. We regret to lose him and wish him best of luck in his new location.

There are a number of prospective changes which we are in hopes of being able to chronicle next month. Unable to this month on account of lack of information.

Have you paid dues yet? Is your neighbor up-to-date? "No card, no favors."

Div. Cor.

### Atlantic Coast Line Ry.

#### Richmond District North—

Did not the A. C. L. show up fine in the convention number of *THE TELEGRAPHER*? And we had one of our brothers photo in there, too. We would like very much to be as well represented in every issue as we were in May. Then, perhaps, some of the nons will wake up to the fact that there is something doing over here after all.

That reminds me that there is something doing among the nons at least. The well-known Beazley, at Petersburg tower, is in the ham business. That does not mean he is selling pork, but manufacturing hams. They call themselves students. And this is the man that was such a red hot Order man when he came to the A. C. L. I wonder if any one believes that he was sincere. Can a man be sincere if he teaches a student, or rather makes a practice of student teaching after once having signed the obligation of the O. R. T.? I doubt it.

There are students at Emporia, also, but each of the men there disclaim them as their own, so it is hard to say to whom they belong. One thing is certain, they are there, and the next we must do is to locate the responsible person, for students don't come in and take charge of the wires unless allowed to do so by some one. Is it not strange that a man who has been in the business long enough to see two inches beyond his nose, will take a student and teach him, when he knows that that student has to get a job, and if necessary will take one held by an experienced man for less pay to commence with, and the experienced man must take the reduction or look for something in another line, and yet the student teacher calls himself a man. He says he is "independent." When a fellow is kicked out of all political parties he becomes "an independent." What I want to say on this subject will not bear printing, so will leave it to some one who can do it justice, if such a thing is possible.

Bro. Binford, of Dunlop, has been on sick list; relieved by Mr. A. K. Terry, from Collier. Mr. Terry was relieved by Bro. Nelms (not the Telegrapher Home's brother), from Petersburg, and Bro. Nelms was relieved by a new man, but up-to-date.

New man at Enfield, Mr. R. E. Purdom, understand he holds the right kind of credentials, if so, will the brothers on that end see that he is shown the way to Bro. William's office and get his paste-board changed to Division No. 132.

Understand Bro. C. M. Sanford, has been assigned the agency at Drewrys Bluff, although there were several applications for the place.

Bro. J. W. Gardner has come back to us from the Southern, and is now at Jarratt. Glad to welcome Bro. Gardner back to the A. C. L.

Will cut out for this time and give some other more gifted brother a chance. "SOREBACK."

#### Richmond District South—

Bro. Geo. Lamm, member of local board at Elrod, reports Bro. J. E. Butler, of Rome, Ga., passing through there a few days ago on his way to his old home at Boardman, N. C. Understand Bro. Butler is en route to Washington, D. C., and made the side trip to his old home.

Am glad to report that Rowland is now solid O. R. T. Bro. G. E. Bell, who has just come there, did the proper act by transferring at once to Division No. 132. Brother Northam, also at that point, came right across as soon as he was shown. How do we know that there are not other nons on the road who would do the same if approached in the proper way. We must give them a show, that is give them an invitation, which is what I mean by a show.

Bro. M. H. Cox is relieving Bro. Dickson who has been off for some time on account of illness of his wife.

Bro. Morris has returned to his home in Greenwood, Del. Bro. W. M. Pate is working the third trick at Elrod at present.

Bro. J. L. Bridgers, our local chairman, is taking a vacation of a few days, seeing the sights around Washington, D. C. It is rumored that he is going to the mountains for a rest upon his return from Washington. We wish him a very pleasant trip.

We have just learned that Bro. G. P. Jones, formerly at Elrod, and later at Smithfield, is now on the Charleston District at Meggetts, S. C.

Bro. F. A. Truitt is now located permanently at Elm City, first trick.

Very sorry to say we have another scab with us. Smithers, the first trick man at Wilson, scabbed during the Commercial strike. Watch out for this fellow. Don't lose sight of Ancel at Rocky Mount either.

"Judge" Brashear has left Rocky Mount, and goes to Charlestown, W. Va., to accept a "repeater" job. We are all sorry to see "Ew" leave, for while he did not carry a card, we all knew his heart was in the right place, and he was one of the exceptions that could be made in the "No cards, no favors" class. If he had remained with us until the present moment he would have been one of us. The change at Rocky Mount, on account of resignation of Mr. Brashear, has not been bulletined so far as I have been able to learn, although Mr. Wilson who came from Wil-

mington to fill the vacancy says he is on permanently. Will Bro. Bridgers kindly ascertain why this position was not bulletined.

Bro. Jeffreys, third trick at Contentnea, has been away for sometime on account of sickness. Hope to see him back at an early date.

D. C.

#### *Charleston and Western Carolina Line—*

What is the matter with the telegraphers on this road? Are you all afraid of your little \$35.00 and \$40.00 jobs? See what every line with which we have had any connection has been able to do through organization. We can be getting pay for overtime, and other concessions if we all pull together. There are very few members on this road now on account of our committee laying down on us, just when they should have gone to Augusta for a schedule, but that is no reason why we should not get together again and organize this road.

If you will get up a list of the members on the north end, a similar list will be made from the south end, and sent to Bro Williams, general secretary and treasurer of the Atlantic Coast Line, and I know he will do everything in his power to get this road organized once more.

Bro. I. W. Browder, from the A. C. L. is now agent at Martins, S. C., on the Port Royal end.

If a handful of firemen on the Georgia road can completely tie up that road, can not we go up and get recognition? I believe we can. We don't want to tie up the road, and would not if we could, provided there was any other way out of it, and in our case we would not have the race problem to confront us. Are we going to sit down and just take what comes our way, and never make an effort to get in the way of something that is coming? KICKER.

#### NOTICE.

##### *To All Members Division No 132:*

I mailed to every member of this division on June 1st, notice of due for the term ending December 31st. As some members have changed address, and not notified me of the change, I publish this notice so every one will know that they should now pay due for the last half of 1909. \$4.50 is the amount that should be remitted to me.

I also call your attention to the change in the Mutual Benefit laws, which requires a member to pay assessments semi-annually, commencing July 1st. You should remit to Bro. Quick for your M. B. D. assessments at the same time you remit for your card. This is a very important matter, and one that should not be overlooked. This was brought out in the convention where the widow of a member, deceased, who was only one month behind in the M. B. D., and that by an oversight, made a most piteous appeal for some assistance from the Order. Do you know whether your wife, mother or sister will not be placed in the same

position if you should be suddenly called from them?

Make this remittance now, don't wait.

Yours fraternally,

J. H. WILLIAMS,

G. S. and T.

#### *Jacksonville District—*

We certainly can boast of the best local chairman in Florida, and he is doing his duty in a manner satisfactory to all. We have such a clever set of local officials, however, that we don't have the grievances that we hear of on other district.

Bro. Tedder has issued bulletins for the following places, since our last article for the journal: Agency at Astor, and the second trick at Tampa. The assignments have not yet been made, but we feel satisfied the right men will get these places.

Bro. Tedder advises he has appointed on the local board Bros. W. S. Evans, of Orange Park, and C. J. Woodward, of Tavares. With the assistance of these brothers and the membership at large, we are satisfied the Jacksonville District will forge to the front as they are all "live" ones, and that is what is needed to make any undertaking a success.

Every member should make it his personal affair to see that the non next door, or two or three doors away, is fully advised as to the O. R. T. and what it stands for. Show him the necessity for all telegraphers standing shoulder to shoulder and supporting each other at all times. The companies do this for their mutual protection. The telegraphers must do the same. Not in a spirit of fight, but of self protection and self preservation. What can one man do? What can a larger number do? A school boy can give the answers. Can you?

As usual, at this season of the year there is considerable changing around among the telegraphers of Florida.

Some of them are looking for places in the North, which necessitates a new line-up for the summer on our lines.

The new union station at Plant City is completed, and it is expected the two ticket offices, the S. A. L. and A. C. L., will be transferred soon.

There is much speculation as to who will be the lucky men to handle the work in the new station. It is expected that only two men will be detailed to this work. The hours are to be, on first trick, 4:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m., two hours off for meals. The second trick to be 12:30 p. m. to 12:30 a. m., with two hours off for meals. That the work for either man will be "hot" is beyond question. The men who draw the lucky numbers will have the sympathy of us all. Rumor has it that one of the men will be taken from the A. C. L. and one from the S. A. L. No one is anxious for the places.

Bro. Bowen, formerly third trick telegrapher at Tampa, has been transferred to Sanford, third trick.

Mr. Wilkerson, extra telegrapher, has been transferred from second trick at Winston to third trick at Tampa, relieving Bro. Bowen.

Bro. Fowler, second trick at Tampa, who has been placed on extra list, was relieved by Bro. King.

Mr. Nickels, the first trick man at Plant City, is enjoying a vacation at Passa Grille. Upon his return, Bro. McCamy will go to Orlando to resume duty as night man, and Telegrapher King will work night trick, relieving Telegrapher McCamy.

I am sorry to say that a few of our members have not paid dues for the present term. This is too bad, as it shows a lack of interest in our Order. Let us see to it, that on July 1st we hold up-to-date cards with dues paid to December 31st, 1909.

GATER.

#### *Savannah District (Double Track)—*

Bro. L. R. Funderburk, of "US." Jacksonville, is attending the convention in Atlanta this month. Mr. Pearlstein is acting chief while he is away. Bro. Tuttle is holding first trick; Bro. Smith, from the F. E. C., comes in extra on second trick.

Mr. Oscar Hutson relieved Dr. E. M. Segin at "Z," Jax Terminal. "Dr." Segin was formerly at Burnetts Lake, on Gainesville District, he is now practicing in Jax. Bro. L. F. Howard succeeds in getting back on third trick, after being rolled by Dr. Segin.

Mr. J. L. Culp, now third trick at "CN" new yard, succeeds Bro. W. C. Clark at that point; Bro. Clark being transferred to Moncrief, second trick, upon the resignation of Bro. Featherstone.

Since the closing of the block on the north end, we have had many changes down here. Bro. J. L. Strong comes to Dinsmore, first trick; Bro. B. Torrey, second trick, and Bro. C. L. Jones, third trick.

Mr. Embrey working split trick at Carey, succeeded Bro. Coyle, who went to Virginia, where it is supposed to be cooler than it is in the land of flowers.

Bro. A. F. Crosby, formerly on the Waycross District, is now holding down first trick at Ratcliff, while he has with him on second trick Mrs. J. S. Pittman, a new one, and Mr. D. F. Stanter, third trick, who dropped in on us during the block season.

Remember, "No card, no favors" is the rule on this end of the line.

We hope to report next month that an enthusiastic meeting has been held in the metropolis of Florida, and that much good has been accomplished.

"SCOOTER."

#### *Savannah District—*

Not many changes being made just now, and but little news, as the boys forget to send in notes, and I am out on the line very little.

We are glad to have Bro. J. D. Harvey back on this district. He is holding Racepond at present, suppose he is relieving Bro. Howard.

Bro Barnett, of McCullough, has been away on a few days' vacation; relieved by Bro. Henry. Note Bro. Henry now at Ludowici.

Understand L. W. Herrington, the agent at Screven, is contemplating starting a night ham factory. Where does this hit you?

Bro. E. F. Hull, agent at Ludowici, was seen at Blackshear last week, also Bro. Ila Smith, first trick at Offerman.

Bro. G. G. Nichols, the third trick man at Offerman, made a flying trip to Savannah last week.

Bro. Sohner, from St. Louis, representing the Grand Division, was seen touring the A. B. & A. R. R. last week. He reports a strong set of boys over there.

Mr. J. B. Simpson, agent at Offerman, is to have another clerk soon. Work there is too heavy for the help he now has, as the A. B. & A. has made that place a junction transfer instead of Tifton.

SCOOTER.

#### *Lakeland District—*

Only one bulletin has reached me this month, which leads me to believe the Lakeland District telegraphers are very well satisfied, or that I am not hearing of all the changes. Will some brother kindly advise which is correct.

Bartow freight agency was bulletined the latter part of April, but can not advise the successful bidder, as his name has not yet been given out at this end of the line. This is a very desirable position, and hope we have succeeded in landing a good man there.

We have with us Bro. J. D. Doty, formerly of Division No. 2, and who saw service in the Philippines with our worthy local chairman, Bro. Brantley. We are glad to welcome Bro. Doty to this territory. Bro. Brantley says he is "alright." and that is sufficient for us.

It is rumored down this way that Bro. Quick said, in the convention, that there was more matter going in for the Fraternal Department of THE TELEGRAPHER than could be published. So this correspondent is cutting short this month. We will try and make our notes short and to the point in the future.

D. C.

#### *Columbia District—*

Am sorry to say this district was one of the few from this system that was not represented in the large and handsome convention number of THE TELEGRAPHER. Our notes were late in arriving, that accounts for the absence of anything in that number. Will give them here now:

It is with regret we learn that Bro. S. A. Dantzer, of Orangeburg is going to leave the service, as he has always been one of our strong members. He leaves the service to accept a position with one of the banks of Orangeburg.

Holly Hill was on bulletin when these notes were written, have not heard who is the lucky, or unlucky, man.

Bro F. B. Van Sant, from Wadesboro agency, has accepted the position of chief clerk at Ben-

nettsville, relieving Bro Vance Tatum, who has left the service.

Bro. Thos. Clifton goes to Wadesboro as agent, being relieved at Gibson by Mr. G. Y. Jones, from Newbern, on Wilmington District. No application for Gibson was received from this district.

Mr. E. Taylor, formerly at Faison, N. C., and later at Wadesboro, is now holding position as clerk-telegrapher at Bennettsville.

These are all the moves that have been reported to me. If I can get them completed by the 24th of each month will try and make each month's article a little better than the last. The membership will have to help or we will have nothing worth reading. D. C.

#### Waycross District—

Our Local Chairman, Bro. Sasser, has just returned from the convention, in Atlanta, and has been so busy since his return that he has forgotten to let us hear what has been taking place on the line; therefore, we will go ahead with what has shown up from other sources.

Bro. George Perry was in attendance at the convention with his new sending machine, "The Wiggler," and the way it "wiggles" is a caution. Any of our members who are in need of a sending machine will do well to confer with Bro. Perry, as several of the men who tried his machine at the convention were loud in its praise, and said it was the best they had ever tried.

At last we are able and glad to extend the right hand of fellowship to J. W. Murray, at Millwood. We also welcome back to this line Bro. A. H. Overton, now at Sylvester, he has been with the G. S. & F. for several years. Bro. Overton is remembered as having worked at Tifton, and other places on this district.

Mr. Chauncey who was at Homerville, extra, went to Baconton for a few days last month.

Bro. J. L. Murray is again at Manor, going there from Hildreth. He was succeeded at Hildreth by Bro O. A. Thomas. D. C.

#### Montgomery District—

As I have been appointed correspondent I will try to represent this district in THE TELEGRAPHER each month, with the help of the members. I will ask each and every one to send items to our local chairman by the 15th of the month so that he can get them to me before the 20th. It is impossible for me to keep track of all the changes, so when you are off a few days or hear of some one else being away, kindly drop him a note. Some of the boys promised to send me a few notes, but for some reason they have been delayed, and it is time for me to mail what few I have, so I can give but little news of interest.

Two gravel trains were put on some time ago, which makes a little extra work for the telegraphers and the dispatchers.

Bro. Bailey, of Pinckard, is being relieved for a few days by Extra Telegrapher Johnson.

Bro. Dykes, day telegrapher at Dothan, is taking a vacation; relieved by the night man, Mr.

Lawson. Bro. Brantley, relief agent and telegrapher, is holding the position down, nights. Bro. Garlington, of Ansley agency, is being relieved by extra man, Mr. Evans, for a few days. Bro. Dykes has returned and is now relieving first trick dispatcher Black, while he (Mr. Black) attends the ball game at Montgomery for a few days. On Mr. Black's return our chief, Mr. M. D. Black, takes a short vacation, and will be relieved by Mr. W. M. Black, first trick dispatcher. Bro. Dykes remaining on first trick. Bro. Dykes goes to second trick, relieving Mr. F. Hodges while he takes a trip to Jacksonville and other points, unknown to the writer.

Bro. Dean, night telegrapher at Tennille, is taking a well earned vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Johnson.

The extra men seem to be busy at the present time, as many of the boys are taking short vacations.

Bro. B. H. Evans is relieving Bro. Wynne, while he attends the convention in Atlanta.

Brothers, has your relief an up-to-date card? If not, let's find out the reason why he is not carrying one. Now is the time to get busy, let's not wait until tomorrow. "Do it now."

THE WORLD'S WONDER.

#### C., C., C. & St. L. Ry.

##### P. & E., East—

We are gratified to find our new local chairman taking so much interest. Bro. Houck seems to be the man we have so long needed, and no doubt, with proper assistance from the brothers, he will render us valuable services. Bro. Houck alone can do but little for us; what he needs most is help from every member on the P. & E., and the help we can give him is only the interest each one of us should take in our own welfare. So let us do that much for our own good and help a good thing along. I am sure we will never regret what we do, and it will only take a few minutes of our spare time to do a great deal toward making the P. & E. what it should be, and what it will never be unless some of us get busy—not only to think you are doing something, but make a showing. Say a word to the nons. Ascertain if they are not willing to fill out the necessary papers, and if not, why. It will be very easy for you to explain to them that it is as much for their welfare as for ours. I don't think each of us could get a member if we would try. Why? Because there are not enough nons to do it. But one thing we can do, is to get every one we can; not sit around waiting for some one else, or the local chairman to do it all.

Bro. O'Dell, of the first trick at Lynn, was off from March 1 to April 9, moving to his farm, south of Lynn.

Bro. Vance, extra man, relieved Bro. Van Arsdall on third at Lynn, and Bro. Van Arsdall relieved Bro. O'Dell on first.

Telegrapher Hennessy, after relieving at Shirley, bid in second trick at Troy.

Telegrapher Julian relieved extra man Hennessy at Shirley a few days, and was relieved by Telegrapher Cleary.

W. R. Slaughter got third trick at Troy on bulletin.

Bro. E. S. Hill, of third trick at Troy, we regret to say, left the service on account of ill health.

Closing hour at New Carlisle has been changed from 1 a. m. to 11 p. m.

Interlocking plant at "KD," Indianapolis, has been overhauled and train order board installed.

We are glad to hear former Bro. Ringer on the line after an extended absence.

Bro. Byers, of second trick at Troy, has been transferred to the agency at Laura.

Agent Leys transferred from New Castle to freight agency at Bloomington, being relieved by Agent Sherry from Shirley.

Mr. C. E. Spence has been transferred from Champaign to agency at Shirley.

The agency at Mahomet is bulletined.

Bro. R. S. Vance relieved Telegrapher Martin at Urbana Yard first trick on April 9. Martin was attending to business.

Telegrapher Halsted got first trick at Bloomington on bulletin.

Third at Shirley, second at Troy and second at Bloomington bulletined April 9.

Bro. Vance relieved Telegrapher Dixon at Durbin a few days recently. Dixon is home on a short vacation.

Bro. W. S. Christie has been assigned to the second trick at Bloomington. CERT. 255.

#### *Chicago Division, West End—*

Bros. G. T. McMahon and L. J. Young, first and third trick men at St. Anne, have left the service. Bro. McMahon accepted a position with the Mo. Pac. and Bro. Young is now working for the M. C.

Bro. O. E. Browning, second trick at Sheldon, was off duty a few days last month. Relieved by Bro. R. P. Holmes, a new man.

Bro. Brown worked a few nights on third at St. Anne.

Bro. Andrews having left the service, Telegrapher A. L. Brashiers is third trick man at Donovan. COR.

#### *Cleveland Division—*

Telegrapher Winbigler, of Linndale, is off a few days. Relieved by Bro. Kimball, a B. R. T. man, who will join us as soon as he gets settled.

Mr. Anderson, of Shelby, has resigned and gone to work for the Pennsylvania Co. Bro. Case is filling in.

Bro. Barnum is still on the sick list.

Ham factorles are in operation at Shiloh and Vernon. We wonder if these men are working for the Big Four or for themselves.

Mr. Squires, the former professor at Harper, has left this division.

We succeeded in landing a few nons this month. Also transferred two from other divisions to No. 138.

Keep a lookout for members of other divisions who are working over here and see that they are transferred to No. 138. Send their names and addresses to the local chairman. If each member will kindly invest two cents in a postage stamp and send in notes relative to what is going on in his territory, I will endeavor to get a write-up in the journal each month. I am sure that all the boys would enjoy knowing what is going on over the division.

I heard some one talking about one member "knocking" another and trying to injure him. You know there is no fraternal feeling in men who are "knockers," and if we can't do a brother a good turn, we can at least let him alone, so that his troubles may be as few as possible. While we are all liable to make mistakes, some more so than others, and these brothers should be helped over the rough places as much as possible. Talk to them in a friendly way and show them where they make their mistakes and how to avoid them in the future. The same applies to the nons. When a new man comes on the line who is a non-member, treat him kindly and help him along and then, when he has been at work a few months, give him a good O. R. T. talk, and your chances of landing him will be 100 per cent better than if you started "bawling him out." But after he has been working long enough to get on his feet and then refuses to join us, remember the motto "no card, no favors."

Be sure to write your local chairman each month and give him the news. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

#### *St. Louis Division, East of Mattoon—*

Business seems to be holding its own.

General Chairman Whalen is attending the meeting of the Grand Division at Atlanta, and at this writing has not returned to work.

Bro. J. F. Gross, at Reno, has been off a few days recently and was relieved by Bro. C. S. Byrd, who in turn was relieved by Mr. McHenry, from Dudley.

Bro. G. C. Stokes has bid in second trick at Loxa and has moved to that place.

Telegrapher C. L. Luckett is relieving Bro. J. L. Fisher at Ashmore for a few days. Bro. Fisher is taking a few days' rest.

Telegrapher Taffinger is working third trick at Embarrass until some older man bids in the job.

I feel that we have a just cause to complain regarding the two students that have been sent to Dudley to finish up. The brothers at Dudley do not approve of this and something should be done to stop it. COR.

#### **Maine Central Ry.**

#### **A CARD OF THANKS.**

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the members of Divisions No. 95 and No. 140 who so kindly expressed their sympathy and contributed flowers to the death of our little girl. While our

home is filled with sadness and the sorrow is more than words can tell, the sympathetic kindness of many friends can but tend to soothe the aching hearts.

MR. AND MRS. H. G. ADAMS.

### S. A. & A. P. Ry.

Telegrapher G. O. Hunt, a new man on the road, relieves Telegrapher Densmore at Cuero for a few days.

Bro. Edwards, of "FN," Flatonia tower, has left the service. We wish for Bro. Edwards success wherever he may go.

Bro. Murphy is being checked out as agent at Burlington, he having bid in Kerrville telegraph job.

Bro. B. T. Harris, of Rosebud, has been relieved by Telegrapher Sattlemeyer, who, we understand, was in the service of this company several years ago and has just re-entered the railway service.

Bro. B. T. Harris relieves Bro. R. Preston as agent at Moulton while the latter visits his old home in England. We wish for Bro. Preston a happy voyage and a safe return.

Telegrapher J. R. Preston was relieved at Cameron a few days by Telegrapher Hunt, Telegrapher Preston going home prior to his father's voyage.

Bro. G. H. Roddy, our esteemed secretary, is attending the convention at Atlanta.

We have word from a reliable source that our former chairman, Bro. Richardson, formerly of Rock Island, has fallen into a fat job at Singer, La. Unable to say what road. Bro. Richardson, with his knowledge and ability, can always secure a good position; and with his high principles and ardent love of the Order, the locals around Singer, La., should be congratulated on having him among them.

Div. Con.

### G. R. & I. Ry.

#### Northern Division—

The G. R. & I. Ry. is beginning to look like a home for the O. R. T. There is still room for improvement, at least on this division. Have patience and it will be but a short time until we will be in proper shape to present our management with a schedule. Keep persistently after the non, so that we will be able to obtain the same working conditions and salaries as are paid on other scheduled roads. Get the non-members interested, for the larger the membership the more benefit will be derived by all. Some will say "I haven't the money." If they were as poor as that they need a raise in pay. That's a settled fact. What do you do when sickness come upon you? Get credit or borrow the money to buy medicine? Now, I suggest that you borrow the small sum of \$5.83 and join the O. R. T. this month.

Another says "Show me." He is not from Missouri, either. If you want to be shown why not join and help "show" yourself? It takes men, and good men to make a showing. Read the items

of your journal and you will see that your are heading into a siding where, when you are clear, you will remain unnoticed the rest of your days. Don't say or think that you can join next month and receive just as much credit; we all know you and when you go in.

Remember, actions speak louder than words. Act now, send in your name. Get a blank and pony up some hard-earned money. Do it cheerfully and then be loyal to yourself and the rest of us, and the company officials will know that you will be loyal to them.

CERT. 37.

#### Southern Division—

No brother except myself has given the journal a write-up since we organized the system division on the G. R. & I. until the May issue, when some brother on the north end gave us a short write-up. I think it is about time for someone on the north end to wake up and get in the game.

Several of the G. R. & I. telegraph stations are arranged so that the telegrapher is kept on duty twelve hours just the same as before the nine-hour law was passed, because they arrange things so that the office is closed as a telegraph station either at night or during the day. I think something should be done throughout the United States to help the men who are working these twelve-hour tricks. It can be done if we pull together.

How many members on Division 143 paid any attention to the letter from Bro. Quick, which notifies us that he has sent a letter to 90 per cent of the nons throughout the United States and Canada, asking them to come into the field and work with us to gain better conditions? I cannot do very much because I am not out on the road with you fellows, but there is no excuse for the man who has a non located in the same office with himself.

I am unable to give the recent changes on the road on account of being absent from the service lately. I met Bro. Hofer in Ft. Wayne a few days ago and I am sure he was having a good time.

Telegrapher W. G. Cartwright and wife took a trip to Kalamazoo lately.

Bro. C. R. Roth was unfortunate enough to lose a new typewriter in the fire when the tower at Avilla B. & O. crossing burned down lately. Bro. Stoneburner lost a coat and hat. Bro. Stoneburner was on duty at the time of the fire.

Bill Monteith is making good in "NS" office in Ft. Wayne. I am sorry Bill thought it was necessary to drop out of the O. R. T. in order to hold a job in the same building with the division operator. We had one brother who worked the job and was up to date all the while and he did not get canned either, but he resigned to accept a much better position as traveling salesman for a signal company in Michigan.

Our boy we call "Smoke" has looped the gap and accepted a position on the M. C. Ry. We are sorry to lose Bro. Robinson, but he no doubt has a much better position on the M. C. Ry. and



gets more money without working twelve hours as he did on the G. R. & I.

Bro. A. C. Donart, who recently worked third trick at "Z," Kalamazoo, is now located in Ft. Wayne, holding a position with the S. F. Bowser & Co., oil tank manufacturers. He goes to work at eight o'clock in the morning, has an hour and a half at noon, and is off from Saturday noon until Monday morning, which are much better conditions than he was accustomed to while working for a railroad company. Bro. Donart says he is going to try to forget the railroad, but he thinks it will take time, because he loves to be among the railroad men. The Bowser Company expect to install a private telegraph line soon, then he will not be lonesome any longer. Clyde Hinkle is now working the third trick at "Z," Kalamazoo.

Rome City, summer resort, will soon open up, which will create a job for some one who likes to work thirteen hours per day for fifty dollars per month.

We must make arrangements for a meeting in the near future. I think Kalamazoo would be a good point for the meeting. I would like to hear from a few of the brothers in the near future in regard to this matter and work on this line until we get it started, which I am sure will liven up the interest of the membership on this division and do much good.

CERT. 1.

#### N. Y. N. H. & H. Ry.

##### *Shore Line Division—*

Her are a few of the many changes on the west end:

Bro. A. N. Wood, second at tower 62, bid in second at Cabin 56, Bridgeport.

Bro. Gibbons, regular extra, has gone to Tower 62, second trick.

Bro. Oliver, from South Norwalk Dock, nights, bid in third trick at Tower 62, and is making good.

Telegrapher Day, from extra list, goes to South Norwalk Dock, twelve hours nights.

J. E. McCloskey, regular extra, bid in third trick at Tower 75.

Bro. Frank McGinnis, from first trick at Tower 40, Darien, bid in regular extra vacated by McCloskey.

Bro. T. F. Coyle, first trick man at Tower 54, Fairfield, transferred to first trick at Tower 40, Darien.

Bro. Lakin, third trick at Simsbury, has taken regular extra in Bro. Gibbons' place.

Telegrapher Bock, second at Tower 54, Fairfield, to first trick, same tower.

Bro. Melick, first trick at Cabin 59, off duty a few days, visiting in old Jersey. Bro. D. J. Kennedy, who has been in the broker biz for some time, relieved him.

Bro. Vandusen is back on the job at Cabin 60, first trick, after being off five weeks with a sick eye. Bro. Wager covered Van's trick during his absence.

Bro. McGinnis is holding down first trick at Tower 74 and Bro. Kennedy doing the day stunt in "BS," New Haven, while Bros. McCormack and Kelly are at the Convention at Atlanta.

Bro. Callis, chief of Division No. 35, and Bro. Ross, chief of Division No. 89, were with us at our May meeting and gave us good talks, especially on the union label. See that you get the label when making your purchases.

Sister Caywood expected to see Bro. Leet come with several of the sisters, but she, as well as the rest of us was disappointed.

As HX2 was pulling into the yard at Tower 62 about 3:30 a. m., May 12th, one of the cars in the train was derailed (caused by a broken journal) and ran into the tower, taking the front side and half of both ends out, and causing Bro. Oliver to "sit up and take notice," that something was doing, Dave started for the window, but went back to get his life preserver (a package of Red Band), and by the time he found it the doings was over and he decided to stay by the ship.

"Dago."

#### Wabash Ry.

##### *Chicago-Detroit Division—*

Bro. and Mrs. V. A. Wood, of Milan, report having had a very pleasant time at Atlanta, Ga. Bro. Wood was a delegate to the O. R. T. convention held there. He was relieved by Bro. F. J. Osborn.

Telegraphers Floyd and Wilkins have left the service of the Wabash. The former goes to work for the Postal and the latter for the Western Union.

Mrs. C. L. Iliff, wife of Bro. Iliff, of Romulus, visited relatives at Walcottville a few days recently.

Sister Towns, of Sand Creek, was off duty a few days last month. Relieved by Miss French.

Bro. W. H. Sellers and family spent a few days in Northern Michigan recently, visiting relatives and looking over some farm land that Bro. Sellers has acquired up there.

Sister F. Jones was at the hospital at Peru last month, having her eyes treated.

Bro. and Mrs. J. M. Seibert, of Romulus, took an extensive trip through the South the first of the month, stopping at Cincinnati, Ohio; Chattanooga, Tenn.; Birmingham, Ala.; Meridian, Miss., and New Orleans, La. Bro. Seibert was relieved by Mr. Floyd.

Bro. Spurling, of Adrian, was called to Kentucky last month by the illness of his brother. Bro. N. E. Long relieved him.

Bro. and Mrs. L. A. Yoder, of Milan, visited Bro. and Mrs. J. M. Seibert, of Romulus May 21.

Bro. Quackenbush, of Woodward, was at the Peru Hospital for a while last month on account of a broken arm.

Items are a bit scarce this month. This may be due to the dragging along of the tariff revision. If this be the case, we hope Congress hurries up a bit and gets this matter fixed up. However, if

some of the brothers on the west end of this division would send me a few items each month it would help a whole lot, and I would be very thankful to have them do so. Div. Cor.

#### *Springfield Division—*

Bro. G. K. Taylor bumped Bro. F. V. Stehman, second trick at Quincy, and Bro. Stehman now holds second trick at Riverton, the position formerly held by Bro. Taylor.

Mr. L. Bean, agent at Clayton, was off duty May 2 and 3, owing to the death of his wife's sister. Relieved by Bro. F. V. Stehman.

Bro. J. M. Suter, delegate to the convention at Atlanta, accompanied by his wife and little daughter, spent a couple of weeks in the convention city, representing this division of the Wabash. Relieved by Bro. R. F. Lipcamon.

Mr. L. W. Abbott bid in first trick at Riverton. Mr. Abbott worked at Berlin on third trick extra two or three months.

Bro. Geo. East, the agent at Naples, was off duty a day or two in May on account of the illness of his wife. Relieved by Mr. Boone Stead, from Griggsville.

Mr. M. T. Driscoll, the agent at Griggsville, was relieved by C. S. Klinefelter a few days, owing to the necessity of his having an operation performed for the removal of an abscess from his eye. The operation was performed by an oculist in Springfield.

Mr. F. Penington, the agent at Maysville, was on the sick list several days in May. Relieved by Mr. Boone Stead, of Griggsville.

President Delano, of Chicago, was at division headquarters in Springfield May 5th on official business.

Bro. H. C. Cannon bid in Camp Point agency recently, relieving Bro. C. A. Hughlett, who was transferred to Meredosia when Mr. J. M. Anderson resigned.

C. S. Klinefelter was at Quincy recently, relieving Bro. G. K. Taylor a few nights.

Bros. F. F. and G. K. Taylor, first and second tricks, respectively, at Quincy, recently received the sad news of the death of their brother at St. Joseph, Mo. They have the sympathy of the brothers on this division.

Shortly after we receive our June TELEGRAPHERS, the new seniority list, corrected to July 1, will be revised and we will see where we stand. A half dozen of the men on the present list have dropped from record and as many more younger men have come upon the stage of action ready to take their places.

A series of bumping took place recently, which started several of the boys on the hunt for another position.

W. P. Potter, of the dispatching force, when relieved of his duties on account of the decline in business, bumped Bro. J. W. Anderson, at "JN" office, Springfield. Bro. Anderson in turn bumped N. H. McRoberts, first trick at Shops. Mr. McRoberts bumped Bro. J. A. Conrey, third trick at Shops, and Bro. Conrey bumped Mr. L. W. Abbott,

third trick at Berlin, and Mr. Abbott bids in first trick at Riverton on bulletin. As Mr. Potter accepted the position of time-keeper in Superintendent Brown's office, the changes were mostly temporary and the men obliged to move returned to their former positions, except Mr. L. W. Abbott, and his position as third trick telegrapher at Berlin was filled by a Mr. Sumner, from Mattoon.

We have the assurance that in the future bulletins will be issued and telegraphers notified within ten days of vacancies or new positions, in accordance with the agreement between the committee and the management last winter. If any irregularities occur, let's take the matter up in the proper way. Don't discuss your grievances with trainmen and others not interested, but write your chairman a letter and discuss the situation with a view of securing an adjustment.

The question of meetings has been mentioned to your chairman, and any one having ideas that they desire to express should feel at liberty to express them. The train service is not as good as it might be, and it is 160 miles from Decatur to Quincy, with some of us working nearly thirteen hours each day. These are facts that confront us when the subject is considered. There are a great many things that would help us and we should get together occasionally and discuss the various questions that are of interest to the membership. We could get new ideas from each other, not only in a general way, but regarding our office work, and it would bring us closer together and a more fraternal feeling would exist between the brothers. We could also keep better informed on matters that pertain to our future welfare. We are convinced that our progress is seriously retarded by lack of association and discussion on subjects that deeply concern us.

Robert D. Brown, formerly W. U. messenger at Barry, has passed the required examination and is now bucking the extra board.

Mr. N. W. McRoberts, the first trick man at the Shops, is doing the message stunt at "JN" office, Springfield, for a few days, relieving Bro. Anderson.

Mr. Sanders, the third trick dispatcher, was off duty a few days recently, on account of sickness in the family. Relieved by Extra Dispatcher Potter.

C. R. Tomlinson, formerly of "JN" office, Springfield, but later a switchman in Springfield yards, fell from a car the morning of May 13 and was severely bruised. The services of a physician were required. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Bro. R. F. Lipcamon, who has been assigned to Berlin, third trick, as regular man, is at present relieving Bro. J. M. Suter at Dawson. Bro. Suter is attending the convention at Atlanta, Ga.

There is talk of the Wabash using the large type 2300 engines west of Valley City. If these plans are carried into execution, there will be two more telegraphers needed at Valley City.

Our Grand Secretary and Treasurer has addressed a letter to each and every non-union railroad telegrapher in the United States, Canada and Mexico, whose names have been furnished him from time to time. The object of this letter is to reach all railroad telegraphers not within our organization, and explain briefly to them the object and accomplishments of our Order in such a way that they will readily see the advantages and benefits and affiliate with us with a view of bettering our condition generally and placing our craft upon a higher plane. The letters were accompanied by a set of application blanks, with a request that the recipient return the blanks properly filled out, with the initiation fee. It becomes our duty as members to use our influence and best endeavors to assist in the work and try to complete thorough organization by co-operating with our officials in the work they are striving to complete. It is expected of each and every member that he will put forth his best effort at this particular time to complete the work of organization. There are very few of us who have not been benefited either directly or indirectly by the Order in the past few years. A retrospective glance by some of us older heads will serve to compare conditions as they were a few years ago with conditions as they exist today.

Eleven years ago last January, the writer passed the examination then required and was appointed telegrapher and assistant to the agent at Chapin, at a salary of \$25.00 per month. The first two months we boarded at the hotel, \$14.00 per month board. Later we found a private boarding place at \$13.00 per month, and sent our washing home to save laundry bills. The agent, Mr. Geo. W. Sargent, later freight agent at Springfield, a good, genial fellow, liberally offered us half of his express commission to take charge and do a good portion of the work connected with that part of the agency, and this brought our monthly income up to the princely salary of \$29.00 or \$30.00 per. After paying board and buying clothes, it is evident the surplus would not soon enable a man to buy railroad stock, or even a home. At this time the Wabash force consisted of an agent, telegrapher, a boy to tend switch lamps, at \$5.00 per month, and the C. B. & Q. force, an agent and night telegrapher, as Chapin was not made a joint office until the past few years. A heavy movement of grain from the "Q." for Toledo was routed via Chapin, and every car had to be re-billed, as through billing via that junction was then something unusual.

To sum the matter up, the work heaped upon us was a fright, and sets of papers or inquiries from the general car accountant were pigeon-holed for months at a time, and we can conscientiously say that we did more work for \$30.00 per month during the fourteen months we were there than the majority of the telegraphers now do for the minimum of \$50.00, and we worked thirteen hours per day. In March, 1899, we were assigned the agency at Arnold, which paid about \$35.00 per

month, including the stamp cancellation allowed by the government for our duties as postmaster.

Today Arnold pays \$50.00 or more, dependent upon ticket sales, but never less than the minimum, and Chapin, now a joint office, has an exclusive agent and three trick telegraphers. Who can say the Order played no part in effecting some of these changes, at least?

A few years ago we thought nothing of remaining on duty until ten or eleven o'clock to meet belated trains, especially in the winter, when trains could not make schedule time, and never expected extra pay in the way of overtime. We could either work or quit when we got enough, and that was all we expected.

When circus trains passed over the division, we were generally instructed to come on duty at eleven, twelve or one o'clock and block circus trains. They went sometimes about breakfast time, and while occasionally some one would whisper to us that if we would send in overtime for these extra nights we would be compensated for the work, we never knew of any one getting it. We have stayed up all night rather than take any chances on not being on duty at the time instructed.

Those days have gone, and through the influence of various agencies at work, our hours and pay are more in keeping with better standards of life, and we are now assured at least of the required amount of rest tired nature demands.

How any man, in the face of the facts presented in comparing the past and present, can withhold his support from an organization that was founded for the sole purpose of and whose only object in existence is the amelioration of conditions that should not exist, seems a mystery.

The older men can all remember when conditions were such as those above mentioned, and the younger boys, who know only by hearsay, of what was at one time customary, can not fully enjoy the changes, owing to the lack of experience in the days when conditions were different. Notwithstanding these facts, the younger men are the first to take up their share of the work of organization, and the list of nons is all the more striking owing to the number of old heads that compose nearly half of the list. One would naturally think the older men would be the first to see the benefits and notice the improved conditions by comparison and lend their support to the cause. CERT. 957.

#### *Decatur Division—*

Miss Adams, sister of Bro. Adams, at Reddick, is working third trick at Emington.

Telegrapher Duncan, of Pontiac, enjoyed a 20-day vacation in May.

Mr. Robnett is handling the Cardiff agency temporarily, in place of Bro. A. B. Walker, who has been transferred to Forrest agency.

Bro. A. S. Yates, of Saunemin, took in the Chicago excursion May 1st.

The station building at Monticello has been treated to a new coat of paint and electric lights,

which adds much to the general appearance of the place.

Bro. Hefner, of Monticello, is attending the Atlanta convention. We received a card from him stating that there was a large crowd and that all were having a good time.

We are glad to report that Bro. Richards, the agent at Osman, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis in the Decatur Hospital, is again at his post of duty. We understand that he was relieved by Bro. Wheeler, from Lotus.

Bro. H. G. Folrath, the agent at Monticello, was elected alderman of that city, and, although on the losing side of the ticket, was elected by a large majority. This speaks well for his popularity.

B. F. Johnston has been checked in as regular agent at Symerton.

Bro. H. F. Rowland, Staunton, was relieved by Bro. J. L. Slade, April 19. Unable to say where Bro. Rowland went.

There was a sad accident at Taylorville not long ago. Brakeman C. F. Bowmaster, while trying to stop a man from getting on the track ahead of a cut of cars, got in the way of them and had both legs badly crushed. They were both amputated.

Bro. Aikman, of Litchfield, recently made a trip to New Mexico and reports a pleasant trip.

Bro. Stone, of Litchfield, who was recently operated on for appendicitis, is again at work. He says the Decatur Hospital is the place to go if one is sick.

We are indebted to several of the brothers for news this month, but some of them did not respond.

There is quite a number of men coming on the line, we understand, and we should watch them and get them into the fold if they are not already members. It is organization that keeps the old mill grinding, and if we are "idlers" we should not consider ourselves a part of the machinery. Be awake and watch our interests. It is not necessary to be a crank or an "agitator," but go about it in a business-like way, as the O. R. T. is a business proposition. We know of some new applications for membership and will be greatly pleased to call them brother and know they will feel more like they are alive when they are affiliated with us.

While they are scouring the woods for new members, don't forget to drop a line to the correspondent; he cannot keep abreast of the times and gather all the news without assistance.

It is expected that there will be a meeting called soon, and we hope to see a good crowd there.

Telegrapher Heflin, of Forrest, has gone South for an indefinite time. Telegrapher Rogers from Taylorville, recently from the C. & A., relieved at Forrest.

Bro. Higdon, of Wing, landed third trick at Reddick.

Agent Moore, of Forrest, has, we understand, taken leave of absence and gone West on a trip. Bro. Walker, of Cardiff, is relieving.

Telegrapher Nett, formerly a clerk, is holding the agency at Cardiff temporarily.

Telegrapher Stevens, of Manhatten, has asked for immediate relief on account of going into business.

Bro. Slade, third trick at Strawn, went to Forrest on a short trip, recently.

Bro. Toohey, second trick at Strawn, went to Chicago, recently, on a pleasure trip.

Telegrapher Somers, second trick at Forrest, and Bro. Rodgers, third at same joint, were at Strawn recently, shaking hands all around.

Telegrapher Draper relieved Telegrapher Tomlinson at Gibson, a few days, and later returned to his regular position, third trick at Sibley.

Bro. Higdon, of Reddick, went to Chicago, recently.

Bro. Johnson, of Emington, bid in Symerton agency.

Bro. Slade has gone to Staunton as third trick man.

Sister Foster, recently from the "Q." is now working third trick at Strawn. Mrs. Foster worked at Osman some three years ago. Her husband was agent at one time at Blue Ridge. He recently met with a fatal accident on the "Q."

Bro. Rodgers, third trick at Forrest, has gone to Brooklyn; relieved by Bro. Koehler.

Bro. Geisson is now working second trick at Staunton.

Quite a number of the telegraph offices along the line are receiving a new coat of paint.

Business is very dull. Not more so than usual at this time of year.

Agent Logan, of Bement, took quite an extended time off duty recently.

Telegrapher Stephens, of Bement, was off duty the latter part of April, visiting home folks.

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#### *Peru Division--*

Bro. Benjiman, agent at St. Joe, is enjoying a few days' vacation, and is being relieved by Telegrapher Underwood.

The first trick at Toledo yard is bulletined.

Bro. Stadler, agent at Woodburn, is enjoying a few days' vacation. Bro. Dunderman is relieving him.

Some of the brothers have been trying to get relief for a few days, but say that they can not do so as there are no telegraphers to relieve them. A number have had in applications for relief for two months, and even then are unable to get away, but when a telegrapher applies for a position he is informed that he can not be used on account of a surplus of extra men. The brothers can not understand this, but from what I have learned by watching there seems to be several extra men here now. There is also an unusual number of brothers wanting off at this time of the year, and if our chief would hire men enough to let all the brothers off at the present time, it would be necessary for him within a short time to let some of the telegraphers go again, making it rather inconvenient for them, and at the

same time making it very hard for the extra men to get enough work to meet all expenses. I believe if we will be patient with our chief, he will procure relief for us by and by, and it will be better all around.

Bro. Rectenwal, the agent at Spencerville, has been granted a few days' leave of absence, and is being relieved by Telegrapher Underwood.

W. C. Theek, the agent at West Unity, has returned to his duties after several days' leave of absence.

On account of death in the family of M. Hullihan, the agent at Riverside, he was off a few days recently. F. H. Hollensbee, clerk from the freight office at Lafayette, was sent to his relief.

Effective at 12:01 a. m., Monday, May 17th, the telegraph office at the interlocking tower at Napoleon was discontinued, and from now on the telegraphing will be done at Napoleon station, except between the hours of 12:00 o'clock midnight and 5:00 o'clock a. m., when the office will be closed. This cuts out two men.

Bro. W. E. Spencer was in Lafayette, attending to some business a few days ago.

Bro. Shutt has returned from Atlanta, Ga., where he has been attending the convention. Mrs. Weckerly worked at Delphi in place of Bro. Shutt while he was away.

Bro. Keller, of Richvalley, has bid in the third trick at West Peru. Richvalley is being filled, temporarily, by Telegrapher Edwards.

The vacation period for the dispatchers at Peru will begin June 1st, and all of them have signed up according to their preference with respect to seniority for periods in which they wish to have their vacations. Each will receive ten days with full pay. Herbert Test will take his vacation first.

Bro. A. M. Brown has been working third trick at Danville for a few days, in place of Telegrapher Garrett.

Bro. Dunwoody, the third trick man at Newell, has been laying off a few days, and is visiting friends at Wataseka, Ill. He is being relieved by Telegrapher Murray.

Bro. Jno. Keiff, first trick at Newell, is enjoying a few days' vacation, visiting friends in Lafayette. Telegrapher Murray is doing his stunt while he is away.

A. A. Hein, Telegrapher at Attica, is off for a few weeks.

Bro. N. J. Bechtal, of Lafayette, is back to work, after being off duty for several weeks on account of sickness.

Bro. E. W. Patrick, of West Point, is off duty for a few days, and is enjoying a pleasant outing. Telegrapher Murray is working his trick while he is absent.

Second trick at Wauseon is open for bid.

Bro. B. Dickman, of Defiance, is visiting friends in St. Louis. He will be away about two weeks. Telegrapher Underwood is relieving him while away.

Bro. Sanders, of Logansport, was relieved two days, recently, by Telegrapher Todd.

Bro. Clark, of Rockfield, was relieved a few days by Mrs. Weckerly, on account of the sudden sickness of Bro. Clark. He is reported much better, and has returned to duty.

Telegrapher Lennon has resumed work at West Peru.

Bro. G. W. Patrick, of West Point, secured leave of absence for five days, and was relieved by Bro. E. W. Patrick, of West Point, while away.

Bro. Etnire, of Williamsport, was visiting friends in Ft. Wayne a few days recently; relieved by Telegrapher Edwards.

Bros. Deltmarter and Kieff contributed items this month.

Bro. J. J. Dorren, agent at Whitehouse, was off one day to attend to some business. He was relieved by Mr. C. E. Romeick. Mr. Romeick was formerly agent at Maumee, O.

Brothers, there are a few nons yet to be lined up. The question is, how to do the job. Are you sure you have done all you can to get them in the fold? Figure out some way to make an impression on your non friends. If you can not strike them in any way, set down and write Bro. La Fever, at St. Louis; Bro. Shutt, at Delphi, Ind., or the correspondent, and I assure you that we will do all we can to land them. There has been several nons landed on the Peru Division during the last few months, and there are more who have promised to come in next pay day, and I have every reason to believe that they mean business. Do all in your power to make the Peru Division solid by July 1st, so we can have a celebration July 4th, and wave our banner and give defiance to any other division anywhere.

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### C. I. & L. Ry.

#### Second Division—

Dispatcher Nixon has resigned and gone to farming. Extra Dispatcher Bennett relieved him.

John Douglas, who for some time has been night chief for the St. Louis Air Line, has taken the place of Dispatcher Nixon.

Telegrapher Fox, night man at "BN," Bloomington yard office, is enjoying his annual vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Sappenfield.

Telegrapher Sappenfield was sent to Bedford to relieve Telegrapher Stanza; Telegrapher Miller was sent to "BN," Bloomington yard office, to relieve Telegrapher Sappenfield.

Telegrapher Miller, of "BN," Bloomington yard office, has resigned; relieved by Telegrapher Schultz, a new man.

Stone, agent at Cassell, and Trainmaster McHugh handled the key at the wreck of Nos. 3 and 74, at Ketchums.

Bro. Hannigan, night man at "SK," Shops, has resigned, but has been working a few nights longer on account of scarcity of telegraphers.

This pike has been short of telegraphers all through the month of May. Understand Chief Dispatcher Stemm wired Indianapolis for men, but was unable to get any.

Bro. Prow, day man at "SA," Salem, is preparing to take a fishing trip about July 1st.

The gravel pit at Ballast has been opened, and the stripping is about finished. Gravel trains should commence running about June 1st.

The telegraph office at "XN," Ballast, was burned down a few nights ago, caused by crew on the pit engine starting a fire in the stove and failing to extinguish it before leaving. Can not say what effect this will have on the summer job at that place, but understand they are going to rebuild it.

A deal has been closed by the Monon for all the land it was after, upon which the new \$123,000 round-house and yards are to be located south of Bloomington. The amount paid for six acres was \$3,012.

A demand has sprung up in the East for Bedford stone, which is helping the Monon to a large freight traffic for the Eastern States. Parties in New York, Boston and Philadelphia are purchasing this stone on an extensive scale, and the shipments by the Monon are becoming much larger than at any former period in some years past.

Officials of the Monon line have been on a tour of inspection for several days past. B. E. Taylor, general manager, headed the party, which visited the stone quarries and other industries located on the line, and had a talk with the shippers of the road, learning their wishes as to train service. While in Louisville they examined an apparatus for dispatching trains by telephone. "THE OWL."

### St. L. S. W. Ry.

#### *Illmo Division—*

Sister L. M. Rainge, agent of Thebes, is enjoying a vacation, and is being relieved by Bro. F. R. Calvert, formerly of first trick at Rockview.

Bro. T. R. Nicks is again on first trick at Rockview.

Bro. Hervey, agent at Kelso, had to attend a trial for the company at Kennett, Mo., being relieved by Bro. Arnold, the second trick telegrapher. Bro. Arnold was relieved by a man from Ardeola. Unable to give his name.

A young man tried to catch C. & E. I. No. 41, while passing the Thebes station, on May 10th, and was thrown between the platform and train and very badly injured.

Bro. A. C. Seaman, agent Ardeola, is off duty for thirty days visiting his mother at Jonesboro, Ark. He is relieved by Bro. F. C. Long.

We understand that our local chairman, G. C. (Fatty) Miller, agent at Idalia, is going on a two weeks' fishing trip on St. Francis River some time in June.

Bro. H. McConnell, the second trick man at Rockview, has gone over to Thebes to see "our chum" Calvert on important business.

Bro. C. J. Carlton and Mr. Ira Holmes have established a large tontorial parlor on Main and "Nan" Tuckett. Let's give 'em a lift.

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### C. I. & S. Ry.

We are part of the New York Central system of railroads, and the only part of this system that is not organized. We are about two hundred and forty miles long and do more business to the square inch than any road of its size in the world. We have the finest set of trainmen and engineers in the world. They certainly understand their business, and if you want to see, or work with up-to-date railroad men, come here. We have fifty-eight telegraphers and agents on the KKK Division, and they are good men.

Three years ago last March we organized here to a man. Our committee went up in August of the same year, and for four months they slaved and worked to better the conditions of the telegraphers and agents, and finally, when their labor was called to a halt by the non-support of the men, our chairman had to find a new position. There were two chairmen and both have positions that pay more money than any of us are getting here. Why? During the four months these chairmen were up they were discharged from the service of this company. Did the committee get any sympathy from the members? Ask the birds that were here at the time.

What I mean by non-support is, some members paid one assessment, some paid all of them, and two did not pay at all, and those two were the hardest kickers we had. They declared they paid, but we know better.

A short time since an organizer started out along the line of the KKK Division, and got as far as H, and then quit; got discouraged. Can't blame him. This was the excuse of the nons: "If the O. R. T. will do something, I will join again." Good Heavens! Can we do anything without support? Can a few men accomplish anything while the balance sit back, look on, and take the plums as they fall into their open mouths? You nons are placing yourselves in the place of a suckling baby. Your mouths are always open for something to eat, your pocketbooks are always open waiting for the O. R. T. to drop the raise into it.

The recent decision of the Santa Fe case will give an additional 5000 telegraphers work. Think of that, you nons, and then say the O. R. T. is idle. Where is your manhood? Now, brothers, here on this division it is the earnest wish of your chairman that you all turn in and earnestly help him. He has spent his time and money to get this division reorganized, and has kept continually at it for a year, but with no apparent results. One brother has stuck by him nobly, and too much praise cannot be given him.

Organize, get in line. Let us be like the rest of the N. Y. C. System, all and every one carry up-to-date cards and be proud of it. We are part of a 12,000-mile system and should be given some consideration. Some say "The O. R. T. has done nothing for me." Can they say that truthfully? How about it, when one works on a scheduled road? It doesn't take long to get a card. There is not a man in our profession but who welcomes

an increase in salary. What did the O. R. T. do for us here? Do you remember when we were organizing that all at once a good many of you got an increase in salary? What did it? Was it your individual efforts? No, it came a surprise to us all.

In conclusion let me say, that if the brothers on the KKK and Danville Divisions and the I. H. Belt will work zealously hand-in-hand, it will not take us long to be up and doing.

Come brothers, get busy.

JULY.

### Prince Edward Island Ry.

At the regular meeting on the 22d of April, our worthy delegate, Bro. McEwen, talked to the members as to proposed legislation at the Grand Division.

After the business section of our next regular meeting, the lecture committee has a treat in store for the boys in the shape of a lecture from our worthy brother, Campbell, who will take for his subject "Two hundred years of blood, or the Campbells of Skye in their relation to medieval warfare." Bro. Campbell's well-known ability as a lecturer and his thorough knowledge of his subject will be a sufficient assurance of an interesting evening being in store for those who attend. He will come with ancient, modern and medieval manuscript, and he has a sword that weighs forty pounds and is crimsoned with the blood of many an enemy who has dared to question a ruling when a Campbell was in the chair. After the lecture, Bro. Peter Power will be on hand with his gramophone, a machine which has delighted the East, from the Baltic to Groshault, and with character songs by the telegrapher himself and the genial outside sentinel, Bro. McCormack, there is no reason why an exceptional evening should not be spent. A report in a future issue will be given.

With the breaking up of the roads, Bro. James Trainor has closed a very successful season, presiding at the socials and selling pies. James' fame as an auctioneer has passed through the Province, and his services are constantly in demand. With a bland smile, he mounts the empty flour barrel and presents his proposition, in the shape of a tempting piece of pastry, and that smile widens as the price goes upward, until the unsuspecting citizen who buys is buncoed out of from 17 cents to \$5.00. There are those who are unkind enough to remark that James might with profit to himself devote his energies in other directions, but who knows that better than James himself?

Bro. Arsenaault has been transferred to Tignish, and Bro. E. J. McTague will go to Morrell.

As we write this we learn that Bro. Campbell has decided to pull up the stake at Bradalbane and transfer himself and his worldly possessions to Alberton, where he swears he will vegetate until the final call comes.

Bro. Horace McEwen, delegate, is preparing to start for the South to take part in the proceedings of the Grand Division. He will uphold the honor and dignity of the banner division.

The genial relieving agent, Bro. Holland, has returned to his summer quarters at the "King Edward Hotel," fully recovered from his recent illness. The balmy air of his native village soon brought back the color to his cheeks and reduced the mumps to a minimum. Some said it was the mumps Peter had and some said it was the "lump jaw," but it is no difference now, as it is all over. A few weeks in East Baltic, gnawing the bark from the maple trees and digging the beach nuts from under the snow did the work which would puzzle Dr. Osler.

We are delighted to note the activity of our new officers and trust their efforts for the betterment of conditions will be warmly seconded by the rank and file of the members. The circular of the grievance committee was quite in order, and we know it will be followed up by stringent measures for the extermination of that greatest of pests, the illegal plug teacher. We know them and will be glad to note their retiring from the business, even if we must force them to it.

We are not exactly in favor of the closed shop in union matters, but we can not look with respect and affection on a brother worker who so far forgets the benefits he has received from the organization as not only to cease being associated with us, but to actually teach students, contrary to the laws of both the railway and the Order. Then there is generally a grievance which he nurses, and on every occasion slings it up to the member who tries to reason with him. Be a man—and come in and we will give you a night to get it out of your system. Come, boys, before it is too late and the beans get black.

The hand of death has stricken another name from our roll, and it loves a shining mark. This time we mourn one of our oldest members, and No. 1, both on our charter and on the seniority list of the station and telegraph department of the railway. We refer to Bro. James McTague, for a number of years station master at Tignish, and father of our esteemed brother, Ernest J. McTague. Bro. McTague had been ill for some time, but his friends did not look for such a sudden ending as that which occurred on the 22d of February. Bro. McTague was all that goes to make a man, honest and fearless in the discharge of his duties, a good father to those who were only a short time ago deprived of a loving mother, and a cheerful fellow worker. We miss the familiar "NI," and his genial companionship, but it is the way we must all go.

"One by one we must all file on through the narrow aisles of pain."

The funeral, which took place on the 24th, was very largely attended, the O. R. T. hiring a special train which conveyed sixteen members (all who could be relieved) to the late home of the deceased. The floral tributes were many and beautiful. Among them specially to be mentioned were those from Superintendent Sharp, Charlottetown Division, No. 47, O. R. T.; Brotherhood of R. R. Trainmen and employees of Georgetown station.

To the bereaved family we tender the sincere sympathy of all the members.

We must thank the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen on behalf of this division for the courtesy shown at the funerals of our late brothers, Lawson and McTague. Cor.

### Boston & Maine Ry.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in his infinite wisdom to remove from our midst our loyal and beloved brother, Howard H. Hughes; and while we humbly submit to the will of our Heavenly Father, yet we deeply feel the loss of one who was our dear friend and co-worker; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That we, Division No. 45, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to his bereaved family, in this their hour of sorrow, its sincere sympathy; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of Division No. 45, a copy sent to the stricken family, and a copy forwarded to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

E. E. SPRAGUE,  
J. M. GUARE,  
R. R. BARNARD,  
*Committee.*

### Mobile & Ohio Ry.

#### St. Louis Division—

Everything is moving in the same old way.

Bro. J. C. Armstrong, the second trick man at Corinth and Mr. F. C. Caseboro, the day telegrapher at Booneville, have exchanged positions.

Bro. Newsome, the second trick man at Shannon, is off duty a few days to get married; relieved by Bro. Sanders.

Bro. S. L. Davis, agent at Guntown, recently spent a few days in Corinth with old friends and relatives.

Bro. Clyde Dancer has been assigned second trick at Ruslor.

Mr. E. O. Parish, formerly employed by this company, has again entered the service and is now working extra at Booneville.

Bro. Dancer, of Ruslor, has been off duty a few days on account of the illness of his mother.

Bro. J. E. Reynolds, the telegrapher at Perry, is taking his vacation and visiting relatives at Ramer.

Bro. G. E. Roberson, agent at Ramer, has been laying off for some time; relieved by Mr. Robinson.

Bro. S. K. Sommers, day telegrapher at Perry, is doing the extra stunt at Jackson; relieved at Perry by Mr. Farnaklin, of Moscow.

Bro. W. H. Polagrove attended the convention at Atlanta. He was relieved by Bro. B. E. Sanders, of Jackson.

Bro. McDermot, telegrapher at Waterloo, off a few days, relieved by Bro. Overby.

Bro. Snookes, third trick man at Red Bud, is off a few days; relieved by Mr. Haynes.

Div. Coa.

### T. St. L. & W. Ry.

#### Toledo Division—

Bro. John G. Gerthoffer, bill and rate clerk at "PO," Delphos, Ohio, was off duty two weeks, taking in the sights around Lima, Ohio.

Relief Agent O. D. Cartwright spent April 26th in Ohio City.

Mr. John G. Adams, third at Marion, spent April 26th in Ohio City.

Telegrapher Blum, of Holgate, is working third trick at "DE," Decatur. Mr. Blum is a new man on the road.

Understand there is to be a change in first trick at Marion, Ind., "RI" office. Have not heard who the lucky man will be, but hope that he will have the necessary card in his possession.

Another month has rolled around, and I trust all have their current cards. By the time this appears in print we will be having warm weather. Don't let these warm days cause us to be neglectful of our duties in the office. Let each one be particular to ask permission before leaving the office. Of course, it is a task to remain inside when the bright, sunshiny days come, but remember we are working short hours and our duty to the company is to attend strictly to business.

Let all remember the importance of answering calls promptly, especially the p. m. car report, and the "37" report at 5 p. m. If we do this it speaks well in our behalf.

Bro. E. F. Harris has resigned and gone West.

Mr. H. F. Major, formerly first trick at "DE," Decatur, Ind., is now working the afternoon trick in relay office at Frankfort, Ind.

Bro. P. H. Wagner, after being out of the service and in the coal business, is now working first trick at "DE," Decatur, Ind.

Agents G. C. Marston, Ohio City; T. L. McCullough, Decatur; T. L. Miller, Bluffton; J. F. Walters, Van Buren; W. J. Carroll, Kokomo, and Relief Agent O. D. Cartwright were in Frankfort, Ind., April 24th, attending a meeting held at Superintendent J. F. Clement's office.

As vacancies are scarce and all men are working steady, there is not much news. Would like to state that the writer will appreciate any assistance rendered him in gathering the news each month, so let each one send in items and thereby make our column look as newsworthy as possible.

#### St. Louis Division—

Bro. W. Muzzy, general chairman, will attend the convention at Atlanta, Ga. He also intends making a tour of the East, including Washington, D. C., before he returns.

Vacations and transfers are very few, all seem to be hitting the ball.



Bro. Guy A Morrison is back with us as second trick at Madison yards, filling the vacancy left by Bro. L. C. Wright, who, it is said, mysteriously disappeared a short time ago.

Bro. C. S. Whitford, who for some time has held second trick at Cayuga, has accepted the position as day telegrapher in the dispatchers' office at Frankfort, relieving C. H. Gills, who is dispatching a trick on the east end.

With such a good set of dispatchers and telegraphers in the dispatchers' office we should not allow them to call us as they frequently do, but give them the best of service; they deserve it.

Mr. J. F. Dickman, agent at Peters, is taking a vacation; relieved by Mr. O. T. Ayers.

Mr. R. N. Nichols has been relieved by Mr. V. L. Wright as agent at Chapman, the former being transferred to agency at Kirkpatrick.

Mr. H. B. Smith, telegrapher from the dispatchers' office at Frankfort, is now second trick man at Brocton.

We understand that Mr. F. C. Clifton, agent at Brocton, is to take second trick at Cayuga.

Bro. Muzzy was elected mayor of the village of Ramsey, on April 20th, without opposition, having received the nomination on March 9th.

Bro. Ray Dornblaiser, second trick at Neoga, is taking a two weeks' vacation; relieved by Mr. C. W. Donaldson.

Relief Agent O. D. Cartwright has gone to Coffeen for a few days, relieving Mr. Barns.

Bro. H. S. Stafford, the agent at Herrick, has been on the sick list for the last few days; do not know who relieved him.

Let's all bear the following in mind and act accordingly: "Get after the nons; there are a few left."

Now, brothers, you all no doubt enjoy reading this little write-up of the Clover Leaf each month, so please see that we get the news.

The writer wishes to thank Bro. Denton for the items he has so kindly furnished this month.

CERT. 3399.





## MUTUAL BENEFIT DEPARTMENT.

Assessment No. 123 is due June 1, 1909.  
Time for payment expires July 31, 1909.

### AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS.

On \$ 300 00 (Series A).....	20 cents each
On 500 00 (Series B).....	30 cents each
On 1,000 00 (Series C).....	60 cents each

### BENEFITS PAID DURING MAY, 1909.

CLAIM No.	NAME.	CAUSE.	DIV.	CERT. No.	SERIES.	AMT.
656..	Tantum M. Howitt	Crushed to Death by Falling Building.....	39..	13548..	A..	\$ 300 00
874..	George E. Marden	Organic Heart Disease.....	23..	5361..	C..	1,000 00
877..	A. E. Daswell	Apoplexy .....	53..	20725..	A..	300 00
881..	Isaac Irvine	Heart Failure.....	99..	18053..	B..	500 00
882..	William Booker	Catarrh .....	27..	21383..	C..	1,000 00
883..	Francis Love	Cirrhosis of Liver.....	8..	15738..	A..	300 00
887..	John G. Lutz	Cancer of Stomach .....	8..	11966..	C..	1,000 00
888..	Edgar R. Deen	Purpura Hemorrhagica.....	Grand..	24371..	C..	1,000 00
890..	Irving C. Sickels	Acute Nephritis .....	44..	21804..	C..	1,000 00
891..	Wm. L. Williams	Heart Failure .....	138..	11236..	C..	1,000 00
892..	Jabez Weatherbee	Unknown (found dead in bed).....	Grand..	1783..	A..	300 00
899..	John B. McHan	Typhoid Fever .....	59..	26946..	A..	300 00
900..	George W. Lewis	Apoplexy .....	16..	14219..	B..	500 00
901..	Otes B. Taylor	Bronchitis.....	130..	23429..	C..	1,000 00
902..	O. C. Jones	Acute Tuberculosis.....	53..	4741..	A..	300 00
907..	John T. Waugh	Bronchitis.....	31..	21619..	C..	1,000 00

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MORTUARY FUND.

#### RECEIPTS.

Received on Assessment Account to April 30, 1909 .....	\$766,669 18
Received on Assessment Account May, 1909.....	5,020 51

**\$771,689 69**

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

Death Claims paid to April 30, 1909.....	\$519,981 47
Death Claims paid in May .....	10,800 00
Assessments refunded, account rejected applications.....	1,167 15
Assessments transferred to dues.....	201 53
Cash on hand to credit Mortuary Fund, May 31, 1909 .....	239,539 54

**\$771,689 69**

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*Grand Secretary and Treasurer.*

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GRAND DIVISION—Attached membership not confined to any particular railroad or territory. H. B. Perham, President, St. Louis, Mo.; L. W. Quick, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, St. Louis Mo.

No. 1—Division covers the Grand Trunk Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Bell, Gen'l Chairman, Callander, Ontario; D. L. Shaw, Gen'l S. & T., 769 King st., London, Ont.

No. 2, ST. LOUIS, MO.—Meets first and third Mondays each month at 8 p. m., Small Hall, South Side, 3d floor Masonic Temple (Odeon Building), Grand and Finney aves., St. Louis, Mo. L. W. Quick, Chief Telegrapher, 7th floor, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.; J. W. La Fever, S. & T., 3940a St. Louis ave., St. Louis, Mo.

No. 3, HARRISBURG, PA.—Meets 1st Thursday each month in Masonic Temple, cor. Main and Market sts. (P. O. Bldg.), Lewistown, Pa., and at some point on Middle Division, P. R. R., 3d Thursday evening each month at 7 p. m. Frank Carstine, Chief Tel., Petersburg, Pa.; B. H. Saltsman, S. & T., 76 N. 18th st., Harrisburg, Pa.

No. 5—Division covers the Kansas City Southern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. Munea, Gen'l Chairman, Hume, Mo.; W. W. Slaughter, Gen'l S. & T., Hume, Mo.

No. 6—Division covers the Union Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. L. Stump, Gen't Chairman, Box 40, Denver, Colo.; John H. Hughey, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Box 294, Junction City, Kan.

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No. 8—Division covers New York Central Ry. M. G. Woolley, Gen'l Chairman, 155th st. and Eighth ave., New York; A. E. Blim, Gen'l S. & T., Chili Station, N. Y. Hudson Div.—Meets 3d Tuesday of each month at 8:30 p. m. in G. A. R. Hall, 27 Garden st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. J. B. West, Local Chairman, 11 Thompson st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Western and Rochester Division meets 3d Saturday evening in Feb., Apr., June, Aug., Oct. and Dec., at Rochester, N. Y.; Jan., Mar., May, July Sept. and Nov., at Syracuse, N. Y. Mohawk Div.—Meets on 3d Wednesday each month, at 7:30 p. m., in the Fonda Court House, at Fonda, N. Y. M. B. Lynch, Local Chairman, 96a State st., Schenectady, N. Y. Harlem Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Fall Brook Div.—Meets 3d Wednesday evening each month at 8 p. m., Odd Fellows' Hall, East Erie ave. Corning, N. Y. R. R. McInroy, Local Chairman, Middlebury Center, Pa. Electric Div. and Grand Central Terminal—Meets 2d Wednesday, at 9:30 a. m., and 4th Wednesday, at 8 p. m., each month, Colonial Building, 67 and 69 West 125th st., New York. H. D. Murty, Local Chairman of Grand Central Terminal, 115 South High st., Mount Vernon, N. Y. E. M. O'Meara, Local Chairman of Electric Div., Dumont, N. J.; G. P. Alrutz, Ass't Local Chairman, in charge of Station Department, 24 First st. Yonkers, N. Y. Buffalo Div.—Regular meetings will be held at North Tonawanda, N. Y., on the first Wednesday evening in Jan., Mar.,

- May., July, Sept. and Nov. Special meetings to be held in Buffalo, subject to call of Local Chairman. J. H. Groat, Local Chairman, 81 Amherst st., Buffalo, N. Y.
- No. 9, LANCASTER, PA.—Meets third Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Central Labor Union Hall, 2d floor, No. 22 South Queen st., Lancaster, Pa. W. W. Shope, Jr., Chief Telegrapher, 1429 Zarker st., Harrisburg, Pa.; A. B. Hambright, S. & T., Ellzabethtown, Pa.
- No. 12, SUNBURY, PA.—Meets third Monday in months of Jan., March, May, July, Sept. and Nov., at 8 p. m., and in months of Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. and Dec., at 10 a. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall, S. W. corner Market and 3d sts., Sunbury, Pa. W. H. Dunkelberger, Chief Tel., 845 N 5th st., Sunbury, Pa.; W. D. Grant, S. & T., 225 Fairmount ave., Sunbury, Pa.
- No. 14.—Division covers the Norfolk & Western Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. E. Layman, Gen'l Chairman, Troutville, Va.; T. H. Lankford, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 11, Cloverdale, Va.
- No. 15, OTTAWA, ONT.—Meets subject to call of Chief Telegrapher at Ottawa, Ont. G. W. Shepherd, Chief Tel., Alexandria, Ont.; D. Robertson, S. & T., Glen Robertson, Ont.; D. Robertson and G. W. Shepherd, Legislative Representatives.
- No. 16.—Division covers the Michigan Central Railroad. Meets 3d Monday each month at 7:30 p. m., Prismatic Hall, 140 First st., Detroit, Mich. J. C. Culkins, Gen'l Chairman, Albion, Mich.; J. H. Staley, Gen'l S. & T., Ridgemoor, Ont.
- No. 17, BALTIMORE, MD.—Meets 1st and 3d Wednesday of each month at Old Town Bank Building, 3d floor, Baltimore, Md. Wm. M. Skinner, Chief Tel., Middle River, Md.; Daniel L. Koller, S. & T., Hartford road and West Erdman ave., Baltimore, Md.
- No. 18.—Division covers the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad System. 1st, 2d and 4th districts meet subject to call of chairman. Meetings of 3d district every 3d Wednesday of each month at the Council Room, City Hall, Leipsic, Ohio, A. T. Hixon, Gen'l Chairman, Continental, Ohio; C. F. Mayer, Gen'l S. & T., 6816 Lawn ave., Cleveland, Ohio.
- No. 20.—Division covers the New York, Ontario & Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Guy Cochran, Gen'l Chairman, Kingston, N. Y.; H. D. Pfoor, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 114, Jermyn, Pa.; M. E. Eccleston, Local Chairman, Southern Division, Port Jervis, N. Y.; T. E. Nealon, Local Chairman, Scranton Division, Archbald, Pa.; C. F. Ingersoll, Local Chairman, Northern Division, Guilford, N. Y.; C. E. Downie, Asst. Local Chairman, Southern Division, Summitville, N. Y.; J. D. Foote, Assistant Local Chairman, Southern Division, Cooks Falls, N. Y.
- No. 21.—Division covers the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. E. F. Stenger, Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D., No. 3, Miamisburg, Ohio; C. B. Miller, Gen'l S. & T., Piqua, Ohio.
- No. 22.—Division covers the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad System. R. J. Clark, Gen'l S. & T., Arbo, Miss.
- No. 23.—Division covers the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Milwaukee Terminal meetings held subject to call of Local Chairman. O. W. Renshaw, Gen'l Chairman, 2 West 14th st., Minneapolis, Minn.; G. E. Soyster, Gen'l S. & T., 1554 Bever ave., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- No. 24, WILLIAMSPORT, PA.—Meets 2d Tuesday of each month, at 8 p. m., in Elliott Hall, southwest corner 4th and Pine sts., Williamsport, Pa., and 4th Tuesday of each month in A. O. H. Hall, Lock Haven, Pa. J. I. Klingenberg, Chief Tel., 2415 Dover st., Newberry, Pa.; J. N. Sponsler, S. & T., 935 Erie ave., Williamsport, Pa.
- No. 25.—Division covers the International & Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. H. Stanton, Gen'l Chairman, Rockdale, Tex.; R. B. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., Jewett, Tex. J. O. Edington, Local Chairman, Tyler, Tex. I. L. Wood, Local Chairman, Otto, Tex. L. H. Hungate, Local Chairman, Marquez, Texas.
- No. 26, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Sunday each month at 3 p. m., 2744 8th ave., New York City. E. J. Ryan, Chief Tel., 228 W. 141st st., New York; A. R. Linn, S. & T., 205 St. James Place, Brooklyn N. Y.
- No. 27.—Division covers the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad System. Meets on the 15th of each month in the Mayor's office, at Green Castle, Ind. E. E. Pierron, Gen'l Chairman, Vandalia, Ill.; C. R. Shortridge, Gen'l S. & T., Coatesville, Ind.
- No. 29, NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Meets 1st Friday of each month at 8 p. m., in Red Men's Hall, 48 Church st., cor. Crown, New Haven, Conn. L. H. Dowd, Chief Tel., 47 Division st., Danbury, Conn.; G. F. McCormick, S. & T., 93 Main st., West Haven, Conn.
- No. 31.—Division covers the Missouri Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. W. M. Holman, Gen'l Chairman, 7210 Pennsylvania ave., St. Louis, Mo.; H. J. Mohler, Gen'l S. & T., Kingman, Kan.
- No. 32.—Division covers the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. C. G. Kelso, Gen'l Chairman, 1106 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.; J. E. McQuade, Gen'l S. & T., 1106 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.

- No. 33—Division covers the Baltimore & Ohio Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. E. N. Van Atta, Gen'l Chairman, Box 36, Newark, O.; W. Edgar Frasher, Gen'l S. & T., 814 W. 9th st., Wilmington, Del. Philadelphia Division meets in the hall at Cowenton, Md., 3d Wednesday evening of every other month, at 8 p. m., and meets in Landis Hall, 63d and Woodland ave., Philadelphia, Pa., 3d Saturday evening of every other month, commencing Saturday, September 19th, at 8 p. m. Thus alternating between Cowenton and Philadelphia, Pa., every other meeting. C. W. Hill, Folsom, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District of Baltimore Division and "GO," General Office Baltimore & New York Terminals meets jointly Wednesday evening of each month, at 8 p. m., at 609 Fremont ave., near Franklin st., Baltimore Md. J. D. McGrath, 2811 Frisby st., Baltimore, Md., Local Chairman Eastern District, Baltimore Division; C. B. Pierce, 2021 8th st., Walbrook, Baltimore, Md., Local Chairman "GO," General Office, Baltimore and New York Terminals. Western District of the Baltimore Division meets third Friday of January, April, July and October, at Woodstock, Md., at 8 p. m.; third Friday of February, August and November, at Washington Junction, Md., at 8 p. m., and third Friday of March, June, September and December, at Washington Junction, Md., at 11 a. m. M. F. Quill, Woodstock, Md., Local Chairman. Pittsburg Division, River, Pike and P. & W. District meets every third Thursday night of each month at Hotel Wilson, No. 10 Smithfield st., Pittsburg, Pa.; W. C. Safford, 412 Ringold st., McKeesport, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District, J. Yeager, Jr., Callery, Pa., Local Chairman. Western District, Cleveland Division, meets on third Monday of each month in Snyder's Hall, Exchange st., Massillon, Ohio. G. H. McCoy, 92 Wooster st., Massillon, Ohio, Local Chairman. Chicago Division meets on third Wednesday night of each month in Red Men's Hall, Defiance, Ohio. T. J. Eiler, Defiance, Ohio, Local Chairman Eastern District; A. P. Webster, Kimmell, Ind., Local Chairman Western District. Newark Divisions, including all its subdivisions and branches, will hereafter meet in Newark on the third Monday of each month. The meetings will be held alternately in the afternoon and evening, beginning with an evening meeting on December 21st.
- No. 34—Division covers the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. V. Phillips, Gen'l Chairman, Wellington, Ill.; S. M. Rittenhouse, Gen'l S. & T., Sidell, Ill.
- No. 35, PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month in Swarts Lodge, Odd Fellows' Hall, 96 Westminster st., Providence, R. I. David M. Callis, Chief Tel., Touisset, Mass.; R. A. Brown, S. & T., 75 Cedar ave., Riverside, R. I.
- No. 36—Division covers the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburg. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. W. Burch, Gen'l S. & T., 319 Atlanta ave., Tuxedo Park., St. Louis, Mo.
- No. 37, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Meets 2d Friday evening each month, 8 p. m., Post Office Bldg., New Rochelle, N. Y. Harry Burger, Chief Tel., 31 Park ave., Port Chester, N. Y.; Jos. A. Hannan, S. & T., P. O. Box 140, Rye, N. Y.
- No. 38, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Meets 3d Saturday each month, 7:30 p. m., at 33 Lyman st., Springfield, Mass. Wm. A. Lamberton, Chief Tel., 15 George st., West Springfield, Mass.; John R. Cardinal, S. & T., Box 1417, Springfield Mass.
- No. 39.—Division covers the Pere Marquette Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Knister, Gen'l Chairman, Coatsworth, Ont.; W. C. Johnson, Gen'l S. & T., Edmore, Mich.
- No. 40.—Division covers Chesapeake & Ohio Railway System. L. E. Hicks, Gen'l Chairman, Craigs ville, Va.; J. W. Kiser, Gen'l S. & T., Guyandotte, W. Va.; J. J. Holt, Chairman, Allegheny & Greenbrier Districts, Covington, Va.; J. W. Kiser, chairman Huntington Division, Guyandotte, W. Va.; C. D. McGehee, chairman Peninsula & Piedmont Districts, 2803 E. Clay st., Richmond, Va.; H. M. Crowder, chairman Rivanna District, Howardsville, Va.; D. H. Scott, chairman James River District, Big Island, Va.; L. E. Hicks, chairman Mountain District, Craigs ville, Va.; M. L. Denning, chairman New River District, Brooks, W. Va.; H. O. Irwin, chairman Lexington & Big Sandy Districts, Pikesville, Ky.; W. H. Glenn, chairman Cincinnati District, Garrison, Ky. Meetings once a month at Clifton Forge and Hinton. Richmond and Ashland meetings subject to call of chairmen.
- No. 41, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 2d Saturday night each month, Engineers' Hall, 164 Canal st., Boston, Mass. T. J. Fogarty, Chief Tel., 71 Clarendon ave., West Somerville, Mass.; F. M. Morgan, S. & T., Lexington, Mass.
- No. 42.—Division covers the Erie Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Joint meetings of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions will be held at Warren, Ohio, corner Park ave. and Market st., every third Saturday of each month. W. H. Husted, Gen'l Chairman, Richwood, Ohio; C. L. Bridge, Gen'l S. & T., Deposit, N. Y.
- No. 43.—Division covers Canadian Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. E. J. Willis, Gen'l Chairman, Roland, Man.; W. G. Roxburgh, Acting Gen'l S. & T., 399 Agnes st., Winnipeg, Man.

- No. 44, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Fraternity Hall, 22-24 Harriman ave., Jamaica, N. Y. C. B. Van Nostrand, Chief Tel., 31 Aberdeen st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. A. Leonard, S. & T., 365 Shelton ave., Jamaica, N. Y.
- No. 45, WOODSVILLE, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., K. of P. Hall, Woodsville, N. H. B. C. Berry, Chief Tel., South Barton, Vt.; F. P. Learned, S. & T., Box 553, Woodsville, N. H.
- No. 46—Division covers the Central of Georgia Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. H. Livsey, Gen'l Chairman, East Point, Ga.; O. S. Travis, Gen'l S. & T., Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. System meetings held at O. R. C. Hall, Macon, Ga., subject to call of General Chairman. Macon Division meets with Dixie Club, Federation Hall, Atlanta, Ga., every second Saturday night; O. S. Travis, Local Chairman, Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. Savannah Division meets at Macon, Ga., subject to call of Local Chairman. D. M. Rogers, Local Chairman, Register, Ga. Chattanooga Division meets at La Fayette, Ga., every second Sunday; Local Chairman, W. D. Stewart, La Fayette, Ga. Southwestern Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman, T. J. Mills, Smithville, Ga. Columbus Division meets at Opelika, Ala., subject to call of Local Chairman A. H. Warlich, Opelika, Ala.
- No. 47, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., at B. I. S. Hall, Charlottetown, P. E. I. W. H. Slackford, Gen'l Chairman, Breadalbane, P. E. I.; J. E. R. McEwen, S. & T., Charlottetown, P. E. I.
- No. 48—Division covers the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton and Ann Arbor Railways. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. Shoults, Gen'l Chairman, Storms, Ohio; A. F. Weast, Gen'l S. & T., 308 Rose st., Springfield, Ohio.
- No. 49—Division covers the Denver & Rio Grande Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. F. B. Homan, Gen'l Chairman, Pando, Colo.; A. E. Roberts, Gen'l S. & T., 2419 Routt ave., Pueblo, Colo.
- No. 50—Division covers the Georgia Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. W. Duffy, Gen'l Chairman, James, Ga.; W. P. Hubert, Gen'l S. & T., Crawfordsville, Ga.
- No. 51—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Erie Railway System. Meets fourth Thursday of each month, in Eagle's Hall, Greenville, Pa. C. V. Patton, General Chairman, Keister, Pa.; W. B. Risley, Gen'l S. & T., 96 Marshal st., Conneaut, Ohio.
- No. 52, PITTSBURG, PA.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturday evening each month at 8 p. m., at 204 Fifth ave., 3d floor, Pittsburg, Pa. J. J. Standley, Chief Tel., 3508 Mellwood ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; H. K. Klingensmith, Secretary, 234 Grandview ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; C. C. Campbell, Treasurer, 605 Arlington ave., Pittsburg, Pa.
- No. 53—Division covers the Southern Pacific Railway Lines. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. H. Lester, Gen'l Chairman, Weimar, Tex.; O. P. Bates, Gen'l S. & T., Orland, Cal.
- No. 54—Division covers the Northern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Sam Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, North Branch, Minn.; I. N. Holmes, Gen'l S. & T., 1015 10th st., Olympia, Wash.
- No. 55—Division covers the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Wabash, Pittsburg Terminal and West Side Belt Railways. Meets third Saturday evening of each month at 7:30 p. m., at Navarre, Ohio. R. E. Hamilton, Gen'l Chairman, Mogadore, Ohio; C. R. Guthrie, Gen'l S. & T., Box 71, Jewett, Ohio.
- No. 56—Division covers Georgia Southern & Florida Railway System. W. O. Wilson, Gen'l Chairman, Vienna, Ga.; O. H. Watson, Gen'l S. & T., Tobesofkee, Ga.
- No. 57—Division covers the Houston & Texas Central Railway System. Meets every third Saturday at 8:30 p. m., in Labor Temple, over 401 Main st., Dallas, Tex. W. J. Burke, Gen'l Chairman, H. & T. C. yard office, Dallas, Tex.; J. A. McKey, Gen'l S. & T., 43 N. Benge st., McKinney, Tex.
- No. 58, WILMINGTON, DEL.—Meets third Friday evening, 8 o'clock, Red Men's Hall, 517 Shipley st., Wilmington, Del. Thomas Truitt, Chief Telegrapher, Clayton, Del.; F. C. Melvin, S. & T., Newport, Del.
- No. 59—Division covers Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. J. Gregory, Gen'l Chairman, Chase City, Va.; O. R. Doyle, Gen'l S. & T., Calhoun, S. C.
- No. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets third Friday of each month at 8 p. m., at Typographical Temple, 423 "G" st., N. W., Washington, D. C. J. E. Blades, Chief Tel., 1529 East Capitol st., Washington, D. C. J. E. Vandegrift, S. & T., 936 "B" st., S. W., Washington, D. C.
- No. 61, CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—Meets 4th Tuesday evening of each month in Engineers' Hall, Campbellton, N. B. J. W. Morton, Chief Tel., Campbellton, N. B.; G. F. Ward, S. & T., Chatham Jct., N. B.
- No. 62—Division covers the Queen & Crescent (North). A. B. Willison, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Science Hill, Ky. K. C. Gardner, Gen'l S. & T., Box 333, Williamstown, Ky. E. H. Boutwell, Local Chairman Cincinnati Div., Box 374, Williamstown, Ky. M. B. Dungan, Local Chairman Chattanooga Division, Science Hill, Ky. Meets 4th Saturday night in each month at Somerset, Ky. D. B. Stone, Local Chairman A. G. S. Division, care Central Depot, Chattanooga, Tenn. Meetings held at Danville, Ky., and Oakdale, Tenn., subject to call of chairman.

- No. 63, MONCTON, N. B.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month, alternately at Moncton, N. B., and St. John, N. B. H. W. Jones, Chief Tel., Moncton, N. B.; R. M. Gross, S. & T., Boundary Creek, N. B.
- No. 64, LEVIS, QUE.—Meets third Tuesday of each month. Place of each following meeting to be chosen by a majority vote of members present at each regular meeting. A. Dion, Chief Tel., 38 St. Louis st., Quebec, Que.; Wm. Parsons, Secretary and Treasurer, St. Pierre, Co. Montmagny, Que.
- No. 65, ROCHESTER, N. H.—Meets at 8 p. m., second Saturday each month in G. A. R. Hall, Rochester, N. H. E. J. Scott, Chief Tel., West Ossipee, N. H.; H. L. Jones, S. & T., Fremont, N. H.
- No. 66, TRURO, N. S.—Meets third Wednesday each month, McKay's Hall (B. R. T. room), Inglis st., Truro, N. S. W. A. Harris, Chief Tel., Windsor Junction, N. S.; Geo. O. Forbes, S. & T., Spring Hill Junction, N. S.
- No. 67, WILKESBARRE, PA.—Meets on the third Friday each month at 8 p. m., at O. U. A. M. Hall, No. 31 W. Market st., Wilkesbarre, Pa. J. Nelligan, S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- No. 68—Division covers Washington County Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. James F. Desmond, Gen'l Chairman, Eastport, Me.; Wm. C. Myrick, Gen'l S. & T., East Machias, Me.
- No. 69—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (South). Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Shields, Gen'l Chairman, Morton, Miss.; J. C. Talley, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Poplarville, Miss.
- No. 70—Division covers the Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Post, Gen'l Chairman, Box 1,114, Minot, N. D.; P. M. Abbott, Gen'l S. & T., Logan, Mont.
- No. 71, OSKALOOSA, IOWA—Meets second Saturday in each month at 8:45 p. m., in Clingman Hall, over Pike's Drug Store, Oskaloosa, Iowa. H. W. Landfear, Chief Tel., Wright, Iowa; O. L. Davis, S. & T., Richland, Iowa.
- No. 72, ST. JOSEPH, MO.—Meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., 623 Mt. Mora Road, St. Joseph, Mo. F. E. Berry, Chief Tel., 210 E. Missouri ave., St. Joseph, Mo.; Miss Zaida M. Moore, S. & T., Moray, Kan.
- No. 73, MAUCH CHUNK, PA.—Meets second Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., on the 4th floor, Odd Fellows' Hall, Broadway, Mauch Chunk, Pa. William M. Butler, S. & T., Room 11, Court House, Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- No. 74—Division covers B. & O. S.-W. R. R. V. B. Turner, Gen'l Chairman, Box 2, Ewing Ind.; A. Fryburger, Gen'l S. & T., Athens, O.
- No. 75—Division covers Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville Ry. System. G. W. Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, Losantville, Ind.; H. H. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., 236 N. Monroe st., Muncie, Ind.
- No. 76—Division covers the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Jas. Troy, Gen'l Chairman, Jewell, Iowa; W. J. Liddane, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, 227 W. Central ave., St. Paul, Minn.; Ira R. Kempkes, Gen'l S. & T., Nevada, Iowa.
- No. 77, DENVER, COLO.—Meets 1st Monday evening in each month at 620 14th st., Denver, Colo. C. M. Worth, Chief Tel., 620 14th st., Denver, Colo.; C. L. Cheney, S. & T., 935 17th st., Denver, Colo.
- No. 78, ALBANY, N. Y.—Meets 3d Saturday each month at 7:30 p. m., A. O. U. W. Hall, 82 S. Pearl st., Albany, N. Y. Guy A. Johnson, Chief Tel., Eagle Bridge, N. Y.; B. M. Nichols, S. & T., 22 Columbia st., Schenectady, N. Y.
- No. 79—Covers G. & S. I. Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. J. O. Bolton, Gen'l Chairman, Mt. Olive, Miss.; W. L. Yeates, Gen'l Sec. and Treas., Box 69, Maxie, Miss.; E. W. Wooten, Ass't Gen'l S. & T., Maxie, Miss.
- No. 80—Division covers the M. J. & K. C. Ry. System. W. C. Longmire, Gen'l Chairman. Union, Miss.; J. W. Spivey, Gen'l S. & T., Merrill, Miss.
- No. 81—Division covers the Colorado Midland Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of chairman. Albert Kuhn, Gen'l Chairman, New Castle, Colo.; Guy Salling, Gen'l S. & T., Florissant, Colo.
- No. 82—Division covers Western Maryland Railway System. R. E. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Smithburg, Md.; C. T. Rose, Gen'l S. & T., Lock Box 82, Gettysburg, Pa. W. Va. Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Md. and Va. Div. meets subject to call of Local Chairman.
- No. 83—Division covers the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. A. W. Sherburne, Gen'l Chairman, New Sweden Station, Me.; F. J. Crozier, Gen'l Sec. and Treas., Abbott, Me.
- No. 84, CAMDEN, N. J.—Meets 2d Saturday evening each month in Goff Bldg., Room No. 2, next to P. R. R. Broadway station, Camden, N. J. T. A. Hitchner, Chief Tel., Wenonah, N. J.; W. M. Hitchner, Sec'y Pitman, N. J.; F. S. Pheasant, Treas., Merchantville, N. J.
- No. 85, TRENTON, N. J.—Meets 3d Friday at 8 p. m., at Concordia Hall, 33 West State st., Trenton, N. J. N. T. Bryson, Chief Tel., 84 Sweets ave., Trenton, N. J.; Chas. Parker, S. & T., cor. West State and Prospect sts., Trenton, N. J.

No. 86, ALTOONA, PA.—Meets 2d Wednesday at 10:15 a. m., and 4th Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., in Lee Building, E. 12th st., between 8th and 9th aves., Altoona, Pa. John Oakes, Chief Tel., Hollidaysburg, Pa.; J. L. Franks, S. & T., 325 Beech ave., Altoona, Pa.

No. 87, SCRANTON, PA.—Meets 1st Monday evening of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Main st., Archbald, Pa. W. F. Davenport, Chief Tel., Archbald, Pa.; M. G. Grennell, S. & T., Carbondale, Pa.

No. 88—Division covers the Texas & Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. W. E. Sledge, Gen'l Chairman, Pelican, La.; J. E. DeSouza, Gen'l S. & T., Chamberlin, La.

No. 89, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 1st Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Pilgrim Hall, also 3d Saturday each month at 10 a. m. (daylight meeting) in Pilgrim Hall, 3d floor, elevator service, 694 Washington st., Boston, Mass. Leonard J. Ross, Chief Tel., No. 14 De Loss st., South Framingham, Mass.; J. H. McDermott, S. & T., Mansfield, Mass.

No. 90—Division covers Coal & Coke Ry. of W. Va. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. J. Shawver, Gen'l Chairman, Walkersville, W. Va.; J. A. Arthur, Gen'l S. & T., Clay, W. Va.

No. 91, CHICAGO, ILL.—Meets 4th Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., at Hall, 912 Masonic Temple, State and Randolph sts., Chicago, Ill. G. Dal. Jones, Chief Tel.; 1620 West Pensacola ave., Chicago, Ill.; Wm. F. McDonald, S. & T., Room 550, 263 La Salle st., Chicago, Ill.

No. 92—Division covers the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. L. P. O'Brien, Gen'l Chairman, Silver Springs, N. Y.; J. T. Simmons, Gen'l S. & T., 901 W. Long ave., DuBois, Pa.

No. 93—Division covers the Illinois Central Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. C. A. Mulhall, Gen'l Chairman, Clarkson, Ky.; G. E. Chance, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, Mounds, Ill.; W. P. Moore, Gen'l Chairman, Y. & M. V. Lines, Lula, Miss.; G. D. Clements, Gen'l Chairman, Indianapolis Sou. Ry., Bloomfield, Ind.; R. L. Shannon, Gen'l S. & T., Anna, Ill.

No. 94, MERIDIAN, MISS.—Meets 4th Wednesday night at 8 p. m., in Young Men's Benevolent Association Hall, S. E. cor. Dauphin and Jackson sts., Mobile, Ala. R. Del Buono, Chief Tel., Yellow Pine, Ala.; R. L. Howell, S. & T., 18 South Catherin st., Mobile, Ala.

No. 95, PORTLAND, ME.—Meets thrid Thursday of each month at 546½ Congress st., Portland, Me. H. G. Adams, Chief Tel., R. F. D., No. 2, Cumberland Center, Me.; C. A. Ford, S. & T., East Waterboro, Me.

No. 96—Division covers the Chicago Great Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. L. Albrecht, Gen'l Chairman, Fredericksburg, Iowa; E. C. Hodges, Gen'l S. & T., Readlyn, Iowa.

No. 97—Division covers the Seaboard Air Line Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. D. May, Gen'l Chairman, Carlton, Ga.; F. O. Cumming, Gen'l S. & T., Seaboard, N. C.

No. 98—Division covers G. V. G. & N. Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. R. W. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Thatcher, Ariz.; J. W. Arnold, Gen'l S. & T., Solomonville, Ariz.

No. 99, COBALT, ONT.—J. W. Aubin, Chief Tel., Englehart, Ont.; L. C. McBride, S. & T., Temagami, Ont.

No. 100, ELMIRA, N. Y.—Meets second Tuesday at 10:30 a. m., and fourth Tuesday at 9 p. m., each month, in Red Men's Hall, 164 Lake st., Elmira, N. Y. T. M. Seem, Chief Tel., Starkey, N. Y.; C. R. Elliott, S. & T., 381 South Main st., Elmira, N. Y.

No. 101—Division covers the Northwestern Pacific Ry. John A. Bondeson, Gen'l Chairman, Port Reyes Sta., Cal.; W. E. Hicks, Gen'l S. & T., Geyserville, Cal.

No. 102, PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Meeting place subject to notice from Secretary and Treasurer. H. O. Mennlg, S. & T., Conshohocken, Pa.

No. 103, STELLARTON, N. S.—R. Sutherland, Chief Tel., Box 297, New Glasgow, N. S.; W. McLeod, S. & T., care I. C. R. R., Stellarton, N. S.

No. 104, AYER, MASS.—Meets third Sunday of each month at 9:30 a. m., in the ante-rooms of Pierce Hall, third floor, Clinton, Mass. G. H. Cook, Chief Tel., Ayer, Mass.; John F. Mullen, S. & T., 17 Bridge st., Marlboro, Mass.

No. 105, CONCORD, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday each month at 7 p. m., in Concord Hall, Concord, N. H.; G. A. Hall, Chief Tel., Boscawen, N. H.; H. M. Clay, S. & T., North Boscawen, N. H.

No. 106, HAGERSTOWN, MD.—Meets first and third Thursdays of each month at 8 p. m., in G. A. R. Hall, Market House, Hagerstown, Md. J. L. Seibert, Chief Tel., 318 W. Washington st., Hagerstown, Md.; J. K. Snyder, S. & T., Box 46, Hagerstown, Md.

No. 107—Division covers Toledo, Peoria & Western Ry. C. M. Finch, Gen'l Chairman, Watseka, Ill.; O. L. Lang, Gen'l S. & T., El Paso, Ill.

No. 108, ADDISON, N. Y.—Meets second Sunday each month at 11 a. m., in C. M. B. A. Hall, Addison, N. Y. E. C. Cole, Chief Tel., Cowanesque, Pa.; L. D. Jacobs, S. & T., Elkland, Pa.

No. 109, CRESSON, PA.—Meets 1st Saturday of each month at 6 p. m., in Custer's Hall, Cone-maugh, Pa. Henry D. Border, Chief Tel., Portage, Pa.; Louis Biter, S. & T., Wilmore, Pa.



- No. 110, RENOVO, PA.—Meets in K. of P. Hall, Farley st., Kane, Pa., third Monday of every other month at 9 a. m. and 3 p. m., commencing May 17, and at New St. Charles Hotel, East Emporium, Pa., third Wednesday of every other month at 8 p. m., commencing June 21. J. E. O'Leary, Chief Tel., East Emporium, Pa.; A. L. Goodwin, S. & T., Box 375, Emporium, Pa.
- No. 111—Division covers San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. L. R. Tuttle, Gen'l S. & T., East San Pedro, Cal.
- No. 112—Division covers the Columbia, Newberry & Laurens Ry. Meets subject to call of chairman. James P. Wilson, Gen'l S. & T., Newberry, S. C.
- No. 113—Division covers the Ulster & Delaware System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. M. Sanford, Gen'l Chairman, Hobart, N. Y.; H. Krom, Gen'l S. & T., Hunter, N. Y.
- No. 114, ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, N. S.—H. A. Jaques, Chief Tel., Middleton, N. S.; Stanley Tavener, S. & T., Tupperville, N. S.
- No. 115, QUEBEC, QUE.—Meets first Monday each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que. A. Pelletier, Chief Tel., Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que.; J. E. Potvin, S. & T., St. Cote de Peres, Que., Can.
- No. 116—Division covers the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway System. Meets second Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and December, in places designated by General Chairman. J. H. McLean, Gen'l Chairman, L'Anse, Mich.; J. H. McLean, Acting Gen'l S. & T., L'Anse, Mich.
- No. 117, SHAMOKIN, PA.—Meets at Milton, Pa., in S. of V. Hall, 4th Saturday of the following months at 7:15 p. m.: Jan., Feb., April, May, July, Aug., Oct. and Nov. and at Catawissa, Pa., in S. of V. Hall 4th Saturday of the following months at 7:30 p. m.: March, June, Sept., and Dec. A. F. Wallaner, Chief Tel., Quakake, Pa.; H. M. Michael, S. & T., Quakake, Pa.
- No. 118—Division covers Toledo & Ohio Central, Kanawha, & Michigan, Hocking Valley and Zanesville & Western Railway System. H. B. Sims, Gen'l Chairman, Marion, Ohio; R. M. Henderson, Gen'l S. & T., Marysville, Ohio.
- No. 119—Division covers the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway System. G. W. Lewis, Gen'l Chairman, Orleans, Minn.; F. C. Paine, Gen'l S. & T., Erskine, Minn.
- No. 120—Division covers Lake Erie & Western Railway System. C. E. Estabrook, Gen'l S. & T., Springport, Ind.
- No. 121—Division covers Wisconsin Central Ry. System. G. A. Harsh, Gen'l Chairman, Colfax, Wis. O. R. Barber, Gen'l S. & T., Allenton, Wis.
- No. 122, WHITEHALL, N. Y.—Meets subject to call and at place designated. F. H. Kelley, Chief Tel., Crown Point, N. Y.; H. G. Stevens, S. & T., 27 Center st., Fort Edward, N. Y.
- No. 123—Division covers Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway System. H. S. Vogler, Gen'l Chairman, Young America, Minn.; Robert Hamilton, Gen'l S. & T., Belview, Minn.
- No. 124—Division covers Lehigh Valley Ry. System. J. Nelligan, Gen'l S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- No. 125—Division covers Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railway System. Meets 2d Friday night each month at K. of P. Hall, 3d floor, 825 Main st. (opposite postoffice), Fredericksburg, Va. R. M. Graham, Gen'l Chairman, 619 7th st., N. E., Washington, D. C.; S. R. Gentry, Gen'l S. & T., Fredericksburg, Va. J. A. Crowley, chairman, L. B. of A., North End, 329 Pennsylvania ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. D. D. Davis, Chairman, L. B. of A., South End, Penola, Va.
- No. 126—Division covers Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway System. Meets Maccabbee Hall, Rock Island, Ill., 4th Saturday evening of each month at F. O. E. Hall, El Reno, Okla. Meets second Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., in room 638, McCoy's Hotel, Chicago, Ill. W. T. Brown, Gen'l Chairman, Box 176, Topeka, Kan.; M. E. Schooler, Gen'l S. & T., Box 176, Topeka, Kan.
- No. 127, VIRGINIA, MINN.—C. J. Keenan, Chief Tel., Kelsey, Minn.; I. W. Lusk, S. & T., 406 Chestnut st., Virginia, Minn.
- No. 128—Division covers Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. System. L. A. Tanquary, Gen'l S. & T., Box 328, Pueblo, Colo.
- No. 129—Division covers Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Local Chairmen. G. E. Kipp, Gen'l Chairman, Bladell, N. Y., and Local Chairman Eastern Division; E. E. Smith, G. S. & T., Stoneboro, Pa., and Local Chairman Franklin Division; C. D. Hull, 1029 Central ave., Sandusky, Ohio, Local Chairman Toledo Division; J. H. Walker, Hillsdale, Mich., Local Chairman Michigan Division; M. S. Lowe, Monroe, Mich., Local Chairman Detroit Division; W. R. Adams, 402 W. 7th st., Auburn, Ind., Local Chairman Lansing Division; E. D. Graham, 207 E. 7th st., Mishawaka, Ind., Local Chairman Western Division.
- No. 130—Division covers Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. L. Lamb, Gen'l Chairman, Red Oak, Ia.; W. A. Henry, Gen'l S. & T., Fairfield, Iowa.
- No. 131, TRING JUNCTION, QUE.—C. A. Bildeau, Chief Tel., Beauce Jct., Que.; Patrick Doyle, S. & T., Tring Junction, Que.

No. 132—Division covers the Atlantic Coast Line Railway System. Meetings, Florence, S. C., 4th Saturday night each month. Rocky Mount, N. C., bi-monthly, February, April, June, August, October and December, on 2d Saturday night. B. F. Wheeler, Gen'l Chairman, Oviedo, Fla.; J. H. Williams, Gen'l S. & T., Wilson, N. C.

No. 133, SYDNEY, N. S.—M. A. J. McDonald, Chief Tel., Iona, C. B.; Archie B. McDougall, S. & T., Grand Narrows, Cape Breton, N. S.

No. 134, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Meets 3d Sunday each month, at 136 East Bay st., Herkimer Building, Jacksonville, Fla. L. R. Funderburk, Chief Tel., care Jacksonville Terminal Company, Jacksonville, Fla.; N. C. Hall, S. & T., New Smyrna, Fla.

No. 135, OLEAN, N. Y.—Meets third Tuesday evening each month at Rafferty's Hall, second floor, Tower Building, Olean, N. Y.; A. D. Matthewson, Chief Tel., Ischua, N. Y.; W. J. Delehant, S. & T., 74 Lewis st., Buffalo, N. Y.

No. 136, READING, PA.—Meets third Friday of each month Lloyd A. Miller, Chief Tel., Calcium, Pa.; C. F. Petree, S. & T., 932 Pear st., Reading, Pa.

No. 137—Division covers El Paso & Southwestern Railway System. J. C. McNairy, Acting Gen'l S. & T., 3942a St. Louis ave., St. Louis, Mo.

No. 138—Division covers C., C. & St. L. Railway System. Edw. Whalen, Gen'l Chairman, 1544 Fifth ave., Terre Haute, Ind.; C. A. Burton, Gen'l S. & T., Box 646, St. Louis, Mo. System meeting held at English Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., subject to call of General Chairman. Cleveland Division meets at Galion, Ohio, and Cleveland, Ohio, subject to call of Local Chairman. G. I. Martin, Gresham, Ohio, Local Chairman. Cincinnati-Sandusky Division meets third Tuesday of each month in Johnson Building, Springfield, O. A. A. Bright, Local Chairman, 1906 W. High st., Springfield, Ohio. St. Louis Division—Meets at Terre Haute, Ind., subject to call of chairman. Edw. Whalen, Local Chairman, Indianapolis Division meets at Anderson, Muncie and Bellefontaine, subject to call of chairman; E. P. Jenkins, Local Chairman, 1603 E. Jackson st., Muncie, Ind. Chicago Division meets at Greensburg, monthly, subject to call of Local Chairman; W. O. Brinkman, Summan, Ind., Local Chairman Chicago and White Water Divisions. Michigan Division meets subject to call of chairman; Geo. Lavengood, Local Chairman, Alexandria, Ind. P. & E. Division meets subject to call of chairman; D. C. Houck, Mooreland, Ind., Local Chairman. Cairo Division meets at Mt. Carmel, Ill., third Monday night of each month; H. L. Settlement, Local Chairman, Carrier Mills, Ill.

No. 139, NORTH ADAMS, MASS.—Meets on the second Saturday of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall, North Adams, Mass. O. A. Pitcher, Chief Tel., Charlemont, Mass.; H. F. Cook, S. & T., Shelburn Falls, Mass.

No. 140—Division covers Maine Central Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. S. F. Gallagher, Gen'l Chairman, Fabyan House, N. H.; H. N. Bates, Gen'l S. & T., Gardiner, Maine.

No. 141—Division covers San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. B. Dunn, Gen'l Chairman, Centre Point, Texas; J. H. Wooten, Gen'l S. & T., 403 Josephine st., San Antonio, Texas.

No. 142—Division covers the Green Bay & Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Geo. Reif, Gen'l Chairman, Hixton, Wis.; L. P. Curran, Gen'l S. & T., Winona, Minn.

No. 143—Division covers the Grand Rapids and Indiana Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. A. Donart, Gen'l Chairman, 2616 Force st., Ft. Wayne, Ind.; A. L. Munyon, Gen'l S. & T., Kalkaska, Mich.

No. 144—Division covers the Trinity and Brazos Valley Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Chas. C. Webner, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Teague, Texas; N. B. Anderson, Gen'l S. & T., Tomball, Texas.

No. 145—Division covers the Ft. W. & D. C. Ry. System. Geo. C. Webster, G. S. & T., Dalhart, Texas.

No. 146—Division covers the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Ry. System. J. C. Means, Gen'l S. & T., Oglethorpe, Ga.

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## ORANGES IN SOUTH TEXAS

In Citrus Growers' Convention Is  
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### The Future of the Industry

Mr. Bushway responded for the convention, praising Houston's hospitality and public spirit. But, he said, Houston does not yet begin to realize the importance of the orange and fig industry. He said that in California, on an acreage less than one-fourth of that available in South Texas for orange growing, the citrus fruit groves last year produced 25,000 carloads of fruit for export to other states. This industry in California, he added, has built half a dozen cities, each larger and richer than Houston is today, and when it reaches its maximum development here it will have added to the wealth of the Houston territory more value than the present total value of all our industries. The resources of the soil in the region immediately tributary to Houston, he stated, will alone build and support a city of a quarter million inhabitants.

### One Thousand Dollars an Acre in 1908

The chair called on Mr. P. I. Gill, the owner of the largest bearing orange orchard in Texas, to tell something of his experiences. Mr. Gill said he had little trouble with insect pests thus far. He has one acre of 8-year-old trees that produced \$800 worth of fruit in 1906, \$800 worth in 1907, and \$1000 worth in 1908. From his 3-year-old trees, eight acres, he had taken an average of five dozens of oranges, or about one box, to the tree, the oranges selling for something over \$2 the box.

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But this is not all. About two weeks later a party drove out to his orchard, among whom were Mr. Robert S. Weaver, Mr. Chas. F. Pansing, both of Miamisburg, Ohio, and Miss D. E. Bonner of 4339 Oakenwald Ave., Chicago, Ill. He pointed out to these three people several of his best orange trees, which were propped up to support the tremendous weight of the crop.

He said: "These trees produced an average of 1440 oranges each last year. This amounted to twelve boxes, so that I sold an average of \$27 worth of oranges from each tree." This statement can be verified by writing to any of the three persons whose addresses are given above or by writing direct to Mr. Gill himself.

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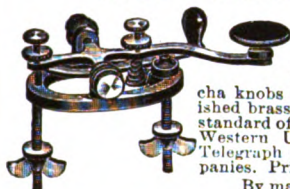
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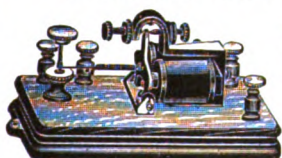
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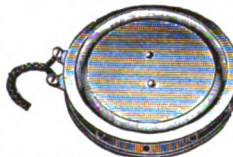


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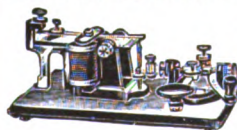
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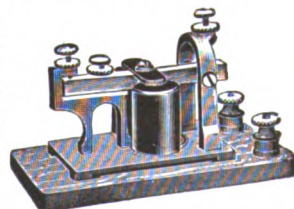
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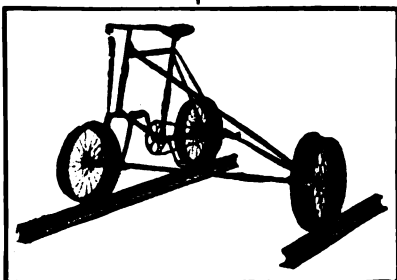
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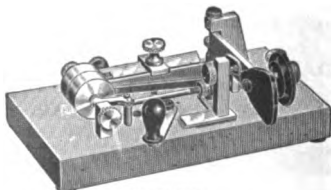
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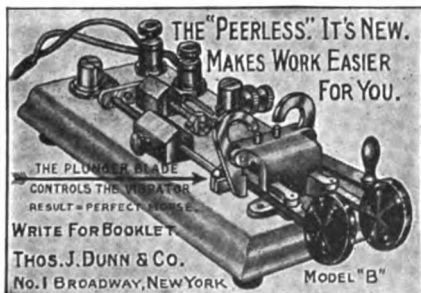
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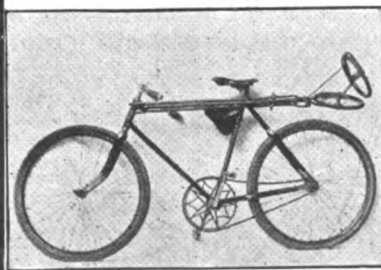
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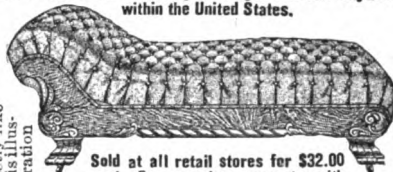
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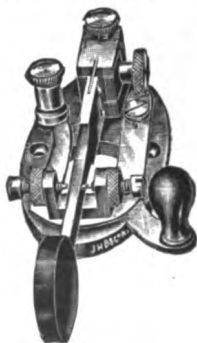
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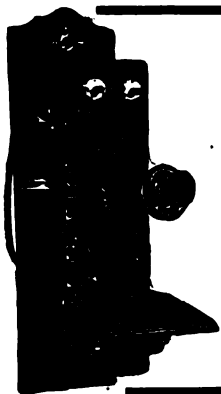
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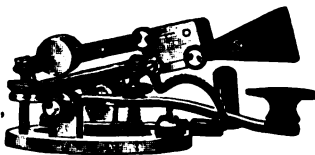
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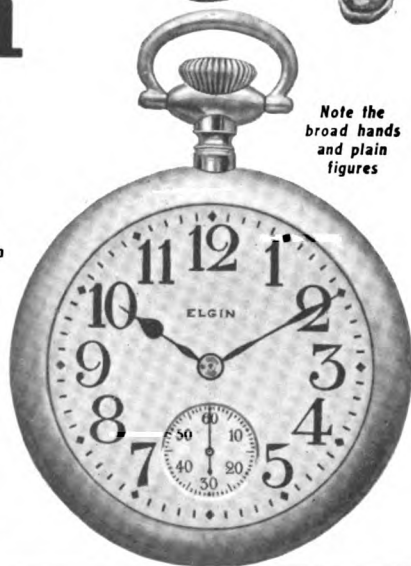
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